

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 (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 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	T2=CY	Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate
	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	DO=Days open
	T4=C2	DO=Days open
	T5=IT	DO=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) for cows
	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=Calving Interval (days)
NOR	T1=HC	NR=Non-return rate 56 days (heifers)
T2=CY		CF=Interval calving to first insemination (days)
T3=C1		NR=NR=Non-return rate 56 days (cows)
T4=C2		CI=Calving Interval (days)
T5=IT		CI=Calving Interval (days)
NZL	T2=CY	PM=Lactating cow's ability to start cycling
T4=C2		PC=Lactating cow's ability to conceive (CR42)
T5=IT		PC=Lactating cow's ability to conceive (CR42)

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
T2=CY DO=Days open
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:

CZE HOL Base change
Data edits

ITA HOL First participation with HCO
Change in the definition of T4 from calving interval to interval first to last insemination
Change in the definition of T5, from calving interval to days open, calculated as the sum of raw solutions for T2 and T4
Updated genetic parameters

DFS HOL Change in lactation weights for all traits and breeds

FRA ALL Evaluation now performed by a new genetic centre, GENEVAL

JPN HOL First participation

IRL HOL/JER Base change
RDC Moved from Mixblup to Mix99

CHE ALL Decrease of information due to continuous work on the raw data by herd-book organizations and joined data from two databases (for HOL-CHE and SIM-CHE)

NZL ALL Continues DNA parentage testing resulting in pedigree editing

POL HOL change in trait definition for hco and ccl: conception rate instead of non returned rates

SVN HOL Pedigree update and phenotypic data improvement

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

Subsetting:

As decided by the ITC in Orlando, new subsetting was introduced

in the september test run. Sub-setting is necessary for operational purposes and restrictions of time scales. To minimize the effect of subsetting, larger subsets with 10-12 countries and with 4 link providing countries have been applied.

Window:

According to the decision taken by ITC in Orlando, the following changes have been introduced in regards to the windows used for post processing:

The upper bounds have been set to 0.99 as these were judged to have very little effect on evaluations. The lower values have been set to about the 25% percentile value. The largest changes are for the lower values for conformation traits, with the lowest window being 40% for OFL otherwise it is about 50% for all other confirmation traits.

It is anticipated that these low values may not have large impact on evaluations since there were very few countries combinations whose estimated correlations fell between the old limit of 0.30 and these new limits.

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

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 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 (December Routine Evaluation 2018).

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

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS		122	7741	1568	660	
BEL			1757			
CAN	141	41	8738	492	514	
CHE	2687		3165			
CZE			3746			
DEA	5366					
DEU			26231		363	
DFS			15727	2347	9741	
ESP			5066			
EST						
FRA	372		16032			
FRM						
GBR	84	220	6469	537	379	
HUN						
IRL			2685	171	60	
ISR			1358			
ITA	1735		9347			
JPN			5630			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	182		14942	141	71	
NOR					3960	
NZL	54	58	7660	4654	1335	
POL			7058			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			1435			
USA	1068	748	37734	4491	692	
ZAF			1222	679	143	
HRV						
MEX						

CAM

No. Records	11689	1189	183743	15080	17918
Pub. Proofs	10771	982	150753	12761	16836
					0

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

BSW hco

	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
CAN	9.06					
DEA	0.85	9.78				
FRA	0.78	0.84	0.90			
USA	0.79	0.81	0.89	2.71		
CHE	0.92	0.95	0.88	0.88	13.05	
NLD	0.79	0.71	0.87	0.88	0.87	3.55

BSW crc

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	7.38								
CHE	0.85	11.26							
DEA	0.85	0.94	14.25						
NLD	0.87	0.88	0.86	3.58					
NZL	0.62	0.66	0.77	0.64	11.07				
USA	0.85	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.62	3.28			
GBR	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.80	0.65	0.83	3.86		
FRA	0.86	0.96	0.93	0.91	0.65	0.86	0.79	1.80	
ITA	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.86	0.69	0.84	0.80	0.87	18.44

