

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 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 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 ($=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$, with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ($=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$, with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ($=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$, 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	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	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=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:

AUS (ALL)	Decrease in information due to the data clean-up, pedigree changes, bulls' statue changes and rounding effect
FRA (ALL)	All proofs sent to MACE are now "genomic-free" single-step proofs, issued from a BLUP evaluation running on single-step preadjusted performances, as suggested as one of the methods of choice to provide unbiased "genomic-free" proofs to Interbull by the Interbull working group on this topic. In addition to these changes, unknown parent groups have been modified for all traits.
NZL (ALL)	cc2 and int: Change in model, definition of the traits, scale and heritability. New trait definition - PR42: confirmed pregnant within 6 weeks of planned start of mating (PSM), calculated from the days between PSM until date of conception (confirmed by the date of next calving) (expressed in days).
ESP (HOL)	Drop in information due to the update of national database.
DEU (HOL)	Drop in information due to the data changing, some bulls don't meet the requirements to be included in the evaluation (daughters in less than 10 herd)
CZE (HOL)	Drop in information as they trimmed 6 months of data for ccl/2 inseminations.
BEL (HOL)	Small decrease in information due to the pedigree(alias) correction and rounding effect
JPN (HOL)	Small decrease in information due to the pedigree modification
USA (HOL, JER, RDC)	Drop in information (hco, ccl, crc) due to the pedigree correction and herd-year minimum edits.
GBR (HOL, JER)	Decrease in information due to the update in data input
NLD (ALL)	Decrease in information (hco and ccl maily for RDC) due to pedigree changes /correction.
CHE (HOL)	Decrease in information due to the edits in database, and change in hys assignment.
ITA (HOL)	Drop in information (hco) due to pedigree editing.

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.

^LTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for fertility (December Routine Evaluation 2023).
Number of records for lactating cow's ability to conceive (cc2) by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS		149	8777	1867	798	
BEL			2119			
CAN	184	50	10349	655	598	
CHE	3023		3288			
CZE			3579			
DEA	4962					
DEU			25689		317	
DFS			17447	2518	10638	
ESP			6735			
EST						
FRA	443		17305			
FRM						
GBR	112	255	7694	632	471	
HUN						
IRL			3340	242	75	
ISR			1684			
ITA	1984		9491			
JPN			6673			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	222		16685	256	98	
NOR					3135	
NZL	54	50	8736	5002	1334	
POL			9216			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			1995			
USA	1207	801	42411	5368	798	
ZAF			1276	753	158	
HRV						
CAM						
No. Records	12191	1305	204489	17293	18420	
Pub. Proofs	10726	1077	159239	14327	18178	0

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

BSW hco

	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
CAN	9.62					
DEA	0.86	9.93				
FRA	0.75	0.90	0.76			
USA	0.79	0.80	0.85	2.60		
CHE	0.91	0.94	0.87	0.81	13.18	
NLD	0.80	0.68	0.76	0.76	0.71	4.52

BSW crc

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.84								
CHE	0.81	11.39							
DEA	0.77	0.95	14.99						
NLD	0.82	0.86	0.84	3.54					
NZL	0.61	0.69	0.81	0.61	0.13				
USA	0.77	0.84	0.81	0.78	0.62	8.15			
GBR	0.70	0.69	0.63	0.73	0.66	0.73	3.92		
FRA	0.81	0.97	0.96	0.85	0.69	0.85	0.73	1.70	
ITA	0.82	0.78	0.79	0.79	0.69	0.78	0.74	0.80	16.11

BSW cc1

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	7.43						
CHE	0.82	11.80					
DEA	0.79	0.95	11.44				
NLD	0.74	0.70	0.67	3.85			
USA	0.75	0.68	0.67	0.80	2.85		
GBR	0.77	0.81	0.79	0.70	0.68	0.03	
FRA	0.73	0.69	0.67	0.82	0.86	0.72	0.89

