

Introduction

The latest routine international evaluation for females fertility traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twentyone (21) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for female fertility traits of bulls from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark-Finland-Sweden, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Japan and the United States of America were computed. Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Red Dairy Cattle and Simmental breed data were included in this evaluation.

Based on a decision made by Interbull Steering committee in August 2007, female fertility traits are classified as follows:

T1 (HC): Maiden (H)eifer's ability to (C)onceive. A measure of confirmed conception, such as conception rate (CR), will be considered for this trait group. In the absence of confirmed conception an alternative measure, such as interval first-last insemination (FI), interval first insemination-conception (FC), number of inseminations (NI), or non-return rate (NR, preferably NR56) can be submitted;

T2 (CR): Lactating (C)ow's ability to (R)ecycle after calving. The interval calving-first insemination (CF) is an example for this ability. In the absence of such a trait, a measure of the interval calving-conception, such as days open (DO) or calving interval (CI) can be submitted;

T3 (C1): Lactating (C)ow's ability to conceive (1), expressed as a rate trait. Traits like conception rate (CR) and non-return rate (NR, preferably NR56) will be considered for this trait group;

T4 (C2): Lactating (C)ow's ability to conceive (2), expressed as an interval trait. The interval first insemination-conception (FC) or interval first-last insemination (FL) will be considered for this trait group. As an alternative, number of inseminations (NI) can be submitted. In the absence of any of these traits, a measure of interval calving-conception such as days open (DO), or calving interval (CI) can be submitted. All countries are expected to submit data for this trait group, and as a last resort the trait submitted under T3 can be submitted for T4 as well.

T5 (IT): Lactating cow's measurements of (I)nterval (T)raits calving-conception, such as days open (DO) and calving interval (CI).

Based on the above trait definitions the following traits have been submitted for international genetic evaluation of female fertility traits.

Country Traits Submitted traits and their definitions

AUS T4=C2 Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate
T5=IT Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate

BEL T2=CY PR=Pregnancy Rate ($=[21/(DO-45+11)]*100$, with DO=days open)
T4=C2 PR=Pregnancy Rate ($=[21/(DO-45+11)]*100$, with DO=days open)
T5=IT PR=Pregnancy Rate ($=[21/(DO-45+11)]*100$, with DO=days open)

CAN T1=HC NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in heifers (NRR), %
T2=CY CF=Interval from Calving to First Service in cows(CF)
T3=C1 NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in cows(NRR), %
T4=C2 FC=Interval first insemination-conception in cows
T5=IT DO=Days open

CHE T1=HC CR=Heifers' Conception rate
T2=CR CF=Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF), days
T3=C1 NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days (NRR), %
T4=C2 FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows

CZE T1=HC CR=Heifers' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)

	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)
	T4=C2	CR=Cows' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)
AUT/DEU	T1=HC	NR=Heifers' Non Return Rate after 56 days
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination cows (days)
	T3=C1	NR=Cows' Non Return Rate after 56 days
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=Days open (days)
DFS	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate for maiden heifers
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination cows (days)
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' conception rate for cows
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=Days open (days)
ESP	T2=CY	Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF)
	T3=C1	Conception rate
	T4=C2	Interval first insemination to conception
	T5=IT	Days Open
FRA	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate (binary trait) for maiden heifers
	T2=CY	Interval between calving and first AI
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (binary trait)
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
GBR	T2=CY	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
	T3=C1	NR=1st lactation non return at 56 days
	T4=C2	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
	T5=IT	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
IRL	T2=CY	CI=Calving interval
	T4=C2	CI=Calving interval
	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval
ISR	T3=C1	CR=Inverse of the number of insemination to conception (%)
	T4=C2	CR=Inverse of the number of insemination to conception (%)
ITA	T1=HC	NR= non-return rate 56 days (heifers)
	T2=CY	CF=Days to first service
	T3=C1	NR=Non-return rate at 56 days (%)
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=days open (days)
ITA(BSW)	T2=CY	CF=Interval calving to first insemination
	T4=C2	Days Open
	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval
NLD	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate
	T2=CY	CF=Interval calving to first insemination (days)
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (binary trait) for cows
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	CI=Days Open
NOR	T1=HC	NI=Number of inseminations (heifers)
	T2=CY	CF=Days from calving to first insemination (days)
	T3=C1	NI=Number of inseminations (cows)
	T4=C2	NI=Number of inseminations (cows)
	T5=IT	CF=Days from calving to first insemination (days)
NZL	T2=CY	PM=Lactating cow's ability to start cycling
	T4=C2	CR= Cow's conception rate at 42 days
	T5=IT	CR= Cow's conception rate at 42 days
POL	T1=HC	CR=Conception Rate (heifer)
	T2=CR	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception Rate (cow)
	T4=IT	DO=Days open
	T5=IT	DO=Days open