BSW cc1

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	7.64						
CHE	0.79	11.82					
DEA	0.80	0.95	10.99				
NLD	0.74	0.70	0.67	3.53			
USA	0.74	0.67	0.67	0.90	2.83		
GBR	0.73	0.82	0.79	0.70	0.67	0.04	
FRA	0.71	0.69	0.67	0.90	0.92	0.69	0.95

BSW cc2

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.57								
CHE	0.73	11.06							
DEA	0.83	0.91	11.69						
NLD	0.88	0.84	0.85	3.29					
NZL	0.64	0.54	0.65	0.64	7.13				
USA	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.88	0.65	2.34			
GBR	0.83	0.78	0.86	0.83	0.70	0.85	3.86		
FRA	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.64	0.85	0.84	0.95	
ITA	0.86	0.70	0.85	0.85	0.65	0.88	0.85	0.85	23.53

BSW int

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA
CAN	7.24						
DEA	0.88	13.58					

NLD	0.89	0.88	3.27				
NZL	0.59	0.65	0.65	7.02			
USA	0.90	0.87	0.87	0.57	2.34		
GBR	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.66	0.87	3.86	
ITA	0.88	0.93	0.88	0.65	0.89	0.88	17.91

GUE CRC

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.25				
GBR	0.75	5.11			
NZL	0.61	0.65	11.68		
USA	0.84	0.87	0.62	3.32	
AUS	0.73	0.87	0.70	0.74	6.96

GUE cc1

	CAN	GBR	USA
CAN	7.17		
GBR	0.72	0.03	
USA	0.80	0.74	3.43

GUE cc2

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	6.92				
GBR	0.84	5.11			
NZL	0.64	0.70	7.55		
USA	0.85	0.85	0.65	2.64	
AUS	0.68	0.68	0.75	0.73	6.82

GUE int

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.50				
GBR	0.87	5.11			
NZL	0.59	0.65	7.55		
USA	0.91	0.87	0.61	2.64	
AUS	0.85	0.85	0.73	0.86	6.82

HOT hco

	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.80										
CZE	0.76	19.30									
DEU	0.93	0.78	15.08								
DFS	0.82	0.87	0.87	13.69							
FRA	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.87	0.84						
USA	0.84	0.88	0.86	0.89	0.91	2.39					
POL	0.74	0.88	0.73	0.83	0.77	0.78	19.70				
CHE	0.95	0.86	0.93	0.85	0.87	0.88	0.77	13.97			
NLD	0.82	0.87	0.79	0.84	0.87	0.88	0.73	0.87	4.13		
ITA	0.84	0.87	0.92	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.86	0.90	0.88	0.04	
JPN	0.83	0.74	0.79	0.75	0.76	0.83	0.68	0.83	0.76	0.73	6.28

HOTL CRC

HOL cc1

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN
CAN	6.79												
CHE	0.92	11.10											
CZE	0.81	0.74	17.52										
DEU	0.90	0.93	0.76	14.38									
DFS	0.73	0.72	0.89	0.73	13.28								
FRA	0.73	0.74	0.89	0.69	0.86	1.01							
GBR	0.73	0.77	0.71	0.78	0.69	0.69	0.03						
ISR	0.77	0.69	0.90	0.72	0.85	0.86	0.75	3.16					
ITA	0.86	0.88	0.73	0.94	0.69	0.67	0.75	0.74	0.05				
NLD	0.75	0.72	0.89	0.70	0.92	0.92	0.69	0.88	0.67	4.50			
USA	0.78	0.70	0.95	0.71	0.87	0.89	0.66	0.91	0.73	0.91	2.82		
POL	0.76	0.76	0.88	0.82	0.79	0.76	0.68	0.76	0.80	0.71	0.77	19.61	
JPN	0.76	0.70	0.90	0.70	0.84	0.79	0.70	0.82	0.70	0.82	0.89	0.68	7.67