BSW cc2

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.65								
CHE	0.78	11.15							
DEA	0.76	0.93	12.30						
NLD	0.82	0.79	0.77	3.22					
NZL	0.65	0.81	0.68	0.64	0.07				
USA	0.81	0.83	0.82	0.78	0.65	2.50			
GBR	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.72	0.68	0.81	3.92		
FRA	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.82	0.66	0.84	0.79	0.89	
ITA	0.79	0.71	0.78	0.79	0.74	0.80	0.76	0.75	21.51

BSW int

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	7.32							
DEA	0.79	14.32						
NLD	0.83	0.88	3.10					
NZL	0.66	0.69	0.65	0.07				
USA	0.90	0.82	0.77	0.60	2.50			
GBR	0.82	0.71	0.81	0.68	0.82	3.92		
ITA	0.85	0.92	0.84	0.65	0.78	0.81	17.44	
SVN	0.72	0.68	0.72	0.68	0.70	0.75	0.71	19.91

GUE	crc				
	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.75				
GBR	0.73	4.79			
NZL	0.61	0.65	0.11		
USA	0.78	0.76	0.61	6.84	
AUS	0.67	0.78	0.90	0.66	6.97

GUE	cc1		
	CAN	GBR	USA
CAN	7.55		
GBR	0.77	0.03	
USA	0.81	0.73	3.45

GUE	cc2				
	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.33				
GBR	0.70	4.79			
NZL	0.63	0.68	0.07		
USA	0.84	0.80	0.67	2.83	
AUS	0.68	0.68	0.70	0.72	10.30

GUE	int				
	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	8.06				
GBR	0.82	4.79			
NZL	0.64	0.67	0.07		
USA	0.90	0.80	0.63	2.83	
AUS	0.72	0.69	0.70	0.73	10.30

HOL	hco										
	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.83										
CZE	0.77	17.70									
DEU	0.90	0.79	15.14								
DFS	0.78	0.84	0.84	13.56							
FRA	0.76	0.77	0.79	0.88	0.71						
USA	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.84	2.38					
POL	0.63	0.51	0.63	0.51	0.47	0.55	19.58				
CHE	0.96	0.79	0.93	0.78	0.78	0.86	0.54	13.63			
NLD	0.81	0.77	0.83	0.86	0.81	0.83	0.50	0.79	5.13		
ITA	0.80	0.76	0.92	0.73	0.71	0.79	0.61	0.87	0.72	0.04	
JPN	0.85	0.71	0.85	0.71	0.70	0.83	0.63	0.84	0.75	0.73	6.19

HOL	crc													
	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	FRA
BEL	4.64													
CAN	0.75	7.26												
CHE	0.80	0.83	12.31											
DEU	0.71	0.83	0.87	10.91										
DFS	0.79	0.86	0.94	0.91	11.60									
ESP	0.74	0.78	0.81	0.78	0.79	10.93								
GBR	0.89	0.74	0.77	0.71	0.79	0.73	4.58							
IRL	0.85	0.59	0.66	0.59	0.61	0.68	0.82	3.56						
ITA	0.79	0.86	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.82	0.80	0.66	7.57					
NLD	0.79	0.83	0.89	0.85	0.93	0.79	0.76	0.59	0.81	4.44				
NZL	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.59	0.64	0.60	0.65	0.58	0.71	0.57	0.09			
USA	0.74	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.78	0.78	0.59	0.79	0.78	0.61	6.86		

POL	0.74	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.84	0.80	0.73	0.65	0.95	0.79	0.67	0.76	13.54	
FRA	0.78	0.85	0.94	0.93	0.94	0.80	0.79	0.64	0.90	0.88	0.65	0.83	0.88	1.13