URY	T4=C2	Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate
	T5=IT	Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate
USA	T1=HC	CR=Conception rate (heifer)
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception rate (cow)
	T4=C2	DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate
	T5=IT	DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate
ZAF	T4=IT	CI=Calving Interval
	T5=IT	CI=Calving Interval
JPN	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate
	T4=C2	DO=Days open
	T5=IT	DO=Days open

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

Changes in the national genetic evaluation of female fertility traits are as follows:

BEL (HOL) Few bulls missing due to drop in daughters, changes in type of proofs caused by the program assigning them.
 JPN (HOL) Changes in information caused by additional records and modification of pedigree.
 ISR (HOL) Some bulls had slight reductions in the numbers of records, due to editing and parentage corrections.
 DFS (HOL, JER, RDC) Changes in type of proofs, Type of proof is based information from production.
 When production information for foreign bulls comes, they might change type of proof for other traits from unknown to XX, drops in information.
 SVN (ALL) Small changes in information due changes in data base related to the pedigree completeness as well as phenotypic data improvement.
 DEU (HOL, RDC) Herd-years with uninformative NonReturn56, i.e., 100% NR56 are excluded.
 Some traits are verified with the subsequent calving, e.g. interval first to last insemination, insemination dates must match with calving dates and result in reasonable gestation length.
 Thus there are always some bulls having number of herds/daughters/EDC decreased, being not publishable anymore or in case number of herds drop below 10 herds, bulls are even not sent anymore.
 POL (HOL) Small decrease in number of herds and daughters due to data edits caused decrease of EDC.
 USA (HOL, JER, RDC, BSW) Drops in observations due to data editings, for JER and RDC it causes few animals to not be included anymore.
 ESP (HOL) Base change
 ZAF (HOL, JER) Reliabilities estimated with Jamrozik et al. method.
 CZE (HOL) CC1, CC2: trimmed inseminations done before 2006, i.e. half year of data was trimmed compared to April run.
 HCO: Decreases in information are caused only by backward corrections in insemination registry, mostly due to pedigree checks.
 DEA (BSW) Drops in info causing changes in rel.

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ROUTINE RUN

Post-processing Windows:

According to the decision taken by ITC in Orlando (2015) to review the post-processing windows every 5 years, during the 2020 the relative working group has been re-activated and new windows have been identified.

As before, the upper bounds have been set to 0.99 as these were judged to have very little effect on evaluations while the lower values have been reduced to the 10th percentile. This reduction would provide post-processed correlations to be closer to the real estimated ones. Over the past five years, in fact, the previous adopted lower value (25th percentile) had been found too high causing estimated and post-processed correlations to differ significantly from each other. The new lower values have been applied to all breeds and traits.

The weight assigned to the magnitude of the changes tested by each country has also been revised. The new weight will allow post-processed correlations to take more in consideration the value of the new estimated ones even when no changes are applied by the countries.

The new weights are as follows:
 No changes :: 2
 Small changes:: 1
 Big changes :: 0

More information can be read on https://interbull.org/ib/rg_procedure

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Data were national genetic evaluations of AI sampled bulls with at least 10 daughters or 10 EDC (for clinical mastitis and maternal calving traits at least 50 daughters or 50 EDC, and for direct calving traits at least 50 calvings or 50 EDC) in at least 10 herds. Table 1 presents the amount of data included in this Interbull evaluation for all breeds.

National proofs were first de-regressed within country and then analysed jointly with a linear model including the effects of evaluation country, genetic group of bull and bull merit. Heritability estimates used in both the de-regression and international evaluation were as in each country's national evaluation.

Table 2 presents the date of evaluation as supplied by each country

Estimated genetic parameters and sire standard deviations are shown in APPENDIX I and the corresponding number of common bulls are listed in APPENDIX II.

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

The international genetic evaluation procedure is based on international work described in the following scientific publications:

International genetic evaluation computation:
Schaeffer. 1994. J. Dairy Sci. 77:2671-2678
Klei, 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:3-7

Verification and Genetic trend validation:
Klei et al., 2002. Interbull Bulletin 29:178-182.
Boichard et al., 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:431-437

Weighting factors:
Fikse and Banos, 2001. J. Dairy Sci. 84:1759-1767

De-regression:
Sigurdsson and G. Banos. 1995. Acta Agric. Scand. 45:207-219
Jairath et al. 1998. J. Dairy Sci. Vol. 81:550-562

Genetic parameter estimation:
Klei and Weigel, 1998, Interbull Bulletin 17:8-14
Sullivan, 1999. Interbull Bulletin 22:146-148

Post-processing of estimated genetic correlations:
Mark et al., 2003, Interbull Bulletin 30:126-135
Jorjani et al., 2003. J. Dairy Sci. 86:677-679
<https://wiki.interbull.org/public/rG%20procedure?action=print>

Time edits
Weigel and Banos. 1997. J. Dairy Sci. 80:3425-3430

International reliability estimation
Harris and Johnson. 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:31-36

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next routine evaluation can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next test run can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL ROUTINE RUN

Results were distributed by the Interbull Centre to designated representatives in each country. The international evaluation file comprised international proofs expressed on the base and unit of each country included in the analysis. Such records readily provide more information on bull performance in various countries, thereby minimizing the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honor the agreed code of practice, decided by the Interbull Steering Committee, and only publish international evaluations on their own country scale. Evaluations expressed on another country scale are confidential and may only be used internally for research and review purposes.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL TEST RUN

Test evaluation results are meant for review purposes only and should not be published.

^aLTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for fertility (August Routine Evaluation 2021).

Number of records for lactating cow's ability to conceive (cc2) by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS	138	8372		1793	749	
BEL		1974				
CAN	172	47	9679	587	567	
CHE	2892		3508			
CZE		3777				
DEA	4728					
DEU		24438		298		
DFS		16680	2435		10260	
ESP		5933				
EST						
FRA	409		16780			
FRM						
GBR	104	243	7187	587	421	
HUN						
IRL			3058	206	68	
ISR			1530			
ITA	1864		9568			
JPN			6216			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	200		15964	195	87	
NOR					3016	
NZL	65	59	8297	4865	1404	
POL			8135			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			1761			
USA	1139	772	40442	5010	745	
ZAF			1266	730	152	
HRV						
CAM						

No.Records	11573	1259	194565	16408	17767	
Pub. Proofs	10129	1032	154714	13676	17606	0

^APPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

BSW hco

	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
CAN	9.86					
DEA	0.85	9.90				
FRA	0.77	0.85	0.90			
USA	0.79	0.76	0.88	2.66		
CHE	0.92	0.95	0.88	0.82	13.22	
NLD	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.78	0.73	3.94

BSW crc

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.93								
CHE	0.84	11.38							
DEA	0.81	0.94	14.86						
NLD	0.85	0.89	0.88	3.85					
NZL	0.58	0.63	0.78	0.59	0.09				
USA	0.78	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.56	8.02			
GBR	0.73	0.73	0.69	0.78	0.65	0.74	3.78		
FRA	0.84	0.96	0.95	0.90	0.65	0.84	0.76	1.80	
ITA	0.83	0.81	0.81	0.83	0.67	0.79	0.77	0.84	17.06

BSW cc1

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	7.92						
CHE	0.80	11.75					
DEA	0.79	0.95	11.45				
NLD	0.76	0.71	0.67	4.08			
USA	0.75	0.68	0.67	0.88	2.85		
GBR	0.74	0.80	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.03	
FRA	0.73	0.69	0.67	0.90	0.90	0.71	0.96

BSW cc2

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.82								
CHE	0.76	11.12							
DEA	0.81	0.92	12.20						
NLD	0.86	0.83	0.85	3.42					
NZL	0.69	0.62	0.67	0.64	7.63				
USA	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.83	0.65	2.45			
GBR	0.79	0.79	0.84	0.79	0.71	0.83	3.78		
FRA	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.87	0.65	0.84	0.82	0.96	
ITA	0.83	0.70	0.83	0.83	0.60	0.85	0.79	0.81	22.25

BSW int

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA
CAN	7.28						
DEA	0.84	14.16					
NLD	0.88	0.90	3.37				
NZL	0.70	0.80	0.68	7.33			
USA	0.92	0.86	0.85	0.64	2.45		
GBR	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.73	0.86	3.78	
ITA	0.87	0.92	0.88	0.70	0.86	0.86	17.77

GUE	crc				
CAN	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.92				
GBR	0.74	5.14			
NZL	0.58	0.63	0.11		
USA	0.79	0.78	0.56	6.79	
AUS	0.72	0.83	0.88	0.66	6.96

GUE	cc1				
CAN	CAN	GBR	USA		
CAN	7.57				
GBR	0.74	0.03			
USA	0.80	0.72	3.44		

GUE	cc2				
CAN	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	6.92				
GBR	0.77	5.14			
NZL	0.63	0.71	7.69		
USA	0.86	0.83	0.66	2.72	
AUS	0.69	0.69	0.72	0.74	9.94

GUE	int				
CAN	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.81				
GBR	0.84	5.14			
NZL	0.64	0.71	7.69		
USA	0.92	0.84	0.63	2.72	
AUS	0.81	0.78	0.73	0.82	9.94

HOL	hco										
CAN	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.81										
CZE	0.77	18.11									
DEU	0.92	0.79	15.25								
DFS	0.80	0.87	0.84	13.70							
FRA	0.82	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.84						
USA	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.88	0.89	2.38					
POL	0.67	0.74	0.67	0.74	0.73	0.75	19.55				
CHE	0.96	0.84	0.93	0.84	0.86	0.88	0.72	14.02			
NLD	0.76	0.81	0.78	0.85	0.84	0.84	0.73	0.83	4.64		
ITA	0.82	0.82	0.92	0.82	0.82	0.84	0.78	0.89	0.80	0.04	
JPN	0.84	0.73	0.81	0.73	0.77	0.84	0.66	0.84	0.72	0.74	6.25