HOL cc2

	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	4.73																			
CAN	0.83	6.05																		
CHE	0.79	0.86	11.19																	
CZE	0.65	0.84	0.87	17.52																
DEU	0.82	0.92	0.90	0.89	12.98															
DFS	0.83	0.85	0.86	0.81	0.93	12.87														
ESP	0.85	0.86	0.79	0.73	0.86	0.84	11.15													
FRA	0.83	0.86	0.91	0.80	0.89	0.84	0.85	0.98												
GBR	0.89	0.84	0.73	0.65	0.82	0.84	0.88	0.82	4.67											
IRL	0.84	0.83	0.80	0.65	0.82	0.82	0.85	0.83	0.85	3.45										
ISR	0.51	0.61	0.63	0.80	0.73	0.68	0.60	0.65	0.55	0.60	3.16									
ITA	0.75	0.85	0.86	0.90	0.91	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.77	0.78	0.81	15.90								
NLD	0.83	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.87	0.83	0.83	0.70	0.85	4.45							
NZL	0.73	0.64	0.52	0.48	0.62	0.62	0.68	0.62	0.70	0.73	0.46	0.60	0.62	5.36						
USA	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.74	0.91	0.88	0.65	2.33					
POL	0.83	0.82	0.69	0.62	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.77	0.84	0.81	0.50	0.76	0.80	0.62	0.83	12.99				
ZAF	0.75	0.77	0.80	0.70	0.82	0.77	0.84	0.79	0.80	0.87	0.58	0.84	0.79	0.70	0.87	0.76	15.95			
AUS	0.81	0.80	0.83	0.74	0.79	0.75	0.81	0.83	0.79	0.86	0.60	0.82	0.71	0.70	0.85	0.73	0.87	5.09		
URY	0.84	0.81	0.68	0.59	0.80	0.81	0.83	0.80	0.85	0.84	0.47	0.65	0.81	0.74	0.83	0.85	0.78	0.74	1.44	
JPN	0.83	0.84	0.83	0.74	0.84	0.85	0.90	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.58	0.85	0.84	0.65	0.92	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.82	18.56

HOL int

JER hco

	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	7.91			
DFS	0.80	17.31		
USA	0.84	0.87	2.72	
NLD	0.80	0.84	0.88	4.44

JER crc

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.69							
DFS	0.87	13.66						
GBR	0.73	0.86	4.06					
NLD	0.87	0.91	0.78	3.92				
NZL	0.61	0.67	0.68	0.61	6.76			
USA	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.63	3.80		
AUS	0.72	0.73	0.87	0.73	0.61	0.73	3.67	
IRL	0.74	0.73	0.87	0.73	0.62	0.76	0.88	1.89

JER cc1

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	6.58				
DFS	0.72	15.59			
GBR	0.74	0.70	0.03		
NLD	0.74	0.89	0.68	3.38	
USA	0.75	0.88	0.67	0.90	2.92

JER cc2

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.51								
DFS	0.85	15.71							
GBR	0.85	0.84	4.06						
NLD	0.90	0.89	0.84	3.51					
NZL	0.66	0.64	0.74	0.64	4.32				
USA	0.85	0.87	0.85	0.87	0.68	2.60			
ZAF	0.72	0.71	0.77	0.77	0.74	0.86	11.04		
AUS	0.75	0.74	0.76	0.70	0.70	0.79	0.83	3.70	
IRL	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.68	0.84	0.74	0.76	1.89

JER int

CAN	6.35	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
DFS	0.88	15.48							

GBR	0.87	0.88	4.06								
NLD	0.88	0.90	0.88	3.55							
NZL	0.63	0.64	0.72	0.61	4.32						
USA	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.66	2.60					
ZAF	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.71	0.87	11.04				
AUS	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.66	0.87	0.87	3.70			
IRL	0.84	0.85	0.85	0.86	0.46	0.86	0.83	0.82	1.89		

RDC hco

	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	7.17					
DEU	0.91	14.41				
DFS	0.82	0.81	12.35			
NOR	0.87	0.83	0.77	16.48		
USA	0.85	0.84	0.90	0.74	2.56	
NLD	0.82	0.80	0.84	0.72	0.88	4.45

RDC crc

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.26									
DEU	0.85	10.10								
DFS	0.87	0.90	12.65							
GBR	0.76	0.75	0.77	4.40						
NOR	0.90	0.87	0.89	0.75	14.94					
NZL	0.61	0.62	0.61	0.65	0.64	10.56				
USA	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.70	3.45			
NLD	0.87	0.90	0.92	0.79	0.86	0.61	0.85	3.07		
AUS	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.87	0.75	0.68	0.75	0.73	4.70	
IRL	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.87	0.74	0.63	0.77	0.73	0.88	2.60

