

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 and Slovenia 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 (FL), 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 abscence of such a trait, a measure of the interval calving-conception, such as says oprn (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 abscence 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 T5=IT	Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate
BEL	T2=CY T4=C2 T5=IT	PR=Pregnancy Rate ([21/(DO-45+11)]*100, with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ([21/(DO-45+11)]*100, with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ([21/(DO-45+11)]*100, with DO=days open)
CAN	T1=HC T2=CY T3=C1 T4=C2 T5=IT	NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in heifers (NRR), % CF=Interval from Calving to First Service in cows(CF) NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in cows(NRR), % FC=Interval first insemination-conception in cows DO=Days open
CHE	T1=HC T2=CR T3=C1 T4=C2	CR=Heifers’ Conception rate CF=Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF), days NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days (NRR), % 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)
	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	CR=Conception rate at first service
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=days open (days)
ITA (BSW)	T1=HC	CR=Conception rate
	T2=CY	CF=Interval calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception rate
	T4=C2	DO=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	PR42: confirmed pregnant within 6 weeks of planned start of mating (PSM), (in days)
	T5=IT	PR42: confirmed pregnant within 6 weeks of planned start of mating (PSM), (in days)
POL	T1=HC	CR=Conception Rate (heifer)
	T2=CR	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception Rate (cow)
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)

	T5=IT	DO=Days open
URY	T4=C2 T5=IT	Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate
USA	T1=HC T3=C1 T4=C2 T5=IT	CR=Conception rate (heifer) CR=Conception rate (cow) DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate
ZAF	T4=IT T5=IT	CI=Calving Interval CI=Calving Interval
JPN	T1=HC T3=C1 T4=C2 T5=IT	CR=Heifers'Conception rate CR=Cows'Conception rate DO=Days open DO=Days open
SVN	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval (days)

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

POL (HOL)	Decrease in information due to pedigree verification
JPN (HOL)	Slight reduction in information due to pedigree verification
DEA (BSW)	Decrease in information due to some data corrections in one of the databases of the joint German-Austrian evaluation
FRA (HOL)	Decrease in information due to pedigree verification
CHE (ALL)	Decrease in information due to database edits and change of herd-year-season assignment of certain data records
ITA (HOL)	Decrease in information and missing bulls due to a four months cut-off of data
AUS (ALL)	Decrease in information due to pedigree verification
ISR (HOL)	Decrease in information due to parentage verification and closing or combining of herds.
ESP (HOL)	Base change. Slight drops in information due to changes in the database, in some cases there is even a change to non official proof.
ZAF (ALL)	Base change
USA (ALL)	Decrease in information due to pedigree verification and herd-year minimum edits.
NLD (ALL)	Some changes in Type of Proofs due to harmonisation of this record
NZL (ALL)	Base change, drops in information due to continuous parenting testing and herds records being updated
DEU (ALL)	overall base change: cowbase previous routine run 2504r: 201901 - 202112, cowbase current routine run 2508r: 201905 - 202204

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ROUTINE RUN

A new document called confdoc_DEFINITION{runid}.itb has been introduced reporting all the trait definitions applied by countries as reported in the PREP.

During 2023-2024, Interbull Centre and the Interbull Technical Committee (ITC) have worked on developing a new procedures for adjusting of the international correlations after a given test run in case countries would decide NOT TO implement the changes tested in the next routine run. Until now, the relative difference between the previous routineâ\200\231s and test runâ\200\231s correlations, for each pair of countries, was assessed and the average value of the two was used whenever such difference did exceed a threshold of 0.01. Otherwise, correlations from the latest test run were used. However, in some cases, the difference in correlations between routine/test runs were way above a 1% difference so that by using the average value the newly derived correlations would still be greatly affected by the changes tested but not implemented. This remark has been made in few occasions by some participating countries. A new approach proposed by Peter Sullivan, was developed and extensively tested. The new approach is based on first identifying the relative impact of the changes tested by a country during the test run (but not implemented in a routine run) and then correcting the whole correlation matrix detracting such estimated impact. This new approach would assure that the new correlations would be free from any effect from any changes tested but not implemented. The new procedure has been fully developed during 2023 and extensively tested during 2024 and introduced officially in the April 2025 routine evaluation.

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 <https://interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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

From 2025 an extra MACE test run has been scheduled in May, data submissions' deadline and target for distribution of results are all reported in the above link.

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.

^LTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for fertility (August Routine Evaluation 2025).
Number of records for lactating cow's ability to conceive (cc2) by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS		152	8997	1909	834	
BEL			2246			
CAN	191	50	10793	694	622	
CHE	3131		3449	153		
CZE			3529			
DEA	5098					
DEU			26487		335	
DFS			18001	2578	10911	
ESP			7191			
EST						
FRA	460		17647			
FRM						
GBR	117	261	8036	675	504	
HUN						
IRL			3484	260	79	
ISR			1785			
ITA	2078		7480			
JPN			6985			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	257		17257	291	108	
NOR					3222	
NZL	58	50	9023	5186	1375	
POL			8963			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			2104			
USA	1244	814	43694	5655	827	
ZAF			1278	765	160	
HRV						
CAM						
=====						
No.Records	12634	1327	208429	18166	18977	
Pub. Proofs	11005	1093	160812	14864	18596	0

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

BSW	hco						
	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD	ITA
CAN	9.28						
DEA	0.86	9.89					
FRA	0.73	0.88	0.75				
USA	0.79	0.78	0.85	2.55			
CHE	0.89	0.95	0.86	0.80	13.15		
NLD	0.80	0.67	0.76	0.77	0.74	4.59	
ITA	0.74	0.68	0.83	0.84	0.73	0.73	15.67

BSW	crc							
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	7.46							
CHE	0.81	11.40						
DEA	0.77	0.95	15.05					
NLD	0.81	0.82	0.82	3.75				
NZL	0.61	0.63	0.70	0.63	0.12			
GBR	0.71	0.69	0.62	0.73	0.65	3.91		
FRA	0.82	0.97	0.96	0.85	0.66	0.74	1.69	
ITA	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.80	0.62	0.72	0.87	16.89

BSW	cc1							
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	7.52							
CHE	0.83	11.72						
DEA	0.80	0.95	11.44					
NLD	0.72	0.69	0.67	3.67				
USA	0.75	0.67	0.67	0.76	2.90			
GBR	0.77	0.79	0.79	0.68	0.68	0.03		
FRA	0.73	0.69	0.67	0.81	0.85	0.71	0.88	
ITA	0.69	0.66	0.66	0.69	0.78	0.67	0.88	16.05

BSW	cc2								
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.83								
CHE	0.77	11.15							
DEA	0.74	0.94	12.35						
NLD	0.80	0.78	0.76	3.42					
NZL	0.65	0.81	0.73	0.66	0.07				
USA	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.75	0.68	2.57			
GBR	0.69	0.78	0.78	0.71	0.70	0.80	3.91		
FRA	0.87	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.68	0.83	0.78	0.88	
ITA	0.84	0.87	0.86	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.74	0.91	19.17

BSW	int							
	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	7.79							
DEA	0.79	14.42						
NLD	0.81	0.86	3.41					
NZL	0.69	0.77	0.68	0.07				
USA	0.89	0.77	0.74	0.65	2.57			
GBR	0.82	0.69	0.80	0.70	0.81	3.91		
ITA	0.86	0.89	0.79	0.73	0.74	0.80	19.25	
SVN	0.72	0.68	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.75	0.72	20.02

GUE	crc		
	CAN	GBR	NZL
CAN	7.64		

GBR	0.74	4.52	
NZL	0.62	0.64	0.11

GUE	cc1		
	CAN	GBR	USA
CAN	7.57		
GBR	0.77	0.03	
USA	0.80	0.73	3.49

GUE	cc2				
	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.27				
GBR	0.69	4.52			
NZL	0.64	0.70	0.07		
USA	0.84	0.80	0.70	2.89	
AUS	0.68	0.67	0.72	0.72	10.22

GUE	int				
	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.81				
GBR	0.82	4.52			
NZL	0.68	0.70	0.07		
USA	0.89	0.80	0.68	2.89	
AUS	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.72	10.22

HOL	hco										
	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.73										
CZE	0.76	17.56									
DEU	0.89	0.78	15.13								
DFS	0.77	0.84	0.84	13.51							
FRA	0.75	0.77	0.80	0.88	0.70						
USA	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.86	0.84	2.38					
POL	0.62	0.55	0.66	0.70	0.61	0.66	14.09				
CHE	0.95	0.78	0.92	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.55	13.57			
NLD	0.80	0.77	0.84	0.86	0.82	0.82	0.64	0.80	5.34		
ITA	0.82	0.85	0.87	0.90	0.91	0.93	0.73	0.86	0.85	1.93	
JPN	0.85	0.70	0.85	0.71	0.69	0.82	0.62	0.84	0.75	0.82	6.21