 HOL cc1

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN
CAN	6.68												
CHE	0.93	10.87											
CZE	0.83	0.74	17.45										
DEU	0.91	0.92	0.80	14.67									
DFS	0.75	0.69	0.86	0.78	13.17								
FRA	0.77	0.75	0.89	0.77	0.87	0.96							
GBR	0.77	0.77	0.69	0.78	0.66	0.73	0.03						
ISR	0.79	0.71	0.93	0.78	0.88	0.90	0.76	3.29					
ITA	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.93	0.71	0.76	0.79	0.80	0.05				
NLD	0.75	0.73	0.86	0.78	0.89	0.90	0.70	0.86	0.72	4.56			
USA	0.80	0.71	0.95	0.75	0.83	0.86	0.68	0.93	0.79	0.82	2.82		
POL	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.74	0.59	0.56	0.66	0.68	0.77	0.59	0.65	19.58	
JPN	0.79	0.76	0.89	0.76	0.83	0.83	0.76	0.86	0.76	0.79	0.92	0.66	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	4.64																			
CAN	0.74	6.15																		
CHE	0.82	0.90	10.98																	
CZE	0.66	0.86	0.88	17.45																
DEU	0.79	0.93	0.92	0.91	13.46															
DFS	0.81	0.84	0.88	0.83	0.94	12.84														
ESP	0.71	0.74	0.83	0.84	0.77	0.73	10.92													
FRA	0.81	0.90	0.93	0.85	0.95	0.88	0.77	0.91												
GBR	0.89	0.70	0.74	0.65	0.76	0.79	0.71	0.75	4.58											
IRL	0.84	0.75	0.83	0.70	0.79	0.76	0.73	0.82	0.82	3.57										
ISR	0.62	0.73	0.73	0.87	0.82	0.77	0.79	0.74	0.65	0.67	3.29									
ITA	0.76	0.86	0.88	0.90	0.91	0.83	0.86	0.87	0.78	0.80	0.88	14.98								
NLD	0.78	0.85	0.87	0.81	0.93	0.89	0.74	0.89	0.72	0.77	0.78	0.83	4.30							
NZL	0.69	0.63	0.76	0.75	0.65	0.63	0.75	0.65	0.67	0.73	0.72	0.79	0.63	0.06						
USA	0.80	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.76	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.90	0.65	2.36						
POL	0.80	0.71	0.73	0.62	0.70	0.71	0.69	0.72	0.81	0.77	0.62	0.80	0.69	0.67	0.78	12.31				
ZAF	0.77	0.78	0.81	0.71	0.81	0.75	0.69	0.80	0.78	0.86	0.61	0.83	0.73	0.67	0.86	0.80	15.11			
AUS	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.62	0.70	0.64	0.64	0.74	0.68	0.83	0.61	0.69	0.64	0.64	0.72	0.62	0.78	8.46		
URY	0.72	0.69	0.67	0.64	0.68	0.69	0.64	0.66	0.70	0.70	0.57	0.65	0.69	0.75	0.69	0.70	0.77	0.66	1.39	
JPN	0.83	0.82	0.85	0.77	0.85	0.85	0.72	0.84	0.86	0.85	0.69	0.87	0.77	0.66	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.71	0.70	18.25

 HOL int

	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN	SVN	
BEL	4.64																		
CAN	0.88	6.62																	
DEU	0.86	0.91	12.30																
DFS	0.90	0.91	0.95	12.75															
ESP	0.84	0.78	0.79	0.81	10.92														
GBR	0.89	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.80	4.58													
IRL	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.80	0.83	0.82	3.57												
ITA	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.88	0.85	0.87	0.83	19.47											
NLD	0.90	0.86	0.88	0.93	0.79	0.84	0.79	0.85	4.25										
NZL	0.70	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.67	0.72	0.64	0.59	0.06									
USA	0.81	0.92	0.91	0.87	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.90	0.80	0.59	2.36								
POL	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.81	0.73	0.81	0.78	0.91	0.78	0.66	0.78	12.32							
ZAF	0.79	0.84	0.85	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.87	0.86	0.78	0.67	0.87	0.84	15.11						
AUS	0.72	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.71	0.70	0.84	0.69	0.67	0.64	0.73	0.68	0.80	8.46					
URY	0.73	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.80	0.67	0.71	0.79	0.69	1.39				
FRA	0.81	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.77	0.75	0.81	0.82	0.78	0.59	0.82	0.70	0.80	0.74	0.66	0.91			
JPN	0.85	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.82	0.87	0.84	0.93	0.85	0.62	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.72	0.72	0.82	18.25		
SVN	0.88	0.75	0.77	0.83	0.75	0.79	0.76	0.81	0.81	0.64	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.76	0.76	20.05	

