

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 (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

SVN T5=IT CI=Calving interval (days)

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

BEL (HOL) Inclusion of inbreeding effect in the model.

AUS (ALL) Drops in information due to data clean up such as pedigree changes, status change of a bull which leads to a good number of bulls no longer qualifying.

Base change for RDC

SVN (HOL, BSW) Reduced the performance data to 2010-2022 and estimated variance components for all traits

JPN (HOL) Some decrease in information due to pedigree correction

DEU (HOL) 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.

ESP (HOL) Database update from regional milk recording organizations, affecting several bulls but very slight change in information per bull.

NZL (RDC, JER, HOL) Continuous DNA parentage testing affecting number of daughters, herds and EDCs. EDC also affected by changes in phenotype records.

CHE (BSW, HOL) Drops in information due to manual edits in database. The change of herd-year-season assignment of certain data records might also explain small changes in EDC and reliabilities for some bulls.

ITA (HOL) Drop in information due to data editing

GBR (ALL) Minor changes in data due re-extraction at each run and changes introduced by data providers

CZE (HOL) Cut all inseminations for cc1/cc2 made before 1.7.2007, causing decrease in information.

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 (December Routine Evaluation 2022). Number of records for lactating cow's ability to conceive (cc2) by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS		145	8637	1842	780	
BEL			2060			
CAN	182	48	10080	624	584	
CHE	2960		3216			
CZE			3652			
DEA	4880					
DEU		25230		307		
DFS		17103		2478	10475	
ESP		6396				
EST						
FRA	432		17096			
FRM						
GBR	108	247	7491	611	449	
HUN						
IRL			3187	227	71	
ISR			1620			
ITA	1926		9514			
JPN			6484			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	215		16422	231	92	
NOR					3096	
NZL	55	49	8463	4881	1325	
POL			8657			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			1889			
USA	1180	791	41638	5228	786	
ZAF			1275	742	156	

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No. Records 11938 1280 200110 16864 18121
Pub. Proofs 10546 1062 157261 14014 17929 0
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^APPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

BSW hco

	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
CAN	9.43					
DEA	0.86	9.92				
FRA	0.77	0.86	0.89			
USA	0.78	0.79	0.88	2.65		
CHE	0.91	0.94	0.87	0.81	13.25	
NLD	0.78	0.63	0.73	0.74	0.64	4.52

BSW crc

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.88								
CHE	0.82	11.40							
DEA	0.78	0.95	14.94						
NLD	0.85	0.89	0.90	3.88					
NZL	0.61	0.61	0.71	0.62	0.12				
USA	0.78	0.84	0.82	0.80	0.60	8.03			
GBR	0.71	0.70	0.63	0.76	0.63	0.73	3.84		
FRA	0.82	0.96	0.95	0.91	0.63	0.84	0.74	1.78	
ITA	0.82	0.78	0.79	0.81	0.65	0.79	0.75	0.82	16.43

BSW cc1

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	7.67						
CHE	0.82	11.78					
DEA	0.78	0.94	11.42				
NLD	0.77	0.71	0.67	4.09			
USA	0.75	0.68	0.67	0.85	2.87		
GBR	0.77	0.80	0.78	0.73	0.67	0.03	
FRA	0.74	0.69	0.67	0.87	0.88	0.71	0.96

BSW cc2

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.63								
CHE	0.77	11.12							
DEA	0.78	0.93	12.25						
NLD	0.85	0.84	0.83	3.40					
NZL	0.70	0.66	0.73	0.70	6.24				
USA	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.81	0.70	2.48			
GBR	0.72	0.81	0.82	0.75	0.70	0.82	3.84		
FRA	0.84	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.70	0.82	0.79	0.96	
ITA	0.80	0.70	0.79	0.82	0.67	0.81	0.77	0.77	21.63

BSW int

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	7.17							
DEA	0.80	14.25						
NLD	0.87	0.91	3.35					
NZL	0.68	0.80	0.69	6.24				

