

## 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:

CAN (HOL) Base change  
DFS (HOL) Cahnge in status of bulls  
FRA (HOL) Base change  
ITA (HOL) Cut off one year of data and base change  
DEU (HOL) Base change  
BEL (HOL) Base change  
ESP (HOL) Exclusion from national genomic evaluation of candidates and culled bulls older than 2 years old.  
Reduction in reliability due to reduction of parent average's reliability

## 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 2021

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20210401
DEU	20210407
DFS	20210302
ESP	20210319
FRA	20210407
GBR	20210309
ITA	20210311
NLD	20210401
HUN	20210317
POL	20210407
CZE	20210318

Table 2.

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Number of bulls in reference population for            sta  
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BEL 1715.0  
CAN 748.0 37569.0  
DEU 721.0 6717.0 41385.0  
DFS 630.0 4438.0 37003.0 37948.0  
ESP 694.0 4841.0 37731.0 37002.0 38529.0  
FRA 709.0 3996.0 34617.0 34131.0 34671.0 36377.0  
GBR 682.0 31321.0 6945.0 4657.0 5055.0 4081.0 33474.0  
ITA 730.0 31249.0 5805.0 3537.0 3974.0 3187.0 30059.0 31748.0  
NLD 742.0 4048.0 36264.0 35777.0 36273.0 34167.0 4299.0 3228.0 38163.0  
HUN 498.0 1882.0 7619.0 7218.0 7473.0 7082.0 1941.0 1766.0 7379.0 8175.0  
POL 1017.0 4395.0 32360.0 32229.0 32531.0 30292.0 4277.0 3420.0 31678.0 7235.0 34298.0  
CZE 840.0 1515.0 1945.0 1623.0 1815.0 1653.0 1448.0 1304.0 1692.0 1233.0 2382.0 3324.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for            cwi  
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CAN 37564.0  
DEU 6718.0 40168.0  
DFS 4439.0 35796.0 36733.0  
ESP 4842.0 36518.0 35792.0 37302.0  
FRA 3996.0 33426.0 32947.0 33477.0 35173.0  
GBR 31316.0 6947.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33470.0  
ITA 31247.0 5807.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30058.0 31747.0  
NLD 4049.0 35074.0 34585.0 35082.0 33002.0 4300.0 3229.0 36971.0  
HUN 1882.0 7083.0 6680.0 6935.0 6572.0 1941.0 1766.0 6841.0 7636.0  
POL 4395.0 31207.0 31075.0 31377.0 29165.0 4277.0 3420.0 30532.0 6696.0 33142.0  
CZE 1515.0 1942.0 1620.0 1812.0 1650.0 1448.0 1304.0 1690.0 1232.0 2379.0 3321.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for            bde  
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CAN 37570.0  
DEU 6718.0 40827.0  
DFS 4439.0 36445.0 37386.0  
ESP 4842.0 37174.0 36443.0 37970.0  
FRA 3996.0 34085.0 33598.0 34139.0 35844.0  
GBR 31322.0 6946.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33475.0  
ITA 31250.0 5806.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30060.0 31749.0  
NLD 4049.0 35706.0 35217.0 35714.0 33634.0 4300.0 3229.0 37603.0  
HUN 1882.0 7108.0 6705.0 6960.0 6597.0 1941.0 1766.0 6866.0 7661.0  
POL 4395.0 31847.0 31714.0 32016.0 29805.0 4277.0 3420.0 31163.0 6721.0 33782.0  
CZE 1515.0 1944.0 1622.0 1814.0 1652.0 1448.0 1304.0 1691.0 1232.0 2381.0 3323.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for            ang  
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BEL 1647.0  
CAN 745.0 37123.0  
DEU 711.0 6711.0 37614.0  
DFS 623.0 4432.0 33266.0 34201.0  
ESP 684.0 4835.0 33966.0 33260.0 34742.0  
FRA 699.0 3989.0 30931.0 30473.0 30980.0 32674.0  
GBR 661.0 31302.0 6937.0 4649.0 5047.0 4072.0 32702.0  
ITA 728.0 31055.0 5798.0 3530.0 3967.0 3179.0 30044.0 31548.0  
NLD 709.0 4039.0 32524.0 32057.0 32531.0 30509.0 4209.0 3220.0 33954.0  
HUN 489.0 1875.0 4551.0 4169.0 4397.0 4093.0 1932.0 1758.0 4303.0 5062.0  
POL 1006.0 4388.0 28658.0 28546.0 28822.0 26672.0 4267.0 3410.0 27984.0 4160.0 30583.0  
CZE 831.0 1511.0 1904.0 1588.0 1774.0 1614.0 1444.0 1297.0 1652.0 1194.0 2338.0 3273.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for            ran  
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CAN 37568.0  
DEU 6716.0 41288.0  
DFS 4437.0 36906.0 37851.0  
ESP 4840.0 37639.0 36910.0 38437.0



Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 37569.0  
DEU 6718.0 40568.0  
DFS 4439.0 36192.0 37131.0  
ESP 4842.0 36916.0 36188.0 37706.0  
FRA 3996.0 33826.0 33344.0 33878.0 35581.0  
GBR 31321.0 6947.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33475.0  
ITA 31249.0 5807.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30060.0 31749.0  
NLD 4049.0 35465.0 34976.0 35472.0 33393.0 4300.0 3229.0 37362.0  
HUN 1882.0 7085.0 6682.0 6937.0 6574.0 1941.0 1766.0 6843.0 7638.0  
POL 4395.0 31556.0 31423.0 31725.0 29514.0 4277.0 3420.0 30877.0 6698.0 33491.0  
CZE 1515.0 1944.0 1622.0 1814.0 1652.0 1448.0 1304.0 1691.0 1232.0 2381.0 3323.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 37569.0  
DEU 6718.0 40255.0  
DFS 4439.0 35874.0 36786.0  
ESP 4842.0 36603.0 35844.0 37367.0  
FRA 3996.0 33520.0 33033.0 33573.0 35276.0  
GBR 31321.0 6946.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33472.0  
ITA 31249.0 5806.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30059.0 31748.0  
NLD 4049.0 35143.0 34653.0 35151.0 33077.0 4300.0 3229.0 37039.0  
HUN 1882.0 7098.0 6695.0 6950.0 6587.0 1941.0 1766.0 6856.0 7651.0  
POL 4395.0 31693.0 31560.0 31862.0 29651.0 4277.0 3420.0 31013.0 6713.0 33628.0  
CZE 1515.0 1944.0 1622.0 1814.0 1652.0 1448.0 1304.0 1691.0 1232.0 2381.0 3323.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 1716.0  
CAN 748.0 37571.0  
DEU 721.0 6718.0 41385.0  
DFS 630.0 4439.0 37003.0 37948.0  
ESP 694.0 4842.0 37731.0 37002.0 38529.0  
FRA 709.0 3996.0 34616.0 34130.0 34670.0 36376.0  
GBR 682.0 31323.0 6946.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33476.0  
ITA 730.0 31251.0 5806.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30061.0 31750.0  
NLD 742.0 4049.0 36264.0 35777.0 36273.0 34166.0 4300.0 3229.0 38163.0  
HUN 498.0 1882.0 7618.0 7217.0 7472.0 7081.0 1941.0 1766.0 7378.0 8174.0  
POL 1017.0 4395.0 32358.0 32227.0 32529.0 30290.0 4277.0 3420.0 31676.0 7234.0 34296.0  
CZE 840.0 1515.0 1945.0 1623.0 1815.0 1653.0 1448.0 1304.0 1692.0 1233.0 2382.0 3324.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 37562.0  
DEU 6717.0 41383.0  
DFS 4438.0 37001.0 37946.0  
ESP 4841.0 37729.0 37000.0 38527.0  
FRA 3996.0 34616.0 34130.0 34670.0 36376.0  
GBR 31316.0 6945.0 4657.0 5055.0 4081.0 32725.0  
ITA 31248.0 5805.0 3537.0 3974.0 3187.0 30058.0 31747.0  
NLD 4045.0 36262.0 35775.0 36271.0 34166.0 4217.0 3227.0 37706.0  
HUN 1882.0 7619.0 7218.0 7473.0 7082.0 1941.0 1766.0 7379.0 8175.0  
POL 4395.0 32358.0 32227.0 32529.0 30291.0 4277.0 3420.0 31676.0 7235.0 34296.0  
CZE 1515.0 1945.0 1623.0 1815.0 1653.0 1448.0 1304.0 1692.0 1233.0 2382.0 3324.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ftp  
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CAN 37571.0  
DEU 6719.0 41341.0  
DFS 4439.0 36957.0 37902.0  