JER hco				
	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	8.01			
DFS	0.73	17.30		
USA	0.76	0.83	2.71	
NLD	0.82	0.82	0.71	4.71

JER crc							
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	6.92						
DFS	0.81	13.41					
GBR	0.66	0.83	3.87				
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.68	3.34			
NZL	0.58	0.67	0.65	0.55	0.08		
USA	0.77	0.82	0.78	0.76	0.65	8.31	
IRL	0.61	0.62	0.79	0.60	0.57	0.60	2.38

JER ccl					
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	7.00				
DFS	0.71	15.41			
GBR	0.78	0.67	0.03		
NLD	0.72	0.77	0.68	3.53	
USA	0.75	0.81	0.67	0.70	2.90

JER cc2									
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.79								
DFS	0.80	15.64							
GBR	0.71	0.74	3.88						
NLD	0.80	0.80	0.70	3.13					
NZL	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.05				
USA	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.75	0.68	2.64			
ZAF	0.66	0.66	0.73	0.67	0.75	0.84	11.32		
AUS	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.65	0.70	6.44	
IRL	0.75	0.74	0.76	0.75	0.66	0.76	0.78	0.72	2.38

JER int									
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.59								
DFS	0.84	15.34							
GBR	0.75	0.82	3.88						
NLD	0.80	0.83	0.76	3.06					
NZL	0.62	0.61	0.64	0.60	0.05				
USA	0.83	0.81	0.78	0.74	0.67	2.64			
ZAF	0.71	0.71	0.74	0.71	0.75	0.84	11.32		
AUS	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.63	0.69	0.72	6.44	
IRL	0.79	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.63	0.76	0.80	0.75	2.38

RDC hco						
	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	7.66					
DEU	0.89	14.40				
DFS	0.72	0.80	12.26			
NOR	0.86	0.87	0.87	16.48		
USA	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.73	2.82	
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.78	0.66	0.79	5.87

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RDC      crc
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      CAN   DEU   DFS   GBR   NOR   NZL   USA   NLD   IRL
CAN      6.53
DEU      0.83  10.12
DFS      0.84   0.90  12.67
GBR      0.77   0.71   0.69   4.16
NOR      0.84   0.81   0.85   0.62  14.09
NZL      0.68   0.60   0.56   0.69   0.58   0.11
USA      0.77   0.81   0.80   0.76   0.77   0.69   8.44
NLD      0.82   0.83   0.87   0.72   0.81   0.57   0.77   3.30
IRL      0.61   0.60   0.62   0.81   0.61   0.61   0.62   0.60   2.82
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RDC      cc1
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      CAN   DEU   DFS   GBR   NOR   NLD   USA
CAN      7.31
DEU      0.90  13.87
DFS      0.71   0.80  13.00
GBR      0.77   0.79   0.67   0.03
NOR      0.80   0.85   0.93   0.77  14.02
NLD      0.75   0.77   0.84   0.69   0.70   3.93
USA      0.82   0.75   0.77   0.68   0.73   0.79   2.80
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RDC      cc2
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      CAN   DEU   DFS   GBR   NOR   NZL   USA   ZAF   NLD   AUS   IRL
CAN      6.87
DEU      0.92  11.47
DFS      0.81   0.94  12.83
GBR      0.71   0.76   0.75   4.16
NOR      0.79   0.82   0.89   0.72  14.02
NZL      0.64   0.67   0.64   0.64   0.66   0.07
USA      0.87   0.89   0.80   0.79   0.72   0.66   2.57
ZAF      0.70   0.81   0.73   0.70   0.78   0.65   0.81  17.10
NLD      0.84   0.92   0.85   0.73   0.74   0.67   0.79   0.73   3.38
AUS      0.66   0.68   0.63   0.67   0.65   0.64   0.68   0.66   0.65   7.62
IRL      0.76   0.80   0.76   0.80   0.72   0.72   0.79   0.83   0.77   0.79   2.82
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RDC      int
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      CAN   DEU   DFS   GBR   NOR   NZL   USA   ZAF   NLD   AUS   IRL
CAN      6.62
DEU      0.90  11.28
DFS      0.88   0.94  13.16
GBR      0.82   0.85   0.81   4.16
NOR      0.77   0.77   0.69   0.70  14.09
NZL      0.69   0.63   0.60   0.67   0.63   0.07
USA      0.91   0.89   0.78   0.81   0.69   0.63   2.57
ZAF      0.80   0.85   0.76   0.74   0.82   0.65   0.82  17.10
NLD      0.86   0.88   0.91   0.82   0.77   0.61   0.78   0.78   3.11
AUS      0.71   0.71   0.68   0.70   0.70   0.64   0.71   0.73   0.67   7.62
IRL      0.81   0.82   0.78   0.80   0.70   0.71   0.78   0.85   0.78   0.81   2.82
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^LAPPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