GUE CRC

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	8.09				
GBR	0.74	4.85			
NZL	0.61	0.63	0.12		
USA	0.78	0.77	0.61	6.79	
AUS	0.68	0.79	0.89	0.66	6.97

GUE cc1

	CAN	GBR	USA
CAN	7.45		
GBR	0.77	0.03	
USA	0.81	0.72	3.47

GUE cc2

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	6.97				
GBR	0.71	4.85			
NZL	0.69	0.70	5.88		
USA	0.85	0.81	0.70	2.79	
AUS	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.72	9.88

GUIE int

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.76				
GBR	0.83	4.85			
NZL	0.67	0.67	5.88		
USA	0.91	0.81	0.67	2.79	
AUS	0.73	0.71	0.72	0.74	9.88

HOL hco

	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.78										
CZE	0.77	17.91									
DEU	0.91	0.80	15.18								
DFS	0.79	0.84	0.84	13.54							
FRA	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.89	0.83						
USA	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.89	2.38					
POL	0.64	0.55	0.64	0.55	0.55	0.58	19.50				
CHE	0.96	0.80	0.93	0.79	0.84	0.87	0.57	13.69			
NLD	0.79	0.77	0.82	0.86	0.83	0.83	0.53	0.80	5.07		
ITA	0.81	0.78	0.92	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.65	0.88	0.73	0.04	
JPN	0.85	0.72	0.84	0.72	0.78	0.84	0.63	0.85	0.74	0.73	6.24

HOI CRC

GBR	0.90	0.74	0.77	0.72	0.79	0.88	4.59									
IRL	0.85	0.60	0.67	0.60	0.62	0.81	0.82	3.56								
ITA	0.80	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.81	0.67	7.74							
NLD	0.82	0.87	0.93	0.90	0.96	0.83	0.79	0.62	0.85	4.87						
NZL	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.58	0.62	0.62	0.63	0.55	0.69	0.59	0.09					
USA	0.74	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.80	0.78	0.59	0.80	0.82	0.60	6.85				
POL	0.76	0.90	0.89	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.75	0.67	0.95	0.83	0.67	0.76	13.38			
FRA	0.78	0.85	0.94	0.92	0.94	0.84	0.79	0.65	0.90	0.94	0.62	0.82	0.88	1.18		

HOL cc1

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN			
CAN	6.62															
CHE	0.92	10.92														
CZE	0.83	0.75	17.48													
DEU	0.91	0.92	0.80	14.72												
DFS	0.75	0.70	0.88	0.78	13.17											
FRA	0.78	0.75	0.91	0.76	0.89	1.01										
GBR	0.76	0.77	0.70	0.78	0.66	0.72	0.03									
ISR	0.78	0.68	0.91	0.76	0.87	0.88	0.74	3.25								
ITA	0.87	0.86	0.80	0.94	0.71	0.74	0.78	0.78	0.05							
NLD	0.79	0.76	0.90	0.80	0.92	0.94	0.73	0.89	0.75	4.78						
USA	0.80	0.71	0.95	0.75	0.85	0.87	0.67	0.92	0.78	0.87	2.81					
POL	0.72	0.75	0.72	0.75	0.61	0.62	0.66	0.67	0.79	0.65	0.65	19.67				
JPN	0.78	0.75	0.89	0.76	0.83	0.82	0.76	0.84	0.75	0.82	0.91	0.66	7.58			