RDC cc1

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	6.86						
DEU	0.89	13.16					
DFS	0.77	0.75	13.06				
GBR	0.73	0.78	0.78	0.03			
NOR	0.83	0.78	0.76	0.75	15.39		
NLD	0.75	0.73	0.88	0.70	0.70	4.11	
USA	0.83	0.72	0.84	0.67	0.70	0.90	2.61

RDC cc2

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.73										
DEU	0.92	10.50									
DFS	0.85	0.93	12.79								
GBR	0.85	0.84	0.85	4.40							
NOR	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.86	16.08						
NZL	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.69	0.66	6.80					
USA	0.87	0.90	0.86	0.85	0.86	0.70	2.35				
ZAF	0.71	0.81	0.75	0.72	0.70	0.72	0.86	17.76			
NLD	0.90	0.94	0.90	0.84	0.86	0.64	0.88	0.78	3.73		
AUS	0.70	0.72	0.67	0.72	0.66	0.70	0.73	0.77	0.71	4.59	
IRL	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.85	0.86	0.73	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.83	2.60

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
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CAN	6.70								
DEU	0.88	10.56							
DFS	0.88	0.94	13.07						
GBR	0.87	0.87	0.88	4.40					
NOR	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.88	16.08				
NZL	0.65	0.58	0.58	0.67	0.55	6.80			
USA	0.90	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.69	2.35		
ZAF	0.87	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.91	0.68	0.88	17.76	
NLD	0.90	0.91	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.61	0.87	0.87	3.25
AUS	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.68	0.87	0.87	0.87
IRL	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.66	0.87	0.87	0.86

^APPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
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CAN	0	77	45	87	81	27
DEA	62	0	185	162	549	121
FRA	39	136	0	67	149	68
USA	76	120	51	0	184	41
CHE	64	458	112	151	0	78
NLD	24	114	56	37	75	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	101	96	35	19	118	43	64	91
CHE	80	0	530	87	26	246	53	148	388
DEA	77	426	0	137	33	202	53	186	525
NLD	31	80	126	0	24	48	33	72	109
NZL	17	21	26	18	0	21	17	21	27
USA	108	215	154	44	18	0	52	87	152
GBR	38	39	37	26	13	49	0	43	58
FRA	54	111	136	58	17	60	33	0	163
ITA	74	325	402	87	20	106	40	124	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	101	97	35	119	44	67
CHE	80	0	526	86	247	57	156
DEA	78	423	0	135	203	58	200
NLD	31	80	126	0	48	34	78
USA	109	215	154	44	0	57	91
GBR	39	41	39	26	51	0	47
FRA	57	118	151	65	65	38	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	89	84	32	18	109	40	62	82
CHE	69	0	521	87	26	305	53	156	388

DEA	66	421	0	136	33	301	52	199	516
NLD	28	80	126	0	24	72	33	78	109
NZL	16	21	26	18	0	30	17	22	27
USA	94	284	262	61	26	0	63	113	203
GBR	34	39	37	26	13	59	0	45	58
FRA	54	118	151	65	18	80	36	0	175
ITA	68	325	397	87	20	140	40	136	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	88	34	19	113	42	87
DEA	69	0	137	33	300	52	626
NLD	31	128	0	24	73	33	116
NZL	17	26	18	0	30	17	27
USA	98	262	64	26	0	63	221
GBR	36	37	26	13	59	0	59
ITA	72	525	96	20	155	40	0

GUE

GUE

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
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CAN	0	14	3	35	18
GBR	11	0	13	48	28
NZL	2	11	0	9	26
USA	34	45	7	0	19
AUS	13	22	24	16	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	GBR	USA
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CAN	0	14	36
GBR	11	0	52
USA	35	49	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
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CAN	0	10	2	32	19
GBR	7	0	13	78	30
NZL	2	11	0	29	26
USA	30	79	28	0	55
AUS	15	24	25	52	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
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CAN	0	10	2	32	19
GBR	7	0	13	78	30