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BSW
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
      CAN  DEA  FRA  USA  CHE  NLD
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CAN      0  102  55  106  104  32
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DEA	90	0	194	198	608	142
FRA	47	154	0	73	164	74
USA	95	158	56	0	210	53
CHE	87	514	129	175	0	101
NLD	28	133	62	49	95	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	0	123	120	39	20	137	48	74	114
CHE	104	0	620	107	30	276	66	165	466
DEA	107	515	0	158	41	245	63	203	617
NLD	34	98	144	0	24	64	36	78	131
NZL	19	24	36	18	0	21	16	21	33
USA	134	242	196	58	18	0	68	94	176
GBR	46	49	46	31	12	66	0	48	72
FRA	63	128	159	64	16	65	39	0	190
ITA	100	401	503	105	27	123	53	150	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	0	126	122	40	139	47	78
CHE	107	0	618	106	276	67	173
DEA	109	512	0	156	245	65	215
NLD	35	98	143	0	63	36	82
USA	136	242	196	58	0	69	99
GBR	46	51	48	31	68	0	53
FRA	67	135	170	69	71	45	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	0	111	107	35	15	133	45	71	102
CHE	92	0	611	107	26	331	66	173	466
DEA	95	508	0	158	35	320	63	213	613
NLD	31	98	144	0	22	86	36	82	131
NZL	14	21	32	17	0	24	13	19	28
USA	125	308	277	75	21	0	77	119	223
GBR	42	49	46	31	9	75	0	51	72
FRA	62	135	168	69	15	85	43	0	202
ITA	90	401	501	105	24	155	53	161	0

BSW

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	0	112	37	15	138	47	109	27
DEA	99	0	158	35	319	63	714	80
NLD	33	144	0	22	87	36	137	38
NZL	14	32	17	0	24	13	28	9
USA	130	277	75	21	0	77	247	34
GBR	44	46	31	9	75	0	73	17
ITA	96	633	112	24	176	53	0	78
SVN	25	76	38	9	30	14	75	0

GUE

GUE

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	0	18	3	42	18
GBR	15	0	14	56	28
NZL	2	12	0	10	26
USA	41	53	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	19	42
GBR	15	0	60
USA	41	57	0

GUE

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	86	35
NZL	1	10	0	24	22
USA	39	87	23	0	69
AUS	21	29	21	66	0