HOL cc2

	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	4.65																			
CAN	0.76	6.04																		
CHE	0.82	0.90	10.97																	
CZE	0.66	0.87	0.86	17.48																
DEU	0.80	0.93	0.93	0.91	13.49															
DFS	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.83	0.95	12.84														
ESP	0.85	0.80	0.86	0.85	0.86	0.82	11.00													
FRA	0.82	0.88	0.93	0.84	0.93	0.86	0.84	0.97												
GBR	0.89	0.72	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.75	4.58											
IRL	0.84	0.77	0.83	0.70	0.81	0.77	0.85	0.82	0.82	3.56										
ISR	0.66	0.75	0.75	0.89	0.84	0.79	0.81	0.78	0.66	0.69	3.25									
ITA	0.76	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.92	0.84	0.89	0.86	0.79	0.79	0.88	15.12								
NLD	0.81	0.89	0.90	0.86	0.96	0.92	0.83	0.92	0.76	0.80	0.81	0.86	4.43							
NZL	0.70	0.69	0.63	0.63	0.69	0.69	0.66	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.62	0.63	0.69	4.58						
USA	0.81	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.88	0.81	0.83	0.82	0.82	0.91	0.84	0.69	2.35					
POL	0.81	0.72	0.73	0.63	0.72	0.73	0.80	0.72	0.81	0.78	0.64	0.79	0.72	0.69	0.79	12.84				
ZAF	0.77	0.78	0.83	0.73	0.82	0.76	0.84	0.79	0.79	0.87	0.67	0.85	0.76	0.63	0.87	0.82	15.45			
AUS	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.63	0.70	0.64	0.71	0.71	0.69	0.84	0.63	0.69	0.66	0.62	0.72	0.62	0.79	8.40		
URY	0.73	0.71	0.65	0.62	0.71	0.71	0.68	0.71	0.72	0.73	0.58	0.64	0.71	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.67	1.41		
JPN	0.84	0.82	0.86	0.78	0.84	0.85	0.87	0.81	0.87	0.86	0.72	0.88	0.80	0.69	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.71	0.74	18.30

HOL int

	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN	SVN		
BEL	4.65																			
CAN	0.88	6.52																		
DEU	0.86	0.91	12.30																	
DFS	0.90	0.91	0.95	12.75																
ESP	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.87	11.00															
GBR	0.89	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.89	4.58				</td										

AUS	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.74	0.72	0.85	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.74	0.70	0.81	8.40	
URY	0.74	0.71	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.75	0.73	0.70	0.72	0.69	0.73	0.81	0.71	1.41
FRA	0.81	0.87	0.81	0.81	0.83	0.73	0.80	0.81	0.83	0.66	0.81	0.70	0.79	0.72	0.66
JPN	0.86	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.87	0.85	0.94	0.88	0.66	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.74	0.75
SVN	0.88	0.75	0.77	0.84	0.75	0.79	0.76	0.81	0.85	0.66	0.72	0.67	0.65	0.67	0.80
														18.30	20.33

JER hco

	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	7.88			
DFS	0.74	17.19		
USA	0.78	0.83	2.72	
NLD	0.82	0.83	0.73	4.74

JER crc

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	6.79						
DFS	0.82	13.42					
GBR	0.66	0.84	3.97				
NLD	0.85	0.88	0.72	3.90			
NZL	0.56	0.70	0.66	0.57	0.07		
USA	0.77	0.83	0.79	0.80	0.66	8.26	
IRL	0.63	0.63	0.80	0.62	0.56	0.60	2.33

JER cc1

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	7.04				
DFS	0.71	15.30			
GBR	0.78	0.67	0.03		
NLD	0.77	0.84	0.71	3.72	
USA	0.75	0.83	0.67	0.77	2.89

JER cc2

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.77								
DFS	0.81	15.52							
GBR	0.72	0.75	3.97						
NLD	0.85	0.88	0.75	3.23					
NZL	0.70	0.70	0.69	0.70	3.96				
USA	0.81	0.81	0.79	0.80	0.70	2.62			
ZAF	0.67	0.66	0.73	0.69	0.76	0.85	11.23		
AUS	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.66	0.72	6.39	
IRL	0.76	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.70	0.77	0.77	0.73	2.33

JER int

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.46								
DFS	0.85	15.27							
GBR	0.77	0.83	3.97						
NLD	0.86	0.90	0.81	3.37					
NZL	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	3.96				
USA	0.84	0.83	0.79	0.80	0.70	2.62			
ZAF	0.73	0.73	0.75	0.74	0.77	0.85	11.23		
AUS	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.66	0.71	0.75	6.39	
IRL	0.80	0.75	0.76	0.79	0.67	0.77	0.80	0.76	2.33

