

INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic test international evaluation for conformation traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twenty-four (24) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for conformation traits of bulls were computed from: AUS BEL CAN CHE CZE DEU DFS ESP EST FRA GBR HUN IRL ITA JPN KOR NLD NZL POL PRT SVN USA ZAF LVA Holstein data were included in this evaluation.

BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE submitted GEBVs.

ang: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
bcs: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
bde: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
cwi: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
fan: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ftl: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ftp: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
fua: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
loc: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ocs: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ofl: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ous: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ran: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rlr: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rls: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rtp: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, , CZE
ruh: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rwi: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
sta: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ude: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
usu: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

AUS (HOL) Drop in information due to pedigree verification
FRA (HOL) Changes in information due to pedigree verification
DEU (HOL) Base change
For ang, lower correlation for birth year 2021, due to the short history of the data for this new trait
ESP (HOL) For rlr and loc traits, correction of a bug caused unexpected changes in type of proof
GBR (HOL) Change in bulls' status due to re-assigning codes to bulls as more information from daughters become more available

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

No changes in Interbull procedures

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Thirteen Holstein populations sent GEBV data for up to 38 traits, while classical EBVs for the same traits were used in the analyses. Young bull GEBVs from the GEBV providers have been converted to the scales of all countries participating in classical MACE. A bull will get a MACE EBV or a GMACE EBV but not both. From those thirteen countries, National GEBVs of bulls less than seven years of age and with no classical MACE proofs were included for the breeding value prediction with a further requirement of either a MACE-PA or a GMACE-PA (for young genomic bulls with young genomic sires) being available.

The parameter-space approach is used for the GMACE genetic evaluations (Sullivan, 2016)

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

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

Sullivan, P.G. 2016. Defining a Parameter Space for GMACE. Interbull Bulletin 50, p 85-93.

VanRaden, P.M. and Sullivan, P.G. 2010. International genomic evaluation methods for dairy cattle. Gen. Sel. Evol. 42:7

Sullivan, P.G. and Jakobsen, J.H. 2012. Robust GMACE for young bulls methodology. Interbull Bulletin 45, Article 1.

Sullivan, P.G. 2012a. GMACE reliability approximation. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_rels 2013

Sullivan, P.G. 2012b. GMACE variance estimation. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_vce 2013

Sullivan, P.G. 2012c. GMACE Weighting Factors. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_gedcs 2013

Jakobsen, J.H. and Sullivan, P.G. 2013. Trait specific computation of shared reference population. Reference sharing Nov 2013

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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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 minimising the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honour 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.

Table 1. National evaluation dates in GMACE run December 2024

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20241201
DEU	20241203
DFS	20241105
ESP	20241119
FRA	20241204
GBR	20241111
ITA	20241101
NLD	20241201
HUN	20241115
POL	20241107
CZE	20241118

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for sta

BEL 1671.0
CAN 726.0 40590.0
DEU 727.0 10594.0 46869.0
DFS 651.0 6323.0 40225.0 41191.0
ESP 704.0 7410.0 41636.0 40020.0 42660.0
FRA 719.0 5519.0 37420.0 36836.0 37493.0 39217.0
GBR 683.0 34279.0 11569.0 7232.0 8354.0 6007.0 36955.0
ITA 721.0 35252.0 10549.0 6147.0 7234.0 5050.0 34621.0 36967.0
NLD 740.0 4103.0 36600.0 36125.0 36583.0 34676.0 4440.0 3477.0 38370.0
HUN 549.0 2235.0 8229.0 7780.0 8066.0 7624.0 2452.0 2220.0 7806.0 9035.0
POL 994.0 5367.0 34724.0 34691.0 34924.0 32687.0 6095.0 5171.0 31841.0 7622.0 36472.0
CZE 844.0 2100.0 2599.0 1951.0 2386.0 1949.0 2009.0 2058.0 1727.0 1426.0 2627.0 4015.0

Number of bulls in reference population for cwi

CAN 40588.0
DEU 10597.0 45652.0
DFS 6324.0 39083.0 40043.0
ESP 7412.0 40424.0 38874.0 41424.0
FRA 5520.0 36228.0 35714.0 36298.0 38005.0
GBR 34277.0 11573.0 7234.0 8357.0 6008.0 36954.0
ITA 35251.0 10553.0 6149.0 7237.0 5051.0 34621.0 36967.0
NLD 4103.0 35407.0 34995.0 35390.0 33509.0 4440.0 3477.0 37175.0
HUN 2235.0 7692.0 7269.0 7527.0 7113.0 2452.0 2220.0 7267.0 8495.0
POL 5367.0 33569.0 33600.0 33769.0 31558.0 6095.0 5171.0 30693.0 7082.0 35313.0
CZE 2100.0 2596.0 1948.0 2383.0 1946.0 2009.0 2058.0 1725.0 1425.0 2624.0 4012.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bde