HOL	crc												
	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	POL	FRA
BEL	4.62												
CAN	0.77	7.53											
CHE	0.79	0.83	12.32										
DEU	0.72	0.83	0.88	10.90									
DFS	0.80	0.87	0.94	0.91	11.58								
ESP	0.85	0.78	0.79	0.78	0.78	10.93							
GBR	0.89	0.74	0.77	0.71	0.78	0.87	4.57						
IRL	0.85	0.59	0.66	0.59	0.61	0.82	0.81	3.58					
ITA	0.81	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.82	0.79	0.65	1.40				
NLD	0.77	0.82	0.88	0.84	0.92	0.77	0.75	0.58	0.85	4.69			
NZL	0.63	0.61	0.63	0.59	0.65	0.66	0.65	0.59	0.66	0.56	0.09		
POL	0.75	0.87	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.76	0.74	0.59	0.88	0.76	0.68	15.28	
FRA	0.78	0.86	0.94	0.93	0.94	0.79	0.79	0.65	0.91	0.89	0.65	0.87	1.12

HOL	cc1												
	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN

CAN	6.74																			
CHE	0.92	10.81																		
CZE	0.82	0.71	17.42																	
DEU	0.91	0.91	0.80	14.63																
DFS	0.74	0.68	0.86	0.79	13.09															
FRA	0.77	0.73	0.90	0.76	0.87	0.96														
GBR	0.77	0.77	0.68	0.79	0.66	0.72	0.03													
ISR	0.79	0.69	0.93	0.79	0.88	0.89	0.76	3.27												
ITA	0.71	0.66	0.90	0.69	0.81	0.89	0.66	0.90	1.19											
NLD	0.73	0.71	0.85	0.78	0.88	0.90	0.68	0.86	0.79	4.56										
USA	0.79	0.71	0.95	0.75	0.82	0.85	0.68	0.91	0.87	0.79	2.83									
POL	0.77	0.66	0.87	0.78	0.74	0.77	0.66	0.83	0.80	0.71	0.79	19.08								
JPN	0.78	0.77	0.90	0.77	0.82	0.83	0.77	0.85	0.83	0.77	0.91	0.75	7.57							

HOL	cc2																			
	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	4.62																			
CAN	0.73	6.48																		
CHE	0.81	0.90	10.91																	
CZE	0.66	0.86	0.88	17.42																
DEU	0.78	0.93	0.92	0.91	13.46															
DFS	0.79	0.84	0.87	0.82	0.94	12.84														
ESP	0.83	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.77	10.93													
FRA	0.80	0.90	0.93	0.86	0.95	0.88	0.81	0.91												
GBR	0.88	0.69	0.74	0.66	0.76	0.79	0.85	0.75	4.57											
IRL	0.83	0.74	0.84	0.70	0.78	0.75	0.83	0.82	0.81	3.58										
ISR	0.61	0.73	0.73	0.89	0.81	0.78	0.78	0.75	0.66	0.64	3.27									
ITA	0.78	0.85	0.89	0.91	0.90	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.75	0.78	0.83	1.32								
NLD	0.77	0.82	0.86	0.81	0.92	0.88	0.75	0.90	0.71	0.77	0.79	0.82	4.68							
NZL	0.72	0.64	0.77	0.77	0.66	0.63	0.83	0.66	0.69	0.74	0.73	0.79	0.63	0.06						
USA	0.78	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.79	0.79	0.89	0.78	0.67	2.37					
POL	0.81	0.87	0.90	0.89	0.92	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.80	0.74	0.81	0.92	0.80	0.79	0.89	14.65				
ZAF	0.77	0.76	0.81	0.73	0.81	0.74	0.82	0.80	0.78	0.85	0.59	0.77	0.71	0.71	0.85	0.81	15.61			
AUS	0.70	0.67	0.73	0.63	0.70	0.63	0.70	0.73	0.68	0.82	0.59	0.68	0.63	0.68	0.71	0.67	0.78	8.51		
URY	0.71	0.68	0.66	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.66	0.69	0.69	0.58	0.64	0.68	0.77	0.68	0.64	0.75	0.66	1.40	
JPN	0.84	0.82	0.86	0.79	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.86	0.84	0.71	0.86	0.77	0.69	0.92	0.86	0.87	0.70	0.68	18.22