RDC hco

	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD

CAN	7.61					
DEU	0.90	14.58				
DFS	0.73	0.80	12.24			
NOR	0.86	0.88	0.87	16.45		
USA	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.72	2.77	
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.78	0.66	0.79	5.58

RDC crc

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	NLD	IRL
CAN	6.47								
DEU	0.84	10.14							
DFS	0.85	0.90	12.67						
GBR	0.77	0.72	0.70	4.10					
NOR	0.84	0.82	0.85	0.63	13.97				
NZL	0.58	0.59	0.55	0.64	0.58	0.11			
USA	0.78	0.81	0.80	0.76	0.77	0.69	8.28		
NLD	0.87	0.89	0.93	0.76	0.84	0.59	0.81	3.65	
IRL	0.62	0.61	0.63	0.81	0.62	0.57	0.61	0.62	2.83

RDC cc1

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	7.12						
DEU	0.90	13.76					
DFS	0.71	0.80	12.99				
GBR	0.76	0.78	0.68	0.03			
NOR	0.76	0.85	0.92	0.76	13.90		
NLD	0.79	0.80	0.88	0.72	0.72	3.99	
USA	0.83	0.75	0.79	0.67	0.75	0.83	2.75

RDC

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.78										
DEU	0.92	11.32									
DFS	0.82	0.94	12.82								
GBR	0.73	0.77	0.77	4.10							
NOR	0.80	0.84	0.89	0.74	13.90						
NZL	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.72	5.68					
USA	0.87	0.89	0.81	0.79	0.74	0.70	2.52				
ZAF	0.72	0.81	0.75	0.71	0.78	0.65	0.82	17.35			
NLD	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.76	0.78	0.71	0.83	0.76	3.45		
AUS	0.67	0.68	0.64	0.67	0.65	0.63	0.68	0.68	0.66	7.59	
IRL	0.78	0.81	0.77	0.81	0.74	0.70	0.80	0.84	0.80	0.80	2.83

RDC int

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.63										
DEU	0.90	11.20									
DFS	0.88	0.94	13.15								
GBR	0.82	0.85	0.82	4.10							
NOR	0.79	0.78	0.71	0.72	13.97						
NZL	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.69	5.68					
USA	0.92	0.90	0.80	0.81	0.72	0.67	2.52				
ZAF	0.82	0.85	0.79	0.76	0.83	0.68	0.84	17.35			
NLD	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.86	0.78	0.68	0.83	0.81	3.40		
AUS	0.73	0.73	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.67	0.73	0.75	0.67	7.59	
IRL	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.81	0.72	0.68	0.79	0.86	0.81	0.82	2.83

[^]LAPPENDIX 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	95	53	104	99	30
DEA	85	0	197	194	587	134
FRA	45	149	0	72	167	74
USA	95	152	54	0	206	53
CHE	83	493	126	172	0	97
NLD	27	126	60	49	91	0

BSW

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

CAN	0	122	119	40	18	136	49	73	113
CHE	103	0	600	104	27	270	65	167	453
DEA	106	497	0	153	40	237	62	207	591
NLD	35	95	142	0	25	64	38	79	128
NZL	17	21	35	19	0	18	14	21	31
USA	132	235	188	59	15	0	67	94	172
GBR	46	50	47	33	11	65	0	48	70
FRA	62	124	155	63	16	64	40	0	188
ITA	99	387	476	104	25	120	52	143	0

BSW

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

CAN	0	123	120	41	137	48	77
CHE	104	0	599	103	270	67	176
DEA	107	495	0	152	237	65	220
NLD	36	95	141	0	64	38	84
USA	134	235	188	59	0	69	99
GBR	46	52	49	33	68	0	53
FRA	66	132	167	69	70	46	0

BSW

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

CAN	0	109	104	36	15	130	46	70	100
CHE	90	0	592	104	25	326	65	176	453
DEA	92	491	0	154	35	310	62	218	588
NLD	32	95	142	0	20	87	38	84	128
NZL	14	19	30	14	0	25	11	18	26
USA	122	302	267	76	21	0	77	119	219
GBR	42	50	47	33	8	75	0	51	70
FRA	61	132	165	69	13	84	44	0	200
ITA	88	387	475	104	22	152	52	154	0