CAN 40590.0
DEU 10594.0 46310.0
DFS 6323.0 39693.0 40655.0
ESP 7410.0 41078.0 39485.0 42098.0
FRA 5519.0 36888.0 36326.0 36961.0 38684.0
GBR 34279.0 11569.0 7232.0 8354.0 6007.0 36955.0
ITA 35252.0 10549.0 6147.0 7234.0 5050.0 34621.0 36967.0
NLD 4103.0 36041.0 35591.0 36023.0 34143.0 4440.0 3477.0 37809.0
HUN 2235.0 7717.0 7293.0 7552.0 7138.0 2452.0 2220.0 7292.0 8520.0
POL 5367.0 34211.0 34203.0 34409.0 32200.0 6095.0 5171.0 31326.0 7107.0 35956.0
CZE 2100.0 2598.0 1950.0 2385.0 1948.0 2009.0 2058.0 1726.0 1425.0 2626.0 4014.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ang

BEL 1579.0
CAN 720.0 39648.0
DEU 684.0 10134.0 33128.0
DFS 616.0 5876.0 27508.0 28436.0
ESP 668.0 6959.0 28793.0 27300.0 29752.0
FRA 686.0 5094.0 25711.0 25267.0 25776.0 27479.0
GBR 659.0 33843.0 10996.0 6670.0 7789.0 5468.0 36012.0
ITA 715.0 34735.0 10235.0 5841.0 6925.0 4761.0 34265.0 36409.0
NLD 680.0 3655.0 23847.0 23533.0 23847.0 23041.0 3809.0 3174.0 25151.0
HUN 512.0 2208.0 5029.0 4638.0 4862.0 4519.0 2344.0 2199.0 4462.0 5523.0
POL 957.0 4920.0 21931.0 22069.0 22175.0 21060.0 5534.0 4865.0 19156.0 4420.0 23658.0
CZE 824.0 2085.0 2520.0 1881.0 2314.0 1880.0 1997.0 2044.0 1656.0 1382.0 2552.0 3919.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ran

CAN 40589.0
DEU 10593.0 46772.0
DFS 6322.0 40128.0 41094.0
ESP 7409.0 41544.0 39928.0 42568.0

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 40591.0
DEU 10595.0 46052.0
DFS 6324.0 39474.0 40435.0
ESP 7412.0 40823.0 39264.0 41834.0
FRA 5520.0 36631.0 36105.0 36701.0 38422.0
GBR 34280.0 11570.0 7234.0 8356.0 6008.0 36956.0
ITA 35253.0 10550.0 6149.0 7236.0 5051.0 34622.0 36968.0
NLD 4103.0 35801.0 35381.0 35782.0 33903.0 4440.0 3477.0 37569.0
HUN 2235.0 7694.0 7271.0 7529.0 7115.0 2452.0 2220.0 7269.0 8497.0
POL 5367.0 33920.0 33943.0 34118.0 31910.0 6094.0 5170.0 31041.0 7084.0 35665.0
CZE 2100.0 2598.0 1950.0 2385.0 1948.0 2009.0 2058.0 1726.0 1425.0 2626.0 4014.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 40589.0
DEU 10594.0 45737.0
DFS 6323.0 39159.0 40097.0
ESP 7411.0 40507.0 38928.0 41493.0
FRA 5520.0 36324.0 35798.0 36395.0 38117.0
GBR 34278.0 11568.0 7232.0 8354.0 6008.0 36951.0
ITA 35251.0 10548.0 6147.0 7234.0 5051.0 34619.0 36965.0
NLD 4103.0 35478.0 35063.0 35460.0 33586.0 4440.0 3477.0 37245.0
HUN 2235.0 7706.0 7282.0 7541.0 7127.0 2452.0 2220.0 7281.0 8509.0
POL 5367.0 34056.0 34071.0 34254.0 32046.0 6094.0 5170.0 31176.0 7099.0 35801.0
CZE 2100.0 2598.0 1950.0 2385.0 1948.0 2009.0 2058.0 1726.0 1425.0 2626.0 4014.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 1671.0
CAN 726.0 40593.0
DEU 727.0 10596.0 46872.0
DFS 651.0 6325.0 40229.0 41195.0
ESP 704.0 7413.0 41640.0 40024.0 42664.0
FRA 719.0 5520.0 37422.0 36837.0 37495.0 39219.0
GBR 683.0 34282.0 11571.0 7235.0 8357.0 6008.0 36958.0
ITA 721.0 35255.0 10551.0 6150.0 7237.0 5051.0 34624.0 36970.0
NLD 740.0 4103.0 36601.0 36126.0 36584.0 34677.0 4440.0 3477.0 38371.0
HUN 549.0 2235.0 8229.0 7780.0 8066.0 7624.0 2452.0 2220.0 7806.0 9035.0
POL 994.0 5367.0 34723.0 34691.0 34923.0 32687.0 6094.0 5170.0 31841.0 7622.0 36471.0
CZE 844.0 2100.0 2599.0 1951.0 2386.0 1949.0 2009.0 2058.0 1727.0 1426.0 2627.0 4015.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 40591.0
DEU 10600.0 46887.0
DFS 6325.0 40232.0 41198.0
ESP 7413.0 41645.0 40024.0 42667.0
FRA 5520.0 37423.0 36838.0 37496.0 39220.0
GBR 34284.0 11581.0 7238.0 8362.0 6010.0 36653.0
ITA 35258.0 10562.0 6153.0 7242.0 5053.0 34635.0 36981.0
NLD 4101.0 36608.0 36129.0 36588.0 34679.0 4367.0 3484.0 37937.0
HUN 2235.0 8233.0 7782.0 8067.0 7626.0 2378.0 2224.0 7668.0 8772.0
POL 5369.0 34729.0 34694.0 34927.0 32690.0 6099.0 5175.0 31845.0 7625.0 36477.0
CZE 2101.0 2600.0 1952.0 2387.0 1950.0 2012.0 2061.0 1728.0 1426.0 2628.0 4018.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