ESP 4843.0 37687.0 36957.0 38485.0  
FRA 3996.0 34570.0 34084.0 34625.0 36330.0  
GBR 31323.0 6948.0 4658.0 5057.0 4081.0 33477.0  
ITA 31251.0 5808.0 3538.0 3976.0 3187.0 30062.0 31751.0  
NLD 4049.0 36218.0 35731.0 36228.0 34120.0 4300.0 3229.0 38117.0  
HUN 1882.0 7618.0 7217.0 7472.0 7081.0 1941.0 1766.0 7378.0 8174.0  
POL 4395.0 32358.0 32227.0 32529.0 30290.0 4277.0 3420.0 31676.0 7234.0 34296.0  
CZE 1515.0 1945.0 1623.0 1815.0 1653.0 1448.0 1304.0 1692.0 1233.0 2382.0 3324.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ft1  
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BEL 1680.0  
CAN 745.0 37552.0  
DEU 721.0 6719.0 41386.0  
DFS 630.0 4438.0 37001.0 37946.0  
ESP 694.0 4843.0 37731.0 37000.0 38529.0  
FRA 709.0 3996.0 34616.0 34130.0 34670.0 36376.0  
GBR 662.0 31318.0 6948.0 4657.0 5057.0 4081.0 32728.0  
ITA 729.0 31250.0 5808.0 3537.0 3976.0 3187.0 30061.0 31750.0  
NLD 719.0 4045.0 36262.0 35775.0 36271.0 34166.0 4217.0 3227.0 37706.0  
HUN 498.0 1882.0 7619.0 7218.0 7473.0 7082.0 1941.0 1766.0 7379.0 8175.0  
POL 1017.0 4395.0 32358.0 32227.0 32529.0 30291.0 4277.0 3420.0 31676.0 7235.0 34296.0  
CZE 840.0 1515.0 1945.0 1623.0 1815.0 1653.0 1448.0 1304.0 1692.0 1233.0 2382.0 3324.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for rtp  
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CAN 34468.0  
DEU 6714.0 39078.0  
DFS 4433.0 34698.0 35550.0  
ESP 4838.0 35425.0 34614.0 36138.0  
FRA 3990.0 32389.0 31853.0 32390.0 34094.0  
GBR 29486.0 6943.0 4652.0 5052.0 4075.0 31632.0  
ITA 29405.0 5804.0 3533.0 3972.0 3182.0 28393.0 29901.0  
NLD 4025.0 33959.0 33421.0 33914.0 31890.0 4276.0 3205.0 35654.0  
POL 4388.0 30870.0 30681.0 30986.0 28800.0 4270.0 3414.0 30137.0 32679.0  
CZE 1510.0 1929.0 1608.0 1799.0 1638.0 1443.0 1299.0 1676.0 2307.0 3239.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ocs  
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AUS 2900.0  
CAN 1074.0 37538.0  
DEU 781.0 6714.0 40724.0  
ESP 727.0 4839.0 37073.0 37858.0  
FRA 714.0 3994.0 33956.0 34007.0 35701.0  
GBR 1214.0 31294.0 6944.0 5054.0 4080.0 33448.0  
ITA 865.0 31226.0 5804.0 3973.0 3186.0 30037.0 31726.0  
NLD 767.0 4048.0 35635.0 35643.0 33537.0 4299.0 3228.0 37529.0  
HUN 601.0 1882.0 7619.0 7473.0 7082.0 1941.0 1766.0 7379.0 8175.0  
POL 659.0 4392.0 31719.0 31890.0 29652.0 4275.0 3418.0 31049.0 7235.0 33656.0  
CZE 374.0 1515.0 1943.0 1813.0 1651.0 1448.0 1304.0 1691.0 1233.0 2380.0 3322.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ous  
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CAN 37569.0  
DEU 6718.0 41384.0  
DFS 4439.0 37002.0 37947.0  
ESP 4842.0 37730.0 37001.0 38528.0  
FRA 3996.0 34615.0 34129.0 34669.0 36372.0  
GBR 31321.0 6946.0 4658.0 5056.0 4081.0 33469.0  
ITA 31249.0 5806.0 3538.0 3975.0 3187.0 30059.0 31748.0