NZL	2	11	0	29	26
USA	30	79	28	0	55
AUS	15	24	25	52	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	899	1900	1039	1100	2271	907	722	1077	1467	989
CZE	632	0	1630	1032	1092	1201	882	438	1234	1129	703
DEU	1379	1178	0	2426	2303	2472	1565	1069	2888	2422	1292
DFS	923	631	1538	0	1481	1299	978	637	1814	1473	842
FRA	788	635	1227	780	0	1462	1112	620	1738	1641	1036
USA	2510	912	1719	1067	821	0	1281	746	1472	1951	1266
POL	726	627	1207	705	651	1221	0	402	1098	1075	650
CHE	604	290	928	553	555	665	301	0	794	680	414
NLD	1010	1040	2361	1472	1065	1212	877	765	0	1555	920
ITA	1148	746	1499	1050	868	1388	724	603	1189	0	1093
JPN	504	273	467	392	345	601	308	246	411	431	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 AUS JPN

BEL	0	630	531	1072	717	767	752	462	725	1074	453	674	409	827	531	445
CAN	623	0	734	2003	1125	1277	1316	475	1540	1189	616	2404	818	1195	767	1028
CHE	533	627	0	1057	629	621	639	373	664	804	371	783	360	615	415	404
DEU	1088	1431	914	0	2497	1980	1977	844	2440	3146	932	2691	1371	2422	1218	1325
DFS	653	989	552	1570	0	1268	1386	685	1466	1825	763	1436	890	1494	896	832
ESP	817	1016	570	1700	1024	0	1271	641	1492	1426	655	1479	835	1417	802	952
GBR	718	1343	580	1395	997	1132	0	887	1470	1593	862	1611	719	1445	995	917
IRL	454	467	377	738	565	656	916	0	626	829	679	555	307	702	573	406
ITA	680	1219	597	1546	1056	1280	1074	543	0	1610	733	2090	955	1658	855	1060
NLD	1213	1132	775	2744	1525	1438	1337	778	1272	0	965	1679	981	1833	1062	910
NZL	372	568	312	712	532	541	734	588	542	874	0	715	351	765	956	504
USA	627	2660	693	1805	1138	1167	1472	533	1450	1409	644	0	1165	1645	879	1317
POL	327	632	264	967	615	601	456	224	611	735	249	1030	0	1004	365	587
FRA	803	865	549	1239	768	1300	888	563	864	1095	448	905	553	0	950	1084
AUS	409	628	337	725	500	589	754	454	526	813	906	702	166	545	0	613
JPN	264	488	236	442	380	416	400	236	406	404	228	568	266	337	255	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	734	943	1990	1128	1200	1359	86	1539	1195	2439	856	1118
CHE	628	0	436	1055	629	624	643	47	664	804	783	385	437
CZE	675	291	0	1630	1025	1091	906	88	1130	1262	1287	863	722
DEU	1414	910	1176	0	2496	2427	2014	131	2431	3131	2663	1482	1407
DFS	993	552	638	1562	0	1500	1411	117	1467	1824	1441	949	894
FRA	885	559	635	1251	779	0	1474	106	1664	1845	1646	1061	1157
GBR	1401	583	551	1430	1021	914	0	108	1502	1619	1677	764	986
ISR	64	31	71	112	92	60	76	0	116	124	109	70	84
ITA	1222	596	748	1537	1055	885	1107	89	0	1611	2086	1006	1140
NLD	1140	775	1070	2724	1524	1118	1369	103	1270	0	1680	1057	980
USA	2700	693	952	1774	1138	920	1553	99	1447	1409	0	1222	1428
POL	674	292	614	1126	694	603	499	49	662	838	1095	0	641
JPN	602	276	302	536	450	407	481	39	496	489	724	324	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	620	531	513	1065	718	767	819	752	463	60	724	1074	453	831	402	309	647	276	450
CAN	608	0	722	930	1927	1103	1262	1150	1291	464	83	1490	1152	595	2552	794	415	1046	565	1033
CHE	533	609	0	437	1050	630	621	610	639	373	47	663	805	371	908	350	255	539	246	407