HOL	int																	
	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN	SVN
BEL	4.62																	
CAN	0.88	7.03																
DEU	0.86	0.91	12.31															
DFS	0.89	0.90	0.95	12.76														
ESP	0.87	0.84	0.86	0.85	10.93													
GBR	0.89	0.83	0.85	0.89	0.88	4.57												
IRL	0.83	0.81	0.82	0.79	0.87	0.82	3.58											
ITA	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.90	0.86	0.79	2.51										
NLD	0.88	0.84	0.87	0.92	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.86	4.71									
NZL	0.73	0.68	0.67	0.64	0.76	0.70	0.75	0.71	0.64	0.06								
USA	0.79	0.92	0.91	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.79	0.87	0.77	0.64	2.37							
POL	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.85	0.86	0.83	0.70	0.91	0.77	0.72	0.75	13.72						
ZAF	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.79	0.87	0.80	0.87	0.81	0.77	0.71	0.86	0.77	15.61					
AUS	0.71	0.71	0.69	0.66	0.72	0.68	0.83	0.66	0.66	0.68	0.72	0.66	0.80	8.51				
URY	0.73	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.70	0.69	0.66	0.82	0.66	0.70	0.77	0.68	1.40			
FRA	0.81	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.80	0.75	0.81	0.81	0.79	0.61	0.82	0.69	0.81	0.74	0.66	0.91		
JPN	0.85	0.93	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.87	0.83	0.91	0.83	0.67	0.92	0.86	0.88	0.71	0.69	0.82	18.22	
SVN	0.87	0.74	0.76	0.82	0.77	0.77	0.72	0.85	0.78	0.70	0.68	0.73	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.76	18.91

JER	hco			
	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	7.93			
DFS	0.71	17.44		
USA	0.72	0.81	2.72	

NLD	0.81	0.83	0.72	5.07						

JER	crc									

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	IRL	CHE			
CAN	7.03									
DFS	0.81	13.32								
GBR	0.65	0.82	3.79							
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.68	3.65						
NZL	0.57	0.64	0.62	0.55	0.07					
IRL	0.61	0.61	0.79	0.60	0.57	2.42				
CHE	0.81	0.83	0.70	0.84	0.57	0.65	9.09			

JER	cc1									

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA	CHE				
CAN	6.95									
DFS	0.70	15.58								
GBR	0.78	0.67	0.03							
NLD	0.72	0.75	0.67	3.74						
USA	0.75	0.75	0.67	0.69	2.91					
CHE	0.90	0.70	0.78	0.72	0.68	11.56				

JER	cc2									

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL	CHE
CAN	6.68									
DFS	0.81	15.67								
GBR	0.70	0.73	3.78							
NLD	0.80	0.78	0.71	3.64						
NZL	0.64	0.64	0.67	0.64	0.05					
USA	0.80	0.76	0.77	0.75	0.70	2.67				
ZAF	0.67	0.65	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.83	11.22			
AUS	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.70	6.52		
IRL	0.74	0.73	0.76	0.75	0.66	0.75	0.78	0.72	2.42	
CHE	0.81	0.86	0.68	0.77	0.84	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.75	11.13

JER	int									

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL	
CAN	6.65									
DFS	0.84	15.37								
GBR	0.74	0.81	3.78							
NLD	0.80	0.82	0.76	3.58						
NZL	0.65	0.64	0.67	0.62	0.05					
USA	0.83	0.79	0.77	0.73	0.70	2.67				
ZAF	0.70	0.70	0.74	0.70	0.77	0.83	11.22			
AUS	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.67	0.71	6.52		
IRL	0.78	0.73	0.74	0.75	0.63	0.75	0.80	0.74	2.42	

RDC	hco									

	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD				
CAN	8.28									
DEU	0.89	14.32								
DFS	0.71	0.82	12.20							
NOR	0.84	0.88	0.88	16.69						
USA	0.82	0.82	0.79	0.73	2.80					
NLD	0.79	0.84	0.79	0.65	0.74	5.89				

RDC	crc									

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	NLD	IRL		

CAN	6.71								
DEU	0.83	10.03							
DFS	0.83	0.90	12.73						
GBR	0.79	0.71	0.68	4.15					
NOR	0.83	0.80	0.83	0.61	14.30				
NZL	0.66	0.59	0.56	0.66	0.59	0.11			
NLD	0.82	0.83	0.87	0.72	0.78	0.57	3.50		
IRL	0.60	0.60	0.62	0.80	0.61	0.60	0.60	2.90	