CAN 40601.0
DEU 10602.0 46844.0
DFS 6325.0 40187.0 41153.0
ESP 7414.0 41602.0 39980.0 42626.0
FRA 5521.0 37378.0 36792.0 37452.0 39175.0
GBR 34289.0 11583.0 7238.0 8363.0 6011.0 36974.0
ITA 35263.0 10564.0 6153.0 7243.0 5054.0 34640.0 36987.0
NLD 4104.0 36563.0 36084.0 36545.0 34633.0 4448.0 3485.0 38335.0
HUN 2238.0 8233.0 7782.0 8067.0 7625.0 2457.0 2225.0 7807.0 9039.0
POL 5369.0 34728.0 34693.0 34926.0 32689.0 6099.0 5175.0 31844.0 7624.0 36476.0
CZE 2101.0 2600.0 1952.0 2387.0 1950.0 2012.0 2061.0 1728.0 1426.0 2628.0 4018.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ft1

BEL 1642.0
CAN 724.0 40574.0
DEU 727.0 10594.0 46866.0
DFS 651.0 6323.0 40223.0 41189.0
ESP 704.0 7410.0 41633.0 40018.0 42655.0
FRA 719.0 5519.0 37419.0 36835.0 37492.0 39216.0
GBR 668.0 34276.0 11568.0 7232.0 8353.0 6007.0 36712.0
ITA 720.0 35249.0 10548.0 6147.0 7233.0 5050.0 34617.0 36962.0
NLD 720.0 4101.0 36598.0 36123.0 36580.0 34675.0 4365.0 3476.0 37951.0
HUN 531.0 2233.0 8228.0 7779.0 8065.0 7624.0 2398.0 2219.0 7679.0 8831.0
POL 994.0 5367.0 34722.0 34690.0 34922.0 32686.0 6094.0 5170.0 31840.0 7622.0 36470.0
CZE 844.0 2100.0 2599.0 1951.0 2386.0 1949.0 2009.0 2058.0 1727.0 1426.0 2627.0 4015.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rtp

CAN 37501.0
DEU 10596.0 44581.0
DFS 6319.0 38005.0 38884.0
ESP 7408.0 39340.0 37711.0 40270.0
FRA 5515.0 35198.0 34629.0 35218.0 36939.0
GBR 32455.0 11577.0 7232.0 8357.0 6005.0 35132.0
ITA 33259.0 10559.0 6148.0 7238.0 5049.0 32815.0 34979.0
NLD 4080.0 34305.0 33850.0 34232.0 32404.0 4424.0 3461.0 35874.0
POL 5362.0 33241.0 33210.0 33378.0 31200.0 6093.0 5169.0 30306.0 34860.0
CZE 2096.0 2584.0 1937.0 2371.0 1935.0 2008.0 2056.0 1712.0 2553.0 3933.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ocs

AUS 3076.0
CAN 1235.0 40490.0
DEU 919.0 10535.0 46098.0
ESP 842.0 7385.0 40940.0 41936.0
FRA 793.0 5514.0 36746.0 36813.0 38518.0
GBR 1270.0 34198.0 11505.0 8328.0 6004.0 36860.0
ITA 1173.0 35172.0 10486.0 7211.0 5046.0 34532.0 36873.0
NLD 808.0 4095.0 35949.0 35937.0 34032.0 4429.0 3465.0 37710.0
HUN 764.0 2231.0 8227.0 8066.0 7625.0 2447.0 2215.0 7807.0 9031.0
POL 692.0 5357.0 34067.0 34265.0 32034.0 6087.0 5167.0 31199.0 7623.0 35809.0
CZE 413.0 2100.0 2597.0 2384.0 1947.0 2009.0 2058.0 1726.0 1426.0 2625.0 4013.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ous

CAN 40529.0
DEU 10544.0 46766.0
DFS 6309.0 40202.0 41162.0
ESP 7388.0 41598.0 40004.0 42614.0
FRA 5516.0 37408.0 36831.0 37478.0 39199.0
GBR 34231.0 11512.0 7217.0 8329.0 6005.0 36888.0
ITA 35204.0 10493.0 6133.0 7212.0 5047.0 34564.0 36905.0