CZE	388	646	291	0	1626	1026	945	1082	898	420	88	1130	1265	504	1431	801	305	704	389	692
DEU	1078	1334	899	1166	0	2477	1987	2392	1966	844	133	2413	3099	924	3430	1333	550	1525	627	1339
DFS	653	955	553	638	1542	0	1275	1484	1391	685	118	1465	1830	766	1833	867	485	1121	512	846
ESP	817	985	570	720	1695	1030	0	1420	1273	642	107	1497	1431	657	1809	819	489	1015	517	964
FRA	793	811	540	620	1196	748	1288	0	1435	703	108	1641	1817	767	2340	987	458	1168	488	1095
GBR	718	1304	580	546	1380	999	1132	870	0	887	108	1468	1595	863	1995	707	477	1231	537	929
IRL	454	448	377	292	737	565	656	559	916	0	77	625	830	679	725	298	321	675	308	406
ISR	39	61	31	71	112	92	82	59	75	62	0	114	125	88	134	65	52	84	58	82
ITA	673	1153	592	743	1502	1040	1274	837	1063	539	85	0	1603	731	2450	930	468	1102	564	1081
NLD	1213	1084	775	1070	2653	1527	1441	1070	1338	778	103	1251	0	968	2253	949	478	1305	523	924
NZL	372	544	312	342	700	533	543	442	734	588	75	536	876	0	1010	340	344	1112	416	512
USA	713	2738	798	1022	2142	1275	1442	1186	1721	639	117	1585	1842	952	0	1181	602	1666	881	1741
POL	316	595	252	535	914	592	583	529	442	214	43	581	697	239	1008	0	199	540	317	583
ZAF	253	375	206	192	406	347	440	312	409	278	34	355	391	273	564	124	0	447	279	386
AUS	546	992	473	420	1038	747	794	756	1019	574	56	758	1082	1095	1565	334	378	0	517	777
URY	198	521	179	251	429	330	445	279	417	223	31	390	393	326	1083	235	226	386	0	453
JPN	266	493	238	262	447	388	418	338	407	238	30	414	411	233	614	257	239	369	209	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	623	1063	718	767	752	463	723	1075	453	831	401	309	647	276	819	450
CAN	614	0	1933	1109	1269	1299	471	1498	1167	601	2564	797	417	1053	570	1159	1036
DEU	1077	1345	0	2475	1986	1966	844	2413	3108	924	3427	1329	549	1525	627	2391	1339
DFS	653	966	1540	0	1274	1390	685	1464	1831	766	1832	867	484	1121	512	1484	846
ESP	817	1002	1695	1030	0	1273	642	1496	1435	657	1806	819	488	1014	517	1419	963
GBR	718	1321	1380	999	1132	0	887	1468	1601	863	1995	707	476	1231	537	1435	929
IRL	454	458	737	565	656	916	0	625	833	679	725	298	321	675	308	703	406
ITA	673	1170	1502	1040	1273	1063	539	0	1607	731	2450	929	468	1102	564	1641	1081
NLD	1218	1106	2669	1534	1450	1344	781	1257	0	968	2260	954	478	1307	525	1819	928
NZL	372	549	700	533	543	734	588	536	877	0	1010	340	343	1112	416	767	512
USA	713	2769	2142	1275	1442	1721	639	1585	1849	952	0	1180	601	1666	881	2340	1741
POL	316	601	912	592	583	442	214	581	701	239	1008	0	199	540	317	987	583
ZAF	253	381	406	347	440	409	278	355	392	273	564	124	0	446	279	458	385
AUS	546	997	1038	747	794	1019	574	758	1088	1095	1565	334	378	0	517	1168	777
URY	198	527	429	330	445	417	223	390	395	326	1083	235	226	386	0	488	453
FRA	793	822	1196	748	1288	870	559	837	1075	442	1186	529	312	756	279	0	1095
JPN	266	495	447	388	418	407	238	414	414	233	614	257	239	369	209	338	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN DFS USA NLD

CAN	0	55	254	20
DFS	43	0	93	55
USA	237	72	0	45
NLD	14	52	44	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