RDC	cc1									
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA			
CAN	7.49									
DEU	0.90	13.71								
DFS	0.70	0.81	12.97							
GBR	0.77	0.79	0.67	0.03						
NOR	0.81	0.88	0.94	0.78	14.10					
NLD	0.73	0.77	0.82	0.68	0.69	3.85				
USA	0.80	0.75	0.75	0.68	0.72	0.79	2.88			

RDC	cc2										
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	7.09										
DEU	0.91	11.55									
DFS	0.80	0.93	12.85								
GBR	0.70	0.75	0.74	4.15							
NOR	0.77	0.80	0.88	0.71	14.10						
NZL	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.66	0.07					
USA	0.85	0.88	0.76	0.78	0.71	0.68	2.65				
ZAF	0.68	0.80	0.73	0.70	0.77	0.65	0.78	17.03			
NLD	0.82	0.91	0.84	0.71	0.72	0.68	0.77	0.72	3.69		
AUS	0.66	0.68	0.63	0.67	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.63	0.64	7.69	
IRL	0.74	0.79	0.75	0.79	0.71	0.72	0.77	0.82	0.76	0.78	2.90

RDC	int										
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.81										
DEU	0.90	11.32									
DFS	0.86	0.95	13.20								
GBR	0.82	0.84	0.78	4.15							
NOR	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.68	14.30						
NZL	0.73	0.67	0.65	0.70	0.62	0.07					
USA	0.88	0.88	0.74	0.79	0.68	0.66	2.65				
ZAF	0.74	0.84	0.74	0.73	0.81	0.67	0.80	17.03			
NLD	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.80	0.69	0.65	0.76	0.77	3.49		
AUS	0.70	0.69	0.67	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.69	0.72	0.67	7.69	
IRL	0.80	0.81	0.77	0.79	0.68	0.72	0.76	0.85	0.77	0.79	2.90

^LAPPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

BSW hco							
common bulls below diagonal							
common three quarter sib group above diagonal							
	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD	ITA
CAN	0	112	56	116	114	37	105
DEA	98	0	210	208	649	162	552
FRA	48	161	0	77	177	86	188
USA	105	166	58	0	217	63	150
CHE	96	550	136	181	0	117	476
NLD	33	151	73	59	111	0	133
ITA	91	437	147	109	418	107	0

BSW crc

common bulls below diagonal								
common three quarter sib group above diagonal								
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	GBR	FRA	ITA

CAN	0	130	128	42	21	56	74	125
CHE	111	0	653	123	31	77	177	507
DEA	114	544	0	174	47	75	219	676
NLD	37	113	160	0	30	48	91	145
NZL	20	25	41	23	0	20	23	39
GBR	51	61	58	45	16	0	60	83
FRA	64	135	167	76	18	52	0	199
ITA	110	445	555	122	33	63	155	0

BSW cc1

common bulls below diagonal								
common three quarter sib group above diagonal								
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA

CAN	0	133	129	42	148	56	79	126
CHE	112	0	650	124	284	83	185	508
DEA	114	540	0	177	256	83	231	675
NLD	37	113	160	0	74	53	95	147
USA	144	249	206	68	0	78	105	190
GBR	51	67	65	50	77	0	65	91
FRA	68	142	178	80	75	59	0	210
ITA	110	447	552	121	138	69	166	0

BSW cc2

common bulls below diagonal									
common three quarter sib group above diagonal									
	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA

CAN	0	117	112	38	17	140	52	73	107
CHE	95	0	641	124	28	341	77	185	484
DEA	98	536	0	177	39	330	75	228	628
NLD	34	113	160	0	25	97	48	95	145
NZL	16	23	36	20	0	27	17	20	30
USA	131	316	286	85	24	0	84	125	235
GBR	46	61	58	45	13	83	0	63	81
FRA	63	142	177	80	16	89	56	0	209
ITA	92	416	497	118	26	163	61	162	0

BSW int

common bulls below diagonal								
common three quarter sib group above diagonal								
	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN

CAN	0	118	40	17	146	55	118	28
DEA	103	0	176	39	329	75	741	89
NLD	36	160	0	25	97	48	153	44
NZL	16	36	20	0	27	17	33	10
USA	137	286	85	24	0	84	258	34
GBR	49	58	45	13	83	0	86	23
ITA	101	655	127	29	185	67	0	87
SVN	26	83	44	10	30	21	83	0

GUE hco

GUE crc

common bulls below diagonal			
common three quarter sib group above diagonal			
	CAN	GBR	NZL