GUE

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	86	35
NZL	1	10	0	24	22
USA	39	87	23	0	69
AUS	21	29	21	66	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	1135	2358	1466	1332	3104	1448	862	1482	1950	1197
CZE	849	0	1891	1290	1235	1539	1256	501	1532	1375	842
DEU	1956	1458	0	2741	2398	3105	2431	1168	3227	2785	1369
DFS	1397	883	2130	0	1718	1839	1528	757	2302	1732	1013
FRA	1020	770	1396	1028	0	1711	1552	728	1992	1698	1150
USA	3599	1270	2542	1715	1056	0	2105	914	1990	2665	1526
POL	1347	1025	2195	1298	1098	2248	0	573	1722	1737	873
CHE	787	352	1097	712	674	852	471	0	926	791	476
NLD	1472	1330	2904	2037	1340	1803	1584	921	0	1846	1100
ITA	1748	1037	2079	1495	1066	2313	1483	742	1612	0	1196
JPN	701	384	643	552	437	840	490	310	580	595	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
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BEL	0	814	637	1277	911	958	914	549	841	1300	535	876	619	1001
CAN	817	0	895	2513	1542	1699	1740	602	1974	1637	751	3317	1338	1433
CHE	644	825	0	1210	768	769	795	457	789	982	448	978	543	743
DEU	1309	2031	1146	0	2930	2452	2381	985	2787	3738	1083	3382	2203	2641
DFS	858	1469	729	2227	0	1653	1718	815	1713	2358	907	1995	1380	1731
ESP	1028	1521	721	2178	1487	0	1613	755	1809	1897	777	2012	1344	1874
GBR	897	1823	762	1852	1377	1479	0	1081	1726	2021	1022	2210	1176	1663
IRL	539	600	469	869	694	775	1129	0	659	986	800	734	449	794
ITA	849	1762	739	2074	1471	1667	1439	608	0	1923	724	2735	1528	1695
NLD	1479	1650	981	3503	2144	1992	1806	937	1701	0	1166	2265	1617	2124
NZL	434	684	373	833	657	640	878	697	581	1053	0	910	492	842
USA	833	3907	914	2667	1812	1820	2184	728	2303	2079	854	0	1904	1916
POL	530	1223	425	1884	1136	1129	946	347	1223	1446	376	1942	0	1462
FRA	989	1106	679	1532	1025	1801	1102	650	1056	1417	518	1161	991	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	896	1072	2512	1551	1446	1770	142	1985	1643	3365	1382	1346	
CHE	826	0	441	1207	768	750	796	65	789	982	979	569	512	
CZE	834	315	0	1631	1100	1030	951	121	1230	1378	1474	1206	752	
DEU	2025	1142	1315	0	2923	2658	2406	180	2763	3724	3355	2352	1568	
DFS	1479	729	844	2210	0	1742	1746	162	1713	2358	2001	1476	1068	
FRA	1126	689	652	1549	1038	0	1692	129	1700	2143	1927	1527	1287	
GBR	1869	769	678	1877	1405	1130	0	165	1761	2042	2258	1231	1164	
ISR	101	38	94	139	124	72	122	0	152	171	196	124	121	
ITA	1775	739	965	2048	1467	1067	1480	113	0	1919	2731	1591	1236	
NLD	1659	981	1271	3481	2143	1442	1841	135	1695	0	2266	1734	1176	
USA	3965	915	1236	2631	1813	1177	2251	192	2300	2080	0	1962	1739	
POL	1280	461	1016	2120	1258	1061	1015	91	1299	1608	2026	0	886	
JPN	817	352	402	727	615	507	627	56	663	670	991	511	0	