HOL	crc													
BEL	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	FRA
BEL	4.70													
CAN	0.74	7.16												
CHE	0.81	0.83	12.42											
DEU	0.72	0.84	0.88	10.98										
DFS	0.79	0.88	0.94	0.91	11.73									
ESP	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.87	0.88	11.10								
GBR	0.90	0.74	0.77	0.72	0.79	0.86	4.60							
IRL	0.86	0.65	0.69	0.65	0.66	0.79	0.84	3.51						
ITA	0.80	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.93	0.81	0.69	7.93					
NLD	0.81	0.87	0.93	0.90	0.96	0.88	0.79	0.66	0.85	4.93				

NZL	0.60	0.57	0.58	0.52	0.57	0.63	0.63	0.55	0.72	0.55	0.08					
USA	0.74	0.79	0.83	0.81	0.86	0.85	0.79	0.59	0.80	0.82	0.54	6.81				
POL	0.76	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.85	0.90	0.75	0.70	0.94	0.84	0.63	0.76	13.81			
FRA	0.77	0.85	0.94	0.92	0.94	0.90	0.79	0.68	0.90	0.94	0.61	0.83	0.89	1.18		

HOL cc1

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN			
CAN	6.66															
CHE	0.92	11.07														
CZE	0.82	0.73	17.50													
DEU	0.91	0.93	0.79	14.78												
DFS	0.75	0.71	0.88	0.76	13.29											
FRA	0.77	0.74	0.90	0.74	0.88	1.02										
GBR	0.74	0.77	0.70	0.78	0.66	0.71	0.03									
ISR	0.74	0.61	0.88	0.72	0.84	0.84	0.71	3.21								
ITA	0.86	0.87	0.78	0.95	0.69	0.72	0.77	0.73	0.05							
NLD	0.78	0.75	0.90	0.77	0.92	0.94	0.72	0.87	0.73	4.91						
USA	0.80	0.71	0.95	0.74	0.87	0.88	0.66	0.90	0.76	0.88	2.79					
POL	0.73	0.75	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.76	0.66	0.72	0.79	0.77	0.77	19.96				
JPN	0.77	0.71	0.89	0.72	0.83	0.80	0.72	0.79	0.72	0.82	0.91	0.67	7.61			

HOL cc2

	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	4.70																			
CAN	0.80	6.09																		
CHE	0.80	0.88	11.17																	
CZE	0.65	0.86	0.86	17.50																
DEU	0.82	0.93	0.91	0.91	13.49															
DFS	0.83	0.85	0.87	0.81	0.94	12.92														
ESP	0.84	0.87	0.83	0.81	0.91	0.86	11.09													
FRA	0.83	0.88	0.91	0.83	0.92	0.85	0.89	0.98												
GBR	0.89	0.79	0.74	0.65	0.81	0.82	0.85	0.80	4.60											
IRL	0.84	0.81	0.81	0.67	0.82	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.84	3.51										
ISR	0.60	0.69	0.68	0.85	0.79	0.74	0.73	0.72	0.61	0.66	3.20									
ITA	0.76	0.85	0.87	0.90	0.91	0.84	0.88	0.85	0.78	0.78	0.85	15.45								
NLD	0.83	0.89	0.90	0.85	0.95	0.92	0.89	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.77	0.85	4.57							
NZL	0.74	0.62	0.54	0.53	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.62	0.71	0.73	0.54	0.55	0.62	4.99						
USA	0.81	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.91	0.85	0.62	2.32					
POL	0.83	0.78	0.73	0.62	0.78	0.78	0.81	0.78	0.83	0.81	0.60	0.78	0.78	0.70	0.80	13.26				
ZAF	0.75	0.77	0.81	0.71	0.81	0.76	0.83	0.78	0.79	0.86	0.62	0.84	0.76	0.69	0.86	0.78	15.44			
AUS	0.69	0.69	0.73	0.64	0.71	0.65	0.72	0.71	0.70	0.86	0.59	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.74	0.63	0.81	8.01		
URY	0.79	0.77	0.67	0.61	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.79	0.79	0.53	0.65	0.77	0.79	0.76	0.80	0.76	0.67	1.41	
JPN	0.84	0.83	0.84	0.76	0.84	0.84	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.85	0.66	0.86	0.83	0.63	0.92	0.89	0.87	0.73	18.42	

HOL int

	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN			
BEL	4.70																			
CAN	0.88	6.54																		
DEU	0.86	0.90	12.30																	
DFS	0.90	0.91	0.94	12.85																
ESP	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.89	11.09															
GBR	0.89	0.85	0.86	0.89	0.88	4.60														
IRL	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.85	3.51													
ITA	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.87	0.85	20.20												
NLD	0.93	0.90	0.92	0.96	0.89	0.89	0.85	0.88	4.64											
NZL	0.77	0.63	0.60	0.60	0.68	0.72														