CAN	0	19	3
GBR	16	0	14
NZL	2	12	0

GUE cc1

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN GBR USA

CAN	0	21	45
GBR	17	0	63
USA	44	59	0

GUE cc2

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

CAN	0	14	1	41	25
GBR	11	0	12	90	39
NZL	1	10	0	24	22
USA	39	91	23	0	72
AUS	21	32	21	69	0

GUE int

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

CAN	0	14	1	41	25
GBR	11	0	12	90	39
NZL	1	10	0	24	22
USA	39	91	23	0	72
AUS	21	32	21	69	0

HOL hco

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

CAN	0	1192	2494	1604	1390	3342	1710	922	1629	1813	1253
CZE	903	0	1983	1371	1270	1636	1535	518	1627	1299	882
DEU	2109	1550	0	2977	2509	3288	2962	1248	3475	2520	1424
DFS	1545	955	2389	0	1799	2027	1917	815	2496	1585	1075
FRA	1084	798	1501	1111	0	1766	1872	768	2071	1533	1173
USA	3871	1379	2747	1918	1113	0	2551	973	2175	2481	1602
POL	1623	1320	2792	1680	1376	2774	0	712	2113	1872	1049
CHE	845	359	1175	770	712	902	598	0	981	669	501
NLD	1629	1423	3169	2242	1430	2010	2009	976	0	1658	1160
ITA	1472	911	1619	1200	816	1981	1575	572	1260	0	1105
JPN	749	419	693	602	457	919	612	329	633	543	0

HOL crc

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

BEL	0	853	662	1361	986	1006	963	563	677	1391	555	791	1052
CAN	865	0	949	2624	1653	1797	1845	621	1670	1768	771	1550	1487
CHE	672	881	0	1273	819	799	837	469	635	1035	457	670	780
DEU	1406	2196	1220	0	3115	2589	2508	1015	2211	3997	1111	2640	2741
DFS	937	1620	782	2450	0	1758	1807	838	1362	2536	941	1712	1809
ESP	1084	1649	757	2349	1619	0	1684	778	1496	2030	790	1689	1963

GBR	955	1956	802	2010	1491	1568	0	1117	1415	2126	1064	1530	1723
IRL	556	621	479	903	717	799	1170	0	473	1022	834	603	803
ITA	677	1454	566	1566	1168	1291	1163	417	0	1507	489	1572	1303
NLD	1583	1811	1041	3810	2355	2151	1937	976	1321	0	1214	1982	2210
NZL	458	721	384	884	701	674	939	734	416	1123	0	619	847
POL	726	1490	563	2428	1500	1552	1385	501	1377	1890	494	0	1725
FRA	1049	1176	718	1643	1112	1915	1175	662	824	1512	534	1245	0

HOL cc1

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	957	1081	2668	1696	1502	1906	157	1692	1796	3604	1700	1401
CHE	889	0	436	1279	826	787	851	65	636	1038	1041	711	533
CZE	859	308	0	1617	1128	990	956	129	1117	1383	1505	1408	746
DEU	2212	1218	1329	0	3145	2767	2560	192	2224	3995	3563	2906	1626
DFS	1640	785	896	2465	0	1822	1868	171	1385	2556	2198	1865	1134
FRA	1193	726	650	1661	1121	0	1754	133	1311	2225	1985	1831	1310
GBR	2021	819	705	2054	1536	1198	0	176	1438	2173	2460	1632	1203
ISR	110	38	101	149	132	73	134	0	130	182	233	168	128
ITA	1467	566	876	1556	1171	829	1196	88	0	1518	2343	1705	1017
NLD	1827	1041	1308	3795	2362	1534	1993	144	1323	0	2460	2160	1238
USA	4243	973	1295	2889	2036	1239	2479	230	1951	2296	0	2497	1812
POL	1599	606	1249	2731	1643	1327	1476	132	1474	2069	2622	0	1071
JPN	869	366	424	786	671	526	668	63	581	726	1067	642	0