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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	804	637	548	1269	912	958	998	916	551	80	836	1302	524	1028	609	334	780	357	547
CAN	805	0	884	1051	2442	1517	1684	1407	1711	590	138	1928	1603	708	3449	1298	445	1384	775	1240
CHE	644	808	0	441	1196	769	769	739	795	457	66	787	982	436	1074	530	263	680	327	477
CZE	437	805	315	0	1629	1100	1077	1022	941	426	121	1228	1378	484	1515	1129	272	707	472	716
DEU	1297	1941	1131	1311	0	2910	2451	2618	2367	980	180	2731	3692	1044	3902	2143	559	1811	858	1480
DFS	858	1432	730	844	2196	0	1661	1727	1723	815	164	1709	2362	887	2388	1353	512	1379	683	1008
ESP	1028	1485	721	884	2168	1494	0	1874	1616	756	144	1801	1902	761	2332	1323	517	1271	701	1167
FRA	981	1070	673	645	1493	1010	1786	0	1661	798	131	1674	2118	831	2613	1435	482	1363	619	1224
GBR	897	1781	762	674	1829	1377	1480	1095	0	1082	165	1720	2024	996	2589	1150	505	1552	738	1099
IRL	539	580	469	325	861	694	775	647	1129	0	112	658	989	794	900	435	338	807	403	477
ISR	48	96	38	94	138	124	109	70	119	85	0	152	173	121	221	117	60	121	89	115
ITA	844	1701	737	957	2017	1463	1660	1035	1435	608	114	0	1907	696	2852	1486	438	1225	710	1165
NLD	1481	1603	981	1271	3429	2145	1995	1403	1807	938	135	1685	0	1135	2831	1570	502	1579	735	1109
NZL	422	636	362	364	793	636	622	501	855	693	97	556	1022	0	1161	467	352	1263	554	581
USA	915	3956	1008	1258	2890	1948	2089	1449	2431	829	209	2346	2527	1107	0	1906	636	2107	1230	2029
POL	510	1163	409	905	1794	1104	1104	956	920	335	80	1178	1384	352	1909	0	231	838	513	812
ZAF	281	409	222	195	429	379	476	337	444	297	39	361	416	282	612	160	0	476	314	411
AUS	679	1415	607	501	1377	1028	1049	941	1373	701	78	985	1377	1256	2162	636	416	0	704	939
URY	261	729	245	321	607	468	607	362	593	315	47	527	571	455	1499	397	266	550	0	589
JPN	348	679	303	355	626	536	569	441	545	300	43	572	575	286	852	426	260	508	296	0

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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	806	1267	912	958	916	551	835	1302	524	1028	608	334	780	357	998	547	156
CAN	809	0	2447	1524	1690	1720	596	1935	1612	713	3462	1301	449	1392	781	1415	1245	199
DEU	1296	1950	0	2906	2450	2367	980	2730	3690	1044	3898	2137	559	1811	858	2618	1480	319
DFS	858	1442	2193	0	1661	1722	815	1708	2359	887	2384	1352	512	1379	683	1727	1008	239
ESP	1028	1501	2168	1494	0	1616	756	1801	1900	761	2329	1323	517	1270	701	1873	1165	230
GBR	897	1794	1829	1377	1480	0	1082	1720	2024	996	2589	1150	505	1552	737	1661	1099	195
IRL	539	588	861	694	775	1129	0	658	988	794	900	435	338	807	403	798	477	106
ITA	844	1713	2017	1463	1660	1435	608	0	1907	696	2852	1481	438	1225	710	1674	1165	242
NLD	1481	1616	3428	2144	1995	1807	938	1685	0	1135	2830	1567	502	1579	735	2117	1108	256
NZL	422	640	793	636	622	855	693	556	1022	0	1161	467	352	1263	553	831	581	112
USA	915	3985	2890	1948	2089	2431	829	2346	2527	1107	0	1904	636	2107	1230	2613	2029	228
POL	510	1169	1790	1103	1104	920	335	1177	1384	352	1909	0	231	838	513	1435	811	238
ZAF	281	416	429	379	476	444	297	361	416	282	612	160	0	476	314	482	411	67
AUS	679	1420	1377	1028	1049	1373	701	985	1377	1256	2162	636	416	0	704	1363	939	151
URY	261	735	607	468	607	593	315	527	571	455	1499	397	266	550	0	619	589	85
FRA	981	1078	1493	1010	1786	1095	647	1035	1403	501	1449	956	337	941	362	0	1224	193
JPN	348	682	626	536	569	545	300	572	575	286	852	426	260	508	296	441	0	150
SVN	122	151	311	187	204	142	83	204	222	77	183	197	47	105	44	140	79	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	0	105	347	34
DFS	101	0	157	92
USA	338	147	0	76
NLD	27	90	76	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	0	110	161	44	170	406	14
DFS	104	0	180	162	169	175	58
GBR	161	176	0	95	235	229	84
NLD	38	162	89	0	96	105	40
NZL	172	146	240	89	0	307	151
USA	409	165	249	106	333	0	46
IRL	13	54	87	39	168	48	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	110	161	44	410
DFS	104	0	183	161	174
GBR	161	179	0	98	229
NLD	38	161	93	0	104
USA	414	165	250	106	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	106	159	42	161	413	135	234	14
DFS	100	0	181	162	162	226	160	170	58
GBR	157	176	0	95	230	257	180	238	84
NLD	35	162	89	0	89	118	80	82	40
NZL	162	138	235	81	0	394	217	456	149
USA	416	204	284	123	466	0	327	528	54
ZAF	134	142	183	76	226	340	0	255	44