JER	hco
CAN	CAN
DFS	DFS
USA	USA
NLD	NLD
7.89	
0.75	17.46
0.82	0.87
0.75	2.75
0.86	0.82
4.27	

JER	crc
CAN	CAN
DFS	DFS
GBR	GBR
NLD	NLD
NZL	NZL
USA	USA
IRL	IRL
6.77	
0.84	13.51
0.69	0.84
0.64	4.06
0.86	0.88
0.75	3.90
0.54	0.65
0.73	0.55
0.07	
0.77	0.83
0.78	0.80
0.58	0.58
8.14	
0.67	0.67
0.83	0.67
0.56	0.56
0.60	0.60
2.19	

JER	cc1
CAN	CAN
DFS	DFS
GBR	GBR
NLD	NLD
USA	USA
6.91	
0.72	15.49
0.77	0.67
0.03	
0.77	0.88
0.71	3.80
0.74	0.87
0.67	0.84
2.91	

JER	cc2
CAN	CAN
DFS	DFS
GBR	GBR
NLD	NLD
NZL	NZL
USA	USA
ZAF	ZAF
AUS	AUS
IRL	IRL
6.72	
0.84	15.76
0.80	0.81
4.06	
0.87	0.89
0.81	3.35
0.63	0.63
0.77	0.63
4.05	
0.84	0.84
0.82	0.84
0.67	2.60
0.68	0.67
0.73	0.70
0.77	0.77
0.85	0.85
11.19	
0.66	0.66
0.66	0.66
0.58	0.68
0.68	0.74
0.74	6.14
0.80	0.79
0.81	0.81
0.66	0.81
0.77	0.77
0.74	0.74
2.19	

JER	int
CAN	CAN
DFS	DFS
GBR	GBR
NLD	NLD
NZL	NZL
USA	USA
ZAF	ZAF
AUS	AUS
IRL	IRL
6.53	
0.87	15.48
0.82	0.86
4.06	
0.87	0.90
0.84	3.46
0.61	0.60
0.77	0.63
4.05	
0.87	0.86
0.84	0.83
0.66	2.60
0.81	0.82
0.82	0.80
0.78	0.87
11.19	
0.81	0.80
0.80	0.77
0.60	0.80
0.80	0.82
0.82	0.82
6.14	
0.83	0.80
0.80	0.82
0.64	0.82
0.83	0.83
0.81	0.81
2.19	

RDC	hco
CAN	CAN
DEU	DEU
DFS	DFS
NOR	NOR
USA	USA
NLD	NLD
7.62	
0.91	14.14
0.76	0.81
12.33	
0.87	0.89
0.86	16.53
0.83	0.83
0.87	0.87
0.73	2.70

NLD	0.75	0.77	0.83	0.70	0.83	5.05
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RDC crc

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	NLD	IRL
CAN	6.50								
DEU	0.84	10.07							
DFS	0.86	0.90	12.70						
GBR	0.77	0.72	0.73	4.12					
NOR	0.86	0.84	0.86	0.68	13.86				
NZL	0.62	0.55	0.54	0.67	0.62	0.11			
USA	0.78	0.81	0.80	0.77	0.77	0.72	8.41		
NLD	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.78	0.83	0.58	0.81	3.54	
IRL	0.67	0.66	0.68	0.84	0.68	0.57	0.61	0.67	2.82

RDC cc1

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	7.06						
DEU	0.90	13.41					
DFS	0.73	0.79	13.08				
GBR	0.74	0.79	0.70	0.03			
NOR	0.79	0.87	0.92	0.74	13.92		
NLD	0.79	0.79	0.90	0.72	0.75	4.22	
USA	0.83	0.75	0.84	0.67	0.77	0.87	2.70

RDC cc2

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.81										
DEU	0.92	11.15									
DFS	0.84	0.94	12.86								
GBR	0.80	0.82	0.81	4.14							
NOR	0.85	0.86	0.89	0.81	13.92						
NZL	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.68	0.66	6.74					
USA	0.87	0.90	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.69	2.47				
ZAF	0.73	0.80	0.78	0.71	0.73	0.72	0.85	17.58			
NLD	0.89	0.95	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.64	0.85	0.75	3.65		
AUS	0.67	0.69	0.65	0.69	0.66	0.67	0.70	0.73	0.67	7.40	
IRL	0.81	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.81	0.72	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.81	2.82

RDC int

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.75										
DEU	0.90	11.08									
DFS	0.88	0.94	13.16								
GBR	0.85	0.86	0.85	4.14							
NOR	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.81	13.86						
NZL	0.68	0.62	0.60	0.68	0.66	6.74					
USA	0.92	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.69	2.48				
ZAF	0.86	0.86	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.74	0.88	17.58			
NLD	0.90	0.92	0.94	0.87	0.75	0.64	0.83	0.81	3.46		
AUS	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.68	0.81	0.82	0.67	7.40	
IRL	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.72	0.84	0.87	0.81	0.86	2.82

^APPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DEA FRA USA CHE NLD

CAN	0	91	52	103	95	29
DEA	81	0	190	184	564	126
FRA	45	141	0	70	159	73
USA	94	143	53	0	199	47
CHE	79	472	118	164	0	88
NLD	26	120	60	43	84	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
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CAN	0	116	111	39	22	132	45	70	106
CHE	98	0	578	97	30	264	57	160	431
DEA	98	478	0	145	38	225	52	199	568
NLD	34	90	135	0	27	57	36	79	124
NZL	21	24	34	22	0	22	17	22	32
USA	128	229	175	52	19	0	59	92	168
GBR	39	40	38	27	13	50	0	44	62
FRA	61	117	146	64	17	63	34	0	179
ITA	93	367	453	102	25	118	41	134	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
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CAN	0	116	111	39	132	44	74
CHE	98	0	577	96	264	58	169
DEA	98	476	0	145	225	55	212
NLD	34	90	135	0	57	36	84
USA	128	229	175	52	0	61	97
GBR	40	42	40	27	52	0	48
FRA	65	125	158	70	69	39	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
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CAN	0	102	95	36	20	125	42	68	94
CHE	83	0	568	97	30	319	57	169	431
DEA	83	472	0	146	39	300	52	210	563
NLD	32	90	135	0	28	80	36	84	124
NZL	19	24	34	22	0	31	17	24	32
USA	117	295	257	69	27	0	69	117	215
GBR	35	40	38	27	13	60	0	46	62
FRA	60	125	157	70	19	83	37	0	192
ITA	82	367	450	102	25	150	41	146	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA
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CAN	0	99	37	21	130	44	100
DEA	86	0	145	39	299	52	659
NLD	33	135	0	28	80	36	129
NZL	20	34	22	0	31	17	33
USA	122	257	69	27	0	69	236
GBR	37	38	27	13	60	0	63
ITA	87	576	107	26	168	41	0

GUE

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN 0 16 3 39 18
GBR 13 0 14 53 28
NZL 2 12 0 10 26
USA 38 50 7 0 19
AUS 13 22 24 16 0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN GBR USA

CAN 0 17 39
GBR 13 0 55
USA 38 52 0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN 0 11 2 38 21
GBR 8 0 14 83 32
NZL 2 12 0 30 26
USA 36 84 28 0 61
AUS 17 26 26 58 0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN 0 11 2 38 21
GBR 8 0 14 83 32
NZL 2 12 0 30 26
USA 36 84 28 0 61
AUS 17 26 26 58 0

HOL

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN CZE DEU DFS FRA USA POL CHE NLD ITA JPN

CAN 0 1033 2135 1262 1242 2774 1203 832 1283 1737 1092
CZE 760 0 1752 1178 1190 1384 1095 499 1426 1270 784
DEU 1692 1324 0 2454 2257 2818 2055 1141 2892 2568 1275
DFS 1168 778 1816 0 1616 1578 1266 730 2085 1621 938
FRA 918 721 1249 922 0 1626 1372 712 1886 1706 1105
USA 3190 1107 2163 1402 962 0 1698 868 1743 2318 1405
POL 1078 856 1770 1016 903 1736 0 519 1455 1413 781
CHE 716 336 1010 644 635 783 399 0 889 770 466
NLD 1259 1236 2519 1804 1229 1534 1282 862 0 1725 1014
ITA 1494 908 1784 1289 992 1888 1097 698 1438 0 1150
JPN 609 339 558 481 395 725 417 284 505 527 0

HOL

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal
BEL CAN CHE DEU DFS ESP GBR IRL ITA NLD NZL USA POL FRA

BEL	0	737	598	1171	831	870	836	511	803	1204	504	790	525	927
CAN	742	0	866	2268	1347	1493	1552	545	1802	1440	680	2892	1083	1344
CHE	596	753	0	1186	738	725	755	420	766	925	425	932	472	728
DEU	1197	1747	1057	0	2642	2177	2150	910	2631	3364	988	3060	1792	2492
DFS	777	1255	658	1917	0	1461	1561	753	1605	2120	834	1734	1141	1635
ESP	935	1266	659	1898	1259	0	1444	700	1668	1653	720	1755	1067	1666
GBR	820	1626	686	1627	1215	1317	0	990	1616	1805	939	1950	952	1578
IRL	506	545	425	797	633	720	1030	0	660	910	746	655	375	753
ITA	787	1541	693	1846	1284	1475	1282	586	0	1808	726	2461	1234	1712
NLD	1373	1422	901	3063	1892	1725	1580	860	1534	0	1058	2008	1299	1998
NZL	413	638	351	766	602	609	818	651	565	962	0	814	422	810
USA	756	3355	838	2265	1500	1494	1884	642	1949	1795	757	0	1525	1830
POL	427	922	347	1433	872	833	702	283	885	1092	314	1464	0	1258
FRA	918	1007	642	1377	915	1571	1015	614	990	1281	497	1066	778	0

