

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.

CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL and HUN submitted GEBVs.

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

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

CAN (HOL) Base change
CAN (HOL) Some bulls changed from official to unofficial due to change in qualification for publication
FRA (HOL) Base change
FRA (HOL) Some bulls changed from official to unofficial due to change in publication rules from breed societies
ITA (HOL) Base change
ESP (HOL) Base change
DEU (HOL) Base change
NLD (HOL) Base change
NLD (HOL) Drop in information due to introduction of DGV BLUP
BEL (HOL) Participating with MACE data due to very old data and no more qualifying young bulls

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>

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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 April 2026

Country	Date
CAN	20260401
DEU	20260408
DFS	20260204
ESP	20260320
FRA	20260408
GBR	20260312
ITA	20260302
NLD	20260401
HUN	20260318
POL	20260310
CZE	20250317

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 42055.0
DEU 11917.0 46766.0
DFS 7122.0 39626.0 40639.0
ESP 41405.0 46535.0 40408.0137053.0
FRA 5554.0 35860.0 35311.0 37524.0 37532.0
GBR 35575.0 13005.0 8177.0 37935.0 6062.0 38476.0
ITA 36600.0 11958.0 7112.0 37612.0 5093.0 36072.0 38213.0
NLD 4123.0 34931.0 34455.0 36689.0 33033.0 4470.0 3486.0 36692.0
HUN 2243.0 7713.0 7315.0 8455.0 7119.0 2464.0 2226.0 7271.0 8505.0
POL 4875.0 32316.0 32145.0 33895.0 30724.0 5375.0 4401.0 30155.0 7087.0 33909.0
CZE 2322.0 2805.0 2071.0 4203.0 1955.0 2277.0 2276.0 1728.0 1430.0 2557.0 4254.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 42053.0
DEU 11916.0 46451.0
DFS 7122.0 39319.0 40310.0
ESP 41403.0 46220.0 40079.0135631.0
FRA 5554.0 35553.0 35011.0 37219.0 37227.0
GBR 35573.0 13003.0 8176.0 37930.0 6062.0 38471.0
ITA 36598.0 11956.0 7111.0 37609.0 5093.0 36069.0 38210.0
NLD 4123.0 34608.0 34144.0 36365.0 32716.0 4470.0 3486.0 36368.0
HUN 2243.0 7725.0 7326.0 8467.0 7131.0 2464.0 2226.0 7283.0 8517.0
POL 4875.0 32452.0 32266.0 34031.0 30860.0 5375.0 4401.0 30290.0 7102.0 34045.0
CZE 2322.0 2805.0 2071.0 4203.0 1955.0 2277.0 2276.0 1728.0 1430.0 2557.0 4254.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

CAN 42057.0
DEU 11918.0 47587.0
DFS 7123.0 40349.0 41367.0
ESP 41407.0 47356.0 41136.0140151.0
FRA 5554.0 36652.0 36014.0 38322.0 38330.0
GBR 35577.0 13007.0 8179.0 37938.0 6063.0 38479.0
ITA 36602.0 11960.0 7114.0 37615.0 5094.0 36075.0 38216.0
NLD 4124.0 35733.0 35168.0 37493.0 33808.0 4472.0 3488.0 37496.0
HUN 2243.0 8248.0 7804.0 8992.0 7628.0 2464.0 2226.0 7808.0 9043.0
POL 4875.0 33120.0 32861.0 34701.0 31502.0 5376.0 4402.0 30956.0 7625.0 34716.0
CZE 2322.0 2806.0 2072.0 4204.0 1956.0 2277.0 2276.0 1729.0 1431.0 2558.0 4255.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 42069.0
DEU 11927.0 47616.0
DFS 7127.0 40356.0 41375.0
ESP 41409.0 47376.0 41140.0133828.0
FRA 5554.0 36651.0 36012.0 38321.0 38329.0
GBR 35591.0 13026.0 8186.0 37623.0 6063.0 38178.0
ITA 36617.0 11978.0 7120.0 37629.0 5094.0 36100.0 38242.0
NLD 4121.0 35738.0 35169.0 37059.0 33807.0 4398.0 3491.0 37062.0
HUN 2241.0 8250.0 7804.0 8727.0 7629.0 2389.0 2228.0 7669.0 8778.0
POL 4876.0 33124.0 32863.0 34705.0 31502.0 5380.0 4405.0 30958.0 7626.0 34720.0
CZE 2326.0 2808.0 2073.0 4207.0 1956.0 2281.0 2280.0 1729.0 1431.0 2559.0 4259.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