HOL cc2

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	849	663	551	1357	989	1011	1048	969	566	90	680	1395	542	1084	800	335	810	380	567
CAN	854	0	943	1064	2589	1654	1813	1462	1836	614	154	1665	1748	740	3706	1606	449	1464	835	1298
CHE	673	865	0	436	1267	827	801	773	841	469	66	636	1038	447	1136	677	264	706	345	497
CZE	445	830	308	0	1610	1128	1103	982	945	401	129	1116	1383	462	1532	1330	255	689	484	711
DEU	1398	2119	1204	1317	0	3133	2624	2728	2515	1016	191	2209	3966	1089	4109	2706	562	1893	918	1535
DFS	937	1584	786	896	2448	0	1804	1809	1833	843	173	1385	2562	919	2592	1769	515	1450	728	1063
ESP	1087	1629	758	926	2354	1651	0	1980	1705	782	156	1515	2051	794	2515	1751	521	1332	748	1222
FRA	1039	1137	708	642	1606	1095	1904	0	1722	810	136	1297	2197	846	2669	1748	484	1390	642	1248
GBR	955	1925	802	697	1990	1498	1571	1163	0	1120	177	1419	2136	1039	2768	1563	508	1631	792	1145
IRL	556	602	479	318	896	717	799	659	1171	0	120	474	1028	828	931	615	339	822	424	492
ISR	55	107	38	101	147	132	118	72	133	94	0	130	184	126	258	163	61	130	98	127
ITA	677	1433	566	876	1540	1171	1294	816	1163	418	88	0	1517	487	2367	1620	264	960	558	962
NLD	1586	1769	1041	1308	3739	2364	2159	1492	1943	978	144	1323	0	1184	3030	2011	506	1652	777	1167
NZL	438	665	371	356	838	666	654	514	900	726	101	396	1070	0	1215	634	355	1301	587	600
USA	978	4277	1066	1313	3150	2177	2306	1509	2643	862	247	1973	2751	1168	0	2448	640	2221	1313	2104
POL	721	1478	558	1140	2420	1519	1583	1230	1381	503	121	1373	1874	492	2489	0	323	1104	665	985
ZAF	281	412	222	185	431	381	478	337	447	297	39	205	422	284	615	250	0	480	319	414
AUS	707	1506	629	503	1467	1097	1115	966	1451	717	85	777	1454	1291	2293	877	421	0	750	965
URY	271	778	255	324	658	505	641	373	634	327	55	397	610	477	1581	533	267	584	0	622
JPN	370	737	319	377	679	585	618	459	587	310	55	512	631	298	930	542	260	524	319	0

HOL int

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	852	1355	989	1011	969	566	679	1395	542	1084	803	335	810	380	1048	567
CAN	859	0	2595	1663	1819	1845	621	1668	1758	746	3720	1622	453	1472	841	1470	1303
DEU	1397	2129	0	3130	2623	2515	1016	2210	3963	1088	4104	2722	562	1892	918	2727	1535
DFS	937	1595	2444	0	1804	1833	843	1386	2560	919	2591	1782	515	1450	728	1809	1063
ESP	1087	1645	2354	1651	0	1705	782	1515	2049	794	2512	1767	521	1331	748	1979	1220
GBR	955	1938	1990	1498	1571	0	1120	1420	2136	1039	2768	1576	508	1631	791	1722	1145
IRL	556	611	896	717	799	1170	0	474	1027	828	931	620	339	822	424	810	492
ITA	677	1439	1541	1171	1294	1163	418	0	1518	487	2368	1634	264	960	558	1299	962

NLD	1586	1783	3737	2363	2159	1943	978	1323	0	1184	3029	2032	506	1652	777	2196	1166	289
NZL	438	670	838	666	654	899	725	396	1070	0	1215	637	355	1301	586	846	600	123
USA	978	4307	3150	2177	2306	2643	862	1973	2751	1168	0	2473	640	2221	1313	2669	2104	257
POL	731	1502	2454	1538	1601	1396	508	1396	1907	495	2526	0	324	1111	671	1758	990	292
ZAF	281	419	431	381	478	447	297	205	422	284	615	251	0	480	319	484	414	70
AUS	707	1511	1467	1097	1115	1451	717	777	1454	1291	2293	885	421	0	750	1390	965	169
URY	271	784	658	505	641	634	327	397	610	477	1581	540	267	584	0	642	622	100
FRA	1039	1145	1606	1095	1904	1163	659	816	1492	514	1509	1245	337	966	373	0	1248	207
JPN	370	740	679	585	618	587	310	512	631	298	930	550	260	524	319	459	0	161
SVN	133	173	362	215	224	158	91	202	250	82	210	245	50	116	51	151	85	0

JER hco

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN DFS USA NLD

CAN	0	123	376	42
DFS	119	0	178	118
USA	369	170	0	86
NLD	35	116	85	0

JER crc

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN DFS GBR NLD NZL IRL CHE

CAN	0	125	168	51	189	15	52
DFS	121	0	205	181	188	61	83
GBR	170	200	0	112	256	94	92
NLD	44	181	109	0	108	42	51
NZL	192	164	263	100	0	158	78
IRL	14	57	98	41	179	0	33
CHE	48	82	90	44	71	29	0