HOL

common bulls below diagonal															
common three quarter sib group above diagonal															
CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN			
CAN	0	865	1040	2263	1354	1349	1611	115	1810	1451	2947	1127	1236		
CHE	752	0	473	1183	738	729	766	58	765	925	932	496	501		
CZE	800	326	0	1666	1092	1104	950	107	1215	1360	1437	1050	758		
DEU	1732	1053	1302	0	2642	2500	2192	157	2611	3350	3037	1923	1467		
DFS	1259	658	785	1909	0	1640	1596	142	1604	2119	1739	1221	992		
FRA	1022	647	677	1390	923	0	1601	115	1717	2010	1834	1311	1233		
GBR	1690	700	654	1656	1244	1036	0	138	1664	1860	2015	1003	1081		
ISR	81	35	80	124	104	65	97	0	140	146	149	97	101		
ITA	1555	691	898	1826	1282	1003	1329	105	0	1804	2456	1292	1198		
NLD	1434	901	1229	3045	1891	1301	1630	115	1530	0	2008	1404	1083		
USA	3426	838	1157	2228	1500	1077	1969	141	1944	1795	0	1578	1604		
POL	982	381	833	1646	986	838	761	70	955	1251	1541	0	778		
JPN	715	325	369	640	542	456	569	46	589	586	871	423	0		

HOL

common bulls below diagonal																				
common three quarter sib group above diagonal																				
BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN	
BEL	0	724	598	545	1163	832	870	919	838	513	73	800	1206	504	941	518	329	724	334	514
CAN	729	0	856	1018	2197	1328	1480	1306	1525	531	112	1756	1407	665	3039	1044	439	1241	688	1147
CHE	596	734	0	473	1174	739	725	711	755	420	59	763	925	425	1047	458	271	639	302	465
CZE	430	768	326	0	1663	1092	1036	1095	939	435	107	1212	1360	508	1511	978	301	728	456	723
DEU	1187	1651	1038	1294	0	2634	2183	2456	2141	907	158	2591	3319	989	3580	1738	552	1663	751	1384
DFS	777	1226	659	785	1897	0	1469	1626	1565	753	144	1599	2123	839	2125	1117	506	1277	619	933
ESP	935	1239	659	828	1891	1266	0	1660	1447	701	128	1665	1658	724	2070	1045	514	1165	629	1077
FRA	906	965	624	669	1329	896	1552	0	1572	756	118	1687	1976	813	2516	1227	478	1285	578	1170
GBR	820	1585	686	643	1599	1215	1318	1004	0	991	138	1610	1808	941	2329	930	499	1409	644	1019
IRL	506	523	425	328	791	633	720	610	1030	0	96	658	913	748	819	368	334	743	364	446
ISR	43	78	35	80	123	104	98	64	95	76	0	139	148	107	174	94	59	104	79	100
ITA	786	1470	690	893	1786	1269	1470	961	1277	585	103	0	1796	725	2683	1199	471	1181	648	1133
NLD	1375	1372	901	1229	2985	1893	1728	1251	1581	861	115	1517	0	1062	2567	1263	499	1465	640	1017
NZL	413	615	351	372	758	603	614	492	818	652	87	568	966	0	1103	414	355	1203	512	558
USA	836	3418	937	1189	2475	1757	1344	2128	743	158	2029	2228	1053	0	1525	629	1912	1075	1908	
POL	416	872	335	732	1353	847	810	745	684	274	61	853	1046	305	1432	0	223	701	411	709
ZAF	274	403	222	201	423	373	470	330	438	293	38	375	415	287	605	151	0	471	309	404
AUS	625	1252	553	497	1222	927	936	867	1225	642	68	903	1267	1209	1906	499	411	0	631	871
URY	244	641	217	305	518	414	547	334	516	282	38	469	487	415	1312	311	254	488	0	532
JPN	312	591	276	321	536	463	495	392	485	270	37	498	495	264	346	254	445	258	0	

HOL

common bulls below diagonal																
common three quarter sib group above diagonal																
BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN

BEL	0	726	1161	832	870	838	513	799	1206	504	941	517	329	724	334	919	514
CAN	733	0	2201	1336	1487	1534	537	1763	1417	670	3053	1047	443	1249	693	1314	1152
DEU	1186	1660	0	2631	2182	2140	907	2590	3316	989	3574	1730	552	1663	750	2455	1384
DFS	777	1237	1894	0	1469	1565	753	1599	2122	839	2123	1116	506	1277	618	1626	933
ESP	935	1255	1891	1266	0	1447	701	1665	1657	724	2068	1045	514	1164	629	1659	1076
GBR	820	1598	1599	1215	1318	0	991	1610	1808	941	2329	930	499	1409	643	1572	1019
IRL	506	531	791	633	720	1030	0	658	913	748	819	368	334	743	364	756	446
ITA	786	1483	1786	1269	1469	1277	585	0	1796	725	2683	1195	471	1181	648	1687	1133
NLD	1375	1385	2984	1892	1728	1581	861	1517	0	1062	2567	1259	499	1465	640	1976	1017
NZL	413	619	759	603	614	818	652	568	966	0	1103	414	355	1203	511	813	558
USA	836	3449	2475	1633	1757	2128	743	2029	2228	1053	0	1523	629	1912	1075	2516	1908
POL	416	878	1350	846	810	684	274	852	1046	305	1432	0	223	701	411	1227	708
ZAF	274	410	423	373	470	438	293	375	415	287	605	151	0	471	309	478	404
AUS	625	1258	1222	927	936	1225	642	903	1267	1209	1906	499	411	0	631	1285	871
URY	244	647	518	414	547	516	282	469	487	415	1312	311	254	488	0	578	532
FRA	906	974	1329	896	1552	1004	610	961	1251	492	1344	745	330	867	334	0	1170
JPN	312	594	536	463	495	485	270	498	495	264	744	346	254	445	258	392	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS USA NLD