AUS	230	142	245	75	501	575	243	0	65
IRL	13	54	87	39	165	56	45	63	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	108	160	42	163	418	137	236	14
DFS	102	0	181	162	162	226	160	170	58
GBR	159	176	0	95	230	257	180	238	84
NLD	36	162	89	0	89	118	80	82	40
NZL	165	138	235	81	0	394	217	456	149
USA	423	204	284	123	466	0	327	528	54
ZAF	136	142	183	76	226	340	0	255	44
AUS	233	142	245	75	501	575	243	0	65
IRL	13	54	87	39	165	56	45	63	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	0	10	179	7	110	6
DEU	10	0	65	16	19	12
DFS	187	56	0	135	171	58
NOR	6	15	114	0	73	43
USA	104	18	163	73	0	39
NLD	6	12	55	43	37	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	182	81	7	73	147	6	4
DEU	12	0	70	15	16	21	21	17	5
DFS	190	58	0	122	150	189	193	61	20
GBR	82	14	118	0	68	85	108	41	26
NOR	6	15	123	72	0	50	82	48	62
NZL	74	21	184	83	49	0	109	24	15
USA	141	20	188	104	82	111	0	44	32
NLD	6	17	58	40	48	24	42	0	14
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	32	14	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	13	182	84	7	6	148
DEU	12	0	69	16	16	17	21
DFS	190	57	0	125	135	61	193
GBR	85	15	121	0	68	42	113
NOR	6	15	112	72	0	46	82
NLD	6	17	58	41	46	0	44
USA	142	20	188	109	82	42	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	13	181	76	7	68	174	77	6	76	4

DEU	12	0	67	15	16	20	23	3	17	46	5
DFS	188	56	0	122	135	176	220	62	61	229	20
GBR	76	14	118	0	67	77	123	48	41	90	26
NOR	6	15	112	71	0	43	86	0	46	73	62
NZL	68	20	172	74	42	0	118	40	22	150	15
USA	176	21	219	121	86	120	0	77	47	143	33
ZAF	81	3	59	44	0	38	72	0	3	46	3
NLD	6	17	58	40	46	22	45	3	0	38	14
AUS	78	44	206	88	62	150	145	48	36	0	21
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	33	3	14	20	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal											
common three quarter sib group above diagonal											
	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	13	181	77	7	68	174	77	6	76	4
DEU	12	0	67	15	16	20	23	3	17	46	5
DFS	188	56	0	122	150	176	220	62	61	229	20
GBR	77	14	118	0	68	77	123	48	41	90	26
NOR	6	15	123	72	0	44	86	0	48	77	62
NZL	68	20	172	74	43	0	118	40	22	150	15
USA	176	21	219	121	86	120	0	77	47	143	33
ZAF	81	3	59	44	0	38	72	0	3	46	3
NLD	6	17	58	40	48	22	45	3	0	38	14
AUS	78	44	206	88	66	150	145	48	36	0	21
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	33	3	14	20	0

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