BSW

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

CAN	0	109	38	15	135	48	107	26
DEA	96	0	153	35	309	62	686	77
NLD	34	142	0	20	87	38	133	38
NZL	14	30	14	0	25	11	26	7
USA	127	267	76	21	0	77	240	31

GBR	44	47	33	8	75	0	72	17
ITA	94	606	110	22	170	53	0	74
SVN	24	73	39	7	28	14	72	0

GUE

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN	0	17	2	40	18
GBR	14	0	14	54	28
NZL	1	12	0	10	25
USA	39	51	7	0	19
AUS	13	22	23	16	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN GBR USA

CAN	0	18	40
GBR	14	0	58
USA	39	55	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN	0	12	0	39	23
GBR	9	0	13	83	33
NZL	0	11	0	24	23
USA	37	85	23	0	65
AUS	19	27	23	63	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN GBR NZL USA AUS

CAN	0	12	0	39	23
GBR	9	0	13	83	33
NZL	0	11	0	24	23
USA	37	85	23	0	65
AUS	19	27	23	63	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	1097	2265	1362	1294	2972	1330	827	1415	1859	1159
CZE	813	0	1837	1236	1212	1473	1183	490	1496	1322	820
DEU	1845	1406	0	2594	2339	2979	2253	1130	3100	2686	1332
DFS	1287	835	1972	0	1673	1706	1393	732	2210	1666	975
FRA	972	748	1330	982	0	1675	1476	710	1955	1697	1129
USA	3435	1197	2375	1564	1014	0	1897	882	1901	2504	1482
POL	1224	954	1987	1157	1015	1985	0	546	1613	1567	831
CHE	748	344	1057	682	654	819	439	0	910	776	466
NLD	1395	1302	2758	1934	1298	1703	1459	903	0	1810	1068
ITA	1645	975	1939	1393	1027	2118	1278	728	1542	0	1177
JPN	662	366	605	519	421	790	454	300	545	565	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	782	615	1235	878	920	881	528	825	1261	523	837	583	977
CAN	784	0	869	2423	1458	1606	1667	573	1906	1568	722	3157	1218	1395
CHE	620	799	0	1166	740	739	766	435	774	954	436	948	507	725
DEU	1259	1926	1104	0	2797	2326	2291	948	2724	3604	1041	3264	2011	2578
DFS	822	1376	693	2075	0	1555	1654	781	1651	2262	874	1875	1260	1691
ESP	990	1409	689	2051	1383	0	1551	726	1748	1796	753	1892	1217	1786
GBR	861	1751	732	1770	1314	1419	0	1031	1695	1944	987	2099	1072	1633
IRL	521	574	448	836	662	748	1077	0	660	947	768	693	409	773
ITA	828	1685	725	1972	1376	1581	1392	597	0	1887	732	2622	1381	1693
NLD	1438	1567	951	3341	2036	1876	1722	901	1641	0	1122	2173	1489	2081
NZL	420	665	364	802	627	625	849	667	570	1016	0	868	458	823
USA	799	3698	889	2513	1671	1669	2065	685	2159	1973	806	0	1714	1879
POL	492	1083	388	1674	1010	987	834	312	1060	1299	344	1705	0	1368
FRA	964	1059	659	1465	977	1703	1073	632	1018	1366	506	1120	890	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	868	1059	2421	1462	1403	1708	130	1917	1576	3211	1262	1297
CHE	799	0	445	1165	740	731	768	60	773	954	948	533	495
CZE	824	316	0	1644	1089	1060	950	115	1223	1379	1456	1132	755
DEU	1915	1101	1306	0	2798	2589	2332	168	2714	3594	3238	2165	1523
DFS	1381	693	816	2070	0	1698	1683	152	1653	2261	1879	1356	1036
FRA	1076	667	656	1480	986	0	1658	122	1700	2097	1889	1426	1265
GBR	1796	740	670	1797	1338	1093	0	150	1726	1980	2167	1132	1128
ISR	94	36	88	134	113	68	109	0	145	159	173	111	108
ITA	1698	723	936	1960	1374	1033	1425	107	0	1886	2618	1444	1223
NLD	1575	951	1259	3324	2035	1389	1759	125	1638	0	2173	1607	1140
USA	3766	889	1202	2477	1671	1136	2143	168	2155	1973	0	1778	1674
POL	1141	423	925	1906	1130	950	905	80	1129	1461	1793	0	841
JPN	773	341	387	694	590	491	604	48	633	638	936	478	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	770	615	546	1226	879	920	974	883	530	76	820	1263	508	987	573	333	764	350	531
CAN	771	0	854	1038	2338	1431	1590	1367	1637	562	124	1857	1526	679	3278	1181	443	1334	743	1208
CHE	620	776	0	445	1156	741	739	724	766	435	61	770	954	423	1044	495	264	660	315	463
CZE	435	794	316	0	1639	1089	1058	1051	940	422	115	1216	1379	479	1504	1056	280	713	468	727
DEU	1250	1826	1091	1299	0	2787	2328	2552	2280	944	169	2676	3554	1010	3780	1950	558	1753	815	1443
DFS	822	1344	694	816	2057	0	1563	1688	1658	781	154	1646	2265	852	2265	1237	511	1341	654	980
ESP	990	1378	689	852	2041	1390	0	1789	1554	727	139	1745	1801	734	2210	1195	517	1234	672	1135
FRA	957	1025	656	648	1429	965	1694	0	1630	777	125	1678	2073	812	2581	1341	481	1337	607	1207
GBR	861	1709	732	662	1748	1314	1420	1067	0	1032	151	1685	1947	963	2479	1048	504	1500	691	1072
IRL	521	556	448	324	827	662	748	628	1077	0	99	657	950	758	858	398	336	775	385	459
ISR	46	87	36	88	133	113	103	67	107	78	0	144	161	112	198	105	60	115	89	107
ITA	824	1620	720	930	1919	1367	1578	1003	1387	596	107	0	1872	709	2786	1337	455	1215	689	1159
NLD	1440	1512	951	1259	3264	2037	1879	1351	1723	902	125	1626	0	1088	2735	1444	504	1541	692	1080
NZL	405	616	353	360	762	606	606	487	830	658	92	557	982	0	1126	433	353	1227	529	568
USA	879	3749	983	1224	2732	1804	1937	1412	2311	785	185	2223	2407	1064	0	1713	635	2038	1163	1981
POL	478	1033	372	815	1590	979	959	860	815	303	69	1016	1240	322	1663	0	230	786	469	