JER cc1

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN DFS GBR NLD USA CHE

CAN	0	131	178	53	445	54
DFS	126	0	209	185	199	85
GBR	173	202	0	115	252	93
NLD	47	185	110	0	115	55
USA	451	192	268	117	0	111
CHE	48	83	88	47	111	0

JER cc2

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
CAN DFS GBR NLD NZL USA ZAF AUS IRL CHE

CAN	0	123	170	49	176	439	141	246	15	52
DFS	118	0	208	186	181	251	166	183	61	85
GBR	167	201	0	115	252	279	184	248	94	94
NLD	42	186	109	0	103	130	83	88	42	56
NZL	176	157	255	95	0	423	224	481	155	82
USA	445	231	305	135	496	0	339	544	56	113
ZAF	140	148	186	79	231	351	0	262	44	71
AUS	243	156	254	81	524	592	248	0	72	79
IRL	14	57	98	41	175	59	45	69	0	33
CHE	46	83	90	47	71	114	61	67	29	0

JER int

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal									
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	126	171	49	178	444	143	248	15
DFS	121	0	208	186	181	251	166	183	61
GBR	169	201	0	115	252	279	184	248	94
NLD	43	186	109	0	103	130	83	88	42
NZL	179	157	255	95	0	423	224	481	155
USA	452	231	305	135	496	0	339	544	56
ZAF	142	148	186	79	231	351	0	262	44
AUS	246	156	254	81	524	592	248	0	72
IRL	14	57	98	41	175	59	45	69	0

RDC hco

common bulls below diagonal						
common three quarter sib group above diagonal						
	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	0	10	197	7	111	6
DEU	10	0	69	20	24	14
DFS	207	60	0	147	183	64
NOR	6	19	127	0	77	48
USA	106	22	176	77	0	43
NLD	6	14	61	48	41	0

RDC crc

common bulls below diagonal								
common three quarter sib group above diagonal								
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	NLD	IRL
CAN	0	13	196	87	8	73	7	6
DEU	12	0	77	16	18	25	20	7
DFS	206	65	0	131	159	199	67	24
GBR	88	15	127	0	79	88	46	29
NOR	7	17	132	83	0	57	53	63
NZL	74	24	194	87	56	0	29	18
NLD	7	20	64	45	53	28	0	14
IRL	6	7	19	28	62	17	14	0

RDC cc1

common bulls below diagonal							
common three quarter sib group above diagonal							
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	13	196	87	8	7	157
DEU	12	0	76	16	18	20	28
DFS	206	64	0	134	149	67	213
GBR	88	15	130	0	81	46	114
NOR	7	17	126	85	0	51	85
NLD	7	20	64	45	51	0	47
USA	153	26	209	109	85	45	0

RDC cc2

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	194	82	8	69	180	78	7	79	6
DEU	12	0	75	16	18	21	29	3	20	51	7
DFS	203	64	0	132	149	188	233	63	67	244	24
GBR	83	15	128	0	78	85	129	48	46	100	29
NOR	7	17	126	82	0	48	89	0	51	79	63
NZL	69	21	183	82	47	0	122	41	26	164	17
USA	184	27	232	127	89	123	0	77	50	150	33
ZAF	83	3	60	45	0	39	72	0	3	46	4

NLD	7	20	64	45	51	25	48	3	0	44	14
AUS	81	49	221	99	68	165	153	48	42	0	24
IRL	6	7	19	28	62	17	33	4	14	23	0

RDC int

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	194	84	8	69	181	78	7	80	6
DEU	12	0	75	16	18	21	29	3	20	51	7
DFS	203	64	0	132	159	188	233	63	67	244	24
GBR	85	15	128	0	79	85	129	48	46	100	29
NOR	7	17	132	83	0	49	89	0	53	83	63
NZL	69	21	183	82	48	0	122	41	26	164	17
USA	185	27	232	127	89	123	0	77	50	150	33
ZAF	83	3	60	45	0	39	72	0	3	46	4
NLD	7	20	64	45	53	25	48	3	0	44	14
AUS	82	49	221	99	72	165	153	48	42	0	24
IRL	6	7	19	28	62	17	33	4	14	23	0

SIM hco

SIM crc

SIM ccl

SIM cc2

SIM int