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CAN 42079.0
DEU 11929.0 47573.0
DFS 7128.0 40312.0 41332.0
ESP 41419.0 47333.0 41097.0139989.0
FRA 5554.0 36605.0 35966.0 38275.0 38283.0
GBR 35596.0 13028.0 8187.0 37958.0 6063.0 38513.0
ITA 36622.0 11980.0 7121.0 37635.0 5094.0 36105.0 38248.0
NLD 4124.0 35693.0 35124.0 37457.0 33761.0 4478.0 3492.0 37460.0
HUN 2244.0 8250.0 7804.0 8994.0 7628.0 2467.0 2229.0 7808.0 9045.0
POL 4876.0 33123.0 32862.0 34704.0 31501.0 5380.0 4405.0 30957.0 7625.0 34719.0
CZE 2326.0 2808.0 2073.0 4207.0 1956.0 2281.0 2280.0 1729.0 1431.0 2559.0 4259.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ft1
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CAN 42038.0
DEU 11916.0 47580.0
DFS 7121.0 40342.0 41360.0
ESP 41388.0 47349.0 41129.0135206.0
FRA 5554.0 36649.0 36011.0 38319.0 38327.0
GBR 35571.0 13003.0 8175.0 37689.0 6062.0 38230.0
ITA 36596.0 11956.0 7110.0 37606.0 5093.0 36067.0 38207.0
NLD 4121.0 35728.0 35164.0 37071.0 33805.0 4395.0 3485.0 37074.0
HUN 2241.0 8247.0 7803.0 8788.0 7628.0 2410.0 2225.0 7681.0 8839.0
POL 4875.0 33118.0 32859.0 34699.0 31500.0 5375.0 4401.0 30954.0 7625.0 34714.0
CZE 2322.0 2806.0 2072.0 4204.0 1956.0 2277.0 2276.0 1729.0 1431.0 2558.0 4255.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      rtp
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CAN 38959.0
DEU 11922.0 45304.0
DFS 7121.0 38182.0 39116.0
ESP 38300.0 45064.0 38881.0112895.0
FRA 5548.0 34421.0 33852.0 36037.0 36045.0
GBR 33741.0 13021.0 8180.0 36100.0 6057.0 36655.0
ITA 34597.0 11974.0 7115.0 35606.0 5089.0 34259.0 36219.0
NLD 4100.0 33431.0 32944.0 34992.0 31529.0 4454.0 3468.0 34995.0
POL 4869.0 31633.0 31416.0 33086.0 30010.0 5373.0 4399.0 29416.0 33099.0
CZE 2321.0 2792.0 2058.0 4122.0 1941.0 2276.0 2275.0 1713.0 2484.0 4174.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ocs
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AUS 3083.0
CAN 1238.0 41937.0
DEU 924.0 11855.0 46810.0
ESP 3082.0 41299.0 46580.0136756.0
FRA 789.0 5547.0 35977.0 37628.0 37636.0
GBR 1241.0 35483.0 12937.0 37833.0 6058.0 38366.0
ITA 1179.0 36503.0 11890.0 37508.0 5088.0 35967.0 38094.0
NLD 804.0 4115.0 35081.0 36832.0 33164.0 4459.0 3474.0 36835.0
HUN 767.0 2238.0 8245.0 8987.0 7629.0 2458.0 2220.0 7809.0 9038.0
POL 687.0 4864.0 32463.0 34038.0 30850.0 5366.0 4396.0 30315.0 7625.0 34053.0
CZE 416.0 2322.0 2804.0 4202.0 1954.0 2277.0 2276.0 1728.0 1431.0 2556.0 4253.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ous
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CAN 41978.0
DEU 11867.0 47480.0
DFS 7102.0 40321.0 41326.0
ESP 41340.0 47250.0 41099.0139106.0
FRA 5549.0 36637.0 36006.0 38300.0 38308.0
GBR 35518.0 12948.0 8156.0 37867.0 6059.0 38400.0
ITA 36538.0 11901.0 7090.0 37545.0 5089.0 36003.0 38131.0
NLD 4117.0 35714.0 35166.0 37469.0 33796.0 4461.0 3476.0 37472.0
HUN 2238.0 8245.0 7804.0 8987.0 7629.0 2458.0 2220.0 7809.0 9038.0