CAN	0	88	313	27
DFS	81	0	134	71
USA	299	120	0	58
NLD	21	68	59	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS GBR NLD NZL USA IRL

CAN	0	91	141	35	154	359	10
DFS	83	0	161	123	140	149	48
GBR	137	153	0	83	210	203	71
NLD	29	120	75	0	73	79	29
NZL	154	118	213	65	0	275	125
USA	360	136	219	83	298	0	41
IRL	9	44	73	29	140	43	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS GBR NLD USA

CAN	0	91	143	35	364
DFS	83	0	161	122	149
GBR	139	153	0	85	204
NLD	30	119	78	0	79
USA	367	136	220	83	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS GBR NLD NZL USA ZAF AUS IRL

CAN	0	89	139	35	149	368	127	212	10
DFS	81	0	162	123	144	196	149	154	48
GBR	133	153	0	83	212	229	168	212	71
NLD	28	120	75	0	74	92	73	72	29
NZL	146	120	213	66	0	374	208	436	125
USA	368	170	252	98	447	0	307	490	46
ZAF	125	130	170	69	217	320	0	238	39
AUS	205	123	217	66	475	533	227	0	55

IRL 9 44 73 29 140 48 40 53 0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS GBR NLD NZL USA ZAF AUS IRL

CAN	0	90	140	35	151	371	129	214	10
DFS	82	0	162	123	144	196	149	154	48
GBR	135	153	0	83	212	229	168	212	71
NLD	29	120	75	0	74	92	73	72	29
NZL	150	120	213	66	0	374	208	436	125
USA	374	170	252	98	447	0	307	490	46
ZAF	128	130	170	69	217	320	0	238	39
AUS	209	123	217	66	475	533	227	0	55
IRL	9	44	73	29	140	48	40	53	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DEU DFS NOR USA NLD

CAN	0	10	164	7	96	6
DEU	10	0	53	14	15	10
DFS	170	44	0	120	152	52
NOR	6	13	98	0	68	35
USA	91	14	146	68	0	35
NLD	6	10	49	35	33	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DEU DFS GBR NOR NZL USA NLD IRL

CAN	0	13	166	69	7	71	136	6	4
DEU	12	0	57	14	14	16	19	14	5
DFS	172	45	0	100	140	173	175	54	19
GBR	69	13	94	0	52	76	88	33	22
NOR	6	13	112	55	0	42	74	41	57
NZL	71	16	168	73	41	0	98	19	12
USA	131	18	170	83	74	101	0	38	27
NLD	6	14	51	32	41	19	36	0	12
IRL	4	5	14	21	56	12	27	12	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DEU DFS GBR NOR NLD USA

CAN	0	13	167	71	7	6	138
DEU	12	0	56	14	14	14	19
DFS	173	44	0	103	126	54	176
GBR	71	13	97	0	55	37	92
NOR	6	13	102	58	0	39	74
NLD	6	14	51	36	39	0	38
USA	133	18	171	87	74	36	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DEU DFS GBR NOR NZL USA ZAF NLD AUS IRL

CAN	0	13	159	65	7	70	159	72	6	69	4
DEU	12	0	54	14	14	16	21	3	14	39	5

DFS	165	43	0	100	126	174	196	57	54	205	19
GBR	65	13	94	0	51	79	101	42	33	76	22
NOR	6	13	102	54	0	41	77	0	39	65	57
NZL	70	16	169	75	40	0	124	40	19	140	12
USA	161	20	193	98	77	127	0	72	42	123	28
ZAF	76	3	54	40	0	38	67	0	3	43	3
NLD	6	14	51	32	39	19	40	3	0	28	12
AUS	70	38	180	75	55	140	123	44	26	0	17
IRL	4	5	14	21	56	12	28	3	12	16	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
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CAN	0	13	160	66	7	70	160	72	6	69	4
DEU	12	0	54	14	14	16	21	3	14	39	5
DFS	166	43	0	100	140	174	197	57	54	205	19
GBR	66	13	94	0	52	79	101	42	33	76	22
NOR	6	13	112	55	0	42	77	0	41	69	57
NZL	70	16	169	75	41	0	124	40	19	140	12
USA	162	20	193	98	76	126	0	72	42	123	28
ZAF	76	3	54	40	0	38	67	0	3	43	3
NLD	6	14	51	32	41	19	40	3	0	28	12
AUS	70	38	180	75	59	140	123	44	26	0	17
IRL	4	5	14	21	56	12	28	3	12	16	0

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