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CAN	0	61	119	27	134	298	119	10
DFS	47	0	129	83	118	109	94	37
GBR	119	118	0	69	184	173	142	60
NLD	21	77	63	0	63	64	48	29
NZL	135	91	190	55	0	234	328	104
USA	295	88	187	66	259	0	233	35
AUS	119	58	150	42	359	237	0	34
IRL	8	32	62	29	116	37	31	0

JER

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

CAN	0	61	120	27	300
DFS	47	0	128	83	108
GBR	119	117	0	67	174
NLD	21	77	63	0	63
USA	298	88	188	66	0

JER

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

CAN	0	60	117	27	131	306	113	181	10
DFS	46	0	129	83	118	155	120	113	37
GBR	115	118	0	68	185	202	149	179	60
NLD	20	77	63	0	64	76	65	59	29
NZL	130	91	190	56	0	334	187	398	104
USA	296	121	222	80	407	0	274	441	42
ZAF	111	97	153	60	198	282	0	212	35
AUS	170	77	188	51	430	471	200	0	50
IRL	8	32	62	29	116	44	36	47	0

JER

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

CAN	0	61	118	27	133	309	115	183	10
DFS	47	0	129	87	118	155	120	113	37
GBR	117	118	0	72	185	202	149	179	60
NLD	22	82	67	0	67	81	68	61	30
NZL	133	91	190	60	0	334	187	398	104
USA	301	121	222	86	407	0	274	441	42
ZAF	113	97	153	64	198	282	0	212	35
AUS	173	77	188	53	430	471	200	0	50
IRL	8	32	62	29	116	44	36	47	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal
 common three quarter sib group above diagonal
 CAN DEU DFS NOR USA NLD

CAN	0	13	131	5	85	4
DEU	12	0	59	17	19	12
DFS	132	48	0	132	134	43
NOR	5	16	103	0	57	30
USA	81	19	126	58	0	29
NLD	4	12	40	30	27	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	NLD	AUS	IRL
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CAN	0	14	131	63	5	61	117	5	54	3
DEU	13	0	62	18	17	21	23	12	22	6
DFS	133	52	0	91	117	159	146	44	137	16
GBR	64	17	86	0	43	64	80	28	48	18
NOR	5	17	87	45	0	40	63	33	34	50
NZL	60	20	152	60	38	0	84	16	102	10
USA	114	23	140	76	64	85	0	30	54	24
NLD	5	12	42	27	33	16	29	0	12	9
AUS	53	21	117	45	29	104	52	10	0	8
IRL	3	6	11	17	49	10	24	9	7	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
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CAN	0	14	131	66	5	5	118
DEU	13	0	62	19	17	12	23
DFS	133	52	0	93	120	44	145
GBR	66	18	87	0	44	28	82
NOR	5	17	90	46	0	33	64
NLD	5	12	42	27	33	0	30
USA	115	22	139	77	64	29	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	129	59	5	60	142	67	5	62	3
DEU	12	0	60	18	15	20	25	2	12	41	6
DFS	131	50	0	91	109	159	168	52	44	176	16
GBR	60	17	86	0	43	65	93	38	28	67	18
NOR	5	15	79	45	0	40	67	0	33	54	50
NZL	59	20	152	61	38	0	109	35	16	126	10
USA	145	25	164	91	68	110	0	67	32	107	25
ZAF	72	2	51	36	0	33	62	0	2	37	2
NLD	5	12	42	27	33	16	31	2	0	23	9
AUS	61	40	150	64	45	128	107	37	21	0	12
IRL	3	6	11	17	49	10	25	2	9	11	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	129	60	5	60	142	67	6	62	3
DEU	12	0	60	18	15	20	25	2	12	41	6
DFS	131	50	0	91	109	159	168	52	44	176	16
GBR	61	17	86	0	43	65	93	38	29	67	18
NOR	5	15	79	45	0	40	67	0	35	54	50
NZL	59	20	152	61	38	0	109	35	16	126	10
USA	145	25	164	91	68	110	0	67	35	107	25
ZAF	72	2	51	36	0	33	62	0	2	37	2
NLD	6	12	42	28	35	16	33	2	0	23	9
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