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POL	4866.0	33102.0	32854.0	34679.0	31489.0	5367.0	4397.0	30945.0	7625.0	34694.0	
CZE	2322.0	2806.0	2072.0	4204.0	1956.0	2277.0	2276.0	1729.0	1431.0	2558.0	4255.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ofl

CAN	41830.0										
DEU	11869.0	46841.0									
DFS	7102.0	39751.0	40754.0								
ESP	41192.0	46611.0	40527.0	127779.0							
FRA	5549.0	35998.0	35437.0	37650.0	37658.0						
GBR	35395.0	12950.0	8156.0	37414.0	6059.0	37947.0					
ITA	36416.0	11903.0	7090.0	37421.0	5089.0	35881.0	38007.0				
NLD	4115.0	35102.0	34612.0	36391.0	33184.0	4382.0	3476.0	36394.0			
HUN	2236.0	8243.0	7802.0	8719.0	7628.0	2381.0	2220.0	7668.0	8770.0		
POL	4866.0	32484.0	32296.0	34060.0	30871.0	5367.0	4397.0	30336.0	7624.0	34075.0	
CZE	2322.0	2804.0	2070.0	4202.0	1954.0	2277.0	2276.0	1728.0	1431.0	2556.0	4253.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

CAN	37112.0										
DEU	11791.0	42671.0									
DFS	7049.0	35974.0	36815.0								
ESP	36525.0	42444.0	36602.0	102204.0							
FRA	5495.0	32211.0	31685.0	33740.0	33748.0						
GBR	34254.0	12876.0	8108.0	36254.0	6013.0	36784.0					
ITA	34984.0	11826.0	7044.0	35969.0	5043.0	34739.0	36552.0				
NLD	4076.0	31420.0	30991.0	32604.0	29550.0	4348.0	3446.0	32607.0			
CZE	2311.0	2769.0	2038.0	4076.0	1923.0	2268.0	2264.0	1696.0	4126.0		
HUN	2230.0	6530.0	6169.0	6992.0	5976.0	2372.0	2215.0	5950.0	1402.0	7041.0	
POL	4818.0	28627.0	28464.0	29955.0	27044.0	5323.0	4354.0	26618.0	2444.0	5906.0	29960.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

DEU	36248.0										
FRA	26226.0	27612.0									
GBR	12616.0	5871.0	34918.0								
ITA	11635.0	4991.0	32669.0	34619.0							
NLD	25188.0	23589.0	4383.0	3429.0	26823.0						
CZE	2754.0	1915.0	2249.0	2249.0	1692.0	3992.0					
CAN	11690.0	5410.0	32286.0	33227.0	4018.0	2301.0	37022.0				
ESP	36028.0	27604.0	34393.0	34045.0	26820.0	3941.0	36385.0	97583.0			
HUN	7283.0	6715.0	2446.0	2210.0	6839.0	1416.0	2228.0	8009.0	8058.0		
POL	27041.0	25459.0	5214.0	4310.0	24979.0	2371.0	4726.0	28327.0	6704.0	28339.0	