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	SVN
BEL	0	772	1224	879	920	883	530	819	1263	508	987	572	333	764	350	974	531	151
CAN	775	0	2343	1439	1597	1646	568	1863	1536	684	3291	1184	447	1342	749	1375	1213	185
DEU	1249	1835	0	2785	2327	2280	944	2674	3552	1010	3776	1944	558	1753	815	2552	1443	292
DFS	822	1354	2053	0	1563	1658	781	1644	2264	852	2264	1236	511	1341	654	1688	980	226
ESP	990	1394	2041	1390	0	1554	727	1744	1800	734	2208	1195	517	1233	672	1788	1134	212
GBR	861	1722	1748	1314	1420	0	1032	1685	1947	963	2479	1048	504	1500	690	1630	1072	183
IRL	521	564	827	662	748	1077	0	657	950	758	858	398	336	775	385	777	459	99
ITA	824	1632	1919	1366	1577	1387	596	0	1872	709	2785	1333	455	1215	689	1678	1159	226
NLD	1440	1525	3263	2036	1879	1723	902	1626	0	1088	2735	1441	504	1541	692	2073	1080	238
NZL	405	619	762	606	606	830	658	557	982	0	1126	433	353	1227	529	812	568	107
USA	879	3779	2732	1804	1937	2311	785	2223	2407	1064	0	1711	635	2038	1163	2581	1981	215
POL	478	1039	1587	978	959	815	303	1015	1240	322	1663	0	230	786	469	1341	772	222
ZAF	279	414	428	378	474	443	295	371	420	281	611	158	0	476	315	481	410	66
AUS	661	1368	1321	987	1006	1324	673	961	1341	1217	2076	575	416	0	676	1337	916	148
URY	259	711	575	452	587	558	298	509	541	429	1429	360	267	535	0	607	569	77
FRA	957	1033	1429	965	1694	1067	628	1003	1351	487	1412	860	336	914	356	0	1207	181
JPN	332	654	596	516	546	527	284	548	552	277	814	400	259	486	288	426	0	142
SVN	117	139	286	175	187	134	77	188	205	74	168	183	45	101	39	132	76	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	0	95	330
DFS	89	0	146
USA	320	133	0
NLD	26	81	70

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	0	100	152	41	163	390
DFS	93	0	174	149	155	163
GBR	151	169	0	94	220	220
NLD	36	147	88	0	83	92
NZL	164	132	225	75	0	288
USA	393	150	237	96	312	0
IRL	12	49	77	34	155	46

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	101	154	41
DFS	94	0	174	148
GBR	153	169	0	93
NLD	36	146	88	0
USA	396	150	239	96

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	97	150	40	156	391	132	226

DFS	90	0	175	149	156	212	155	165	53
GBR	147	169	0	94	220	247	175	229	75
NLD	34	147	88	0	83	105	78	78	34
NZL	154	132	225	76	0	384	211	441	137
USA	392	187	271	111	456	0	318	513	50
ZAF	130	137	177	74	221	331	0	251	42
AUS	219	135	235	71	485	557	239	0	62
IRL	12	49	77	34	155	52	43	60	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	99	151	40	158	395	134	228	13
DFS	92	0	175	149	156	212	155	165	53
GBR	149	169	0	94	220	247	175	229	75
NLD	35	147	88	0	83	105	78	78	34
NZL	158	132	225	76	0	384	211	441	137
USA	399	187	271	111	456	0	318	513	50
ZAF	133	137	177	74	221	331	0	251	42
AUS	223	135	235	71	485	557	239	0	62
IRL	12	49	77	34	155	52	43	60	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	0	10	176	7	105	6
DEU	10	0	61	15	15	9
DFS	183	52	0	128	163	55
NOR	6	14	106	0	70	40
USA	99	14	155	70	0	38
NLD	6	9	52	40	36	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	177	76	7	70	145	6	4
DEU	12	0	65	14	15	18	20	13	5
DFS	183	53	0	112	146	173	189	56	19
GBR	77	13	108	0	61	76	99	37	25
NOR	6	14	118	64	0	47	78	46	59
NZL	70	18	169	75	46	0	102	20	15
USA	139	19	184	95	78	105	0	43	29
NLD	6	13	53	36	46	20	41	0	13
IRL	4	5	14	24	58	15	29	13	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	13	178	77	7	6	146
DEU	12	0	65	15	15	13	20
DFS	184	53	0	114	134	56	190
GBR	78	14	110	0	62	38	100
NOR	6	14	110	65	0	44	78
NLD	6	13	53	37	44	0	43
USA	140	19	184	96	78	41	0

RDC

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CAN DEU DFS GBR NOR NZL USA ZAF NLD AUS IRL

CAN	0	13	173	72	7	63	171	75	6	74	4
DEU	12	0	62	14	15	17	22	3	13	44	5
DFS	179	51	0	112	134	164	215	60	56	222	19
GBR	72	13	108	0	60	71	115	45	37	81	25
NOR	6	14	110	63	0	41	84	0	44	70	59
NZL	64	17	160	69	40	0	111	38	18	138	15
USA	173	20	213	113	84	113	0	75	46	137	30
ZAF	79	3	57	42	0	36	70	0	3	45	3
NLD	6	13	53	36	44	18	44	3	0	33	13
AUS	75	42	198	80	59	138	137	46	31	0	19
IRL	4	5	14	24	58	15	30	3	13	18	0

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DFS	179	51	0	112	146	164	215	60	56	222	19
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