

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  
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ocs: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE  
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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) ous: update of genotypes  
FRA (HOL) Proofs and reliability calculated with the single step methodology (HSSGBLUP) developed by INRAE. A new software for the count of daughters and herds has also been developed by Geneval. Principles stayed the same than before but pedigree corrections have been made. Other information concerning publication can have been changed  
ESP (HOL) Change in genetic base for ran and fua in line with changes in MACE  
GBR (HOL) Updates in genotypes and data update

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 December 2022

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20221201
DEU	20221206
DFS	20221101
ESP	20221115
FRA	20221206
GBR	20221109
ITA	20221111
NLD	20221201
HUN	20211122
POL	20221109
CZE	20221121

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for sta

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BEL 1670.0
CAN 723.0 39091.0
DEU 726.0 8688.0 44118.0
DFS 634.0 5348.0 38512.0 39475.0
ESP 701.0 6409.0 39832.0 38698.0 40942.0
FRA 710.0 4032.0 34725.0 34197.0 34810.0 36452.0
GBR 682.0 32864.0 9237.0 5833.0 6981.0 4121.0 35014.0
ITA 717.0 33624.0 8171.0 4808.0 5878.0 3300.0 32829.0 34622.0
NLD 740.0 4107.0 36575.0 35940.0 36565.0 34236.0 4450.0 3465.0 38367.0
HUN 549.0 2223.0 8205.0 7665.0 8051.0 7283.0 2439.0 2204.0 7807.0 9024.0
POL 994.0 4776.0 33513.0 33222.0 33860.0 30337.0 5166.0 4210.0 31844.0 7627.0 35251.0
CZE 842.0 1770.0 2258.0 1811.0 2111.0 1671.0 1717.0 1711.0 1710.0 1399.0 2501.0 3632.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      cwi
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CAN 39086.0
DEU 8688.0 42897.0
DFS 5349.0 37302.0 38258.0
ESP 6410.0 38617.0 37487.0 39714.0
FRA 4032.0 33531.0 33010.0 33614.0 35245.0
GBR 32859.0 9238.0 5835.0 6983.0 4121.0 35010.0
ITA 33619.0 8172.0 4810.0 5880.0 3300.0 32825.0 34618.0
NLD 4107.0 35381.0 34744.0 35371.0 33068.0 4450.0 3465.0 37171.0
HUN 2223.0 7668.0 7126.0 7512.0 6772.0 2439.0 2204.0 7268.0 8484.0
POL 4776.0 32357.0 32065.0 32704.0 29207.0 5166.0 4210.0 30695.0 7087.0 34091.0
CZE 1770.0 2255.0 1808.0 2108.0 1668.0 1717.0 1711.0 1708.0 1398.0 2498.0 3629.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      bde
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CAN 39091.0
DEU 8688.0 43559.0
DFS 5348.0 37953.0 38912.0
ESP 6409.0 39274.0 38138.0 40382.0
FRA 4032.0 34193.0 33664.0 34278.0 35919.0
GBR 32864.0 9237.0 5833.0 6981.0 4121.0 35014.0
ITA 33624.0 8171.0 4808.0 5878.0 3300.0 32829.0 34622.0
NLD 4107.0 36016.0 35379.0 36005.0 33703.0 4450.0 3465.0 37806.0
HUN 2223.0 7693.0 7151.0 7537.0 6797.0 2439.0 2204.0 7293.0 8509.0
POL 4776.0 33000.0 32707.0 33345.0 29850.0 5166.0 4210.0 31329.0 7112.0 34735.0
CZE 1770.0 2257.0 1810.0 2110.0 1670.0 1717.0 1711.0 1709.0 1398.0 2500.0 3631.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ang
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BEL 1618.0
CAN 720.0 38646.0
DEU 716.0 8683.0 40328.0
DFS 627.0 5344.0 34756.0 35709.0
ESP 691.0 6405.0 36049.0 34938.0 37137.0
FRA 700.0 4025.0 31037.0 30538.0 31118.0 32747.0
GBR 662.0 32847.0 9230.0 5827.0 6975.0 4112.0 34698.0
ITA 715.0 33424.0 8165.0 4803.0 5873.0 3292.0 32810.0 34416.0
NLD 707.0 4097.0 32832.0 32218.0 32821.0 30576.0 4360.0 3456.0 34166.0
HUN 517.0 2213.0 5136.0 4616.0 4974.0 4294.0 2353.0 2195.0 4590.0 5643.0
POL 983.0 4769.0 29810.0 29539.0 30151.0 26715.0 5156.0 4200.0 28149.0 4552.0 31534.0
CZE 833.0 1766.0 2218.0 1777.0 2071.0 1633.0 1713.0 1704.0 1671.0 1361.0 2458.0 3582.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ran
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CAN 39090.0
DEU 8687.0 44021.0
DFS 5347.0 38415.0 39378.0
ESP 6408.0 39740.0 38606.0 40850.0
FRA 4032.0 34630.0 34102.0 34720.0 36357.0
GBR 32863.0 9236.0 5832.0 6980.0 4121.0 35013.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for fua  
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CAN 39091.0  
DEU 8688.0 43299.0  
DFS 5349.0 37700.0 38658.0  
ESP 6410.0 39016.0 37884.0 40119.0  
FRA 4032.0 33934.0 33410.0 34017.0 35656.0  
GBR 32864.0 9237.0 5834.0 6982.0 4121.0 35014.0  
ITA 33624.0 8171.0 4809.0 5879.0 3300.0 32829.0 34622.0  
NLD 4107.0 35775.0 35138.0 35763.0 33462.0 4450.0 3465.0 37565.0  
HUN 2223.0 7670.0 7128.0 7514.0 6774.0 2439.0 2204.0 7270.0 8486.0  
POL 4776.0 32709.0 32416.0 33054.0 29559.0 5166.0 4210.0 31043.0 7089.0 34444.0  
CZE 1770.0 2257.0 1810.0 2110.0 1670.0 1717.0 1711.0 1709.0 1398.0 2500.0 3631.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ruh  
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CAN 39090.0  
DEU 8688.0 42987.0  
DFS 5348.0 37382.0 38312.0  
ESP 6409.0 38703.0 37539.0 39779.0  
FRA 4032.0 33628.0 33099.0 33712.0 35351.0  
GBR 32863.0 9237.0 5833.0 6981.0 4121.0 35011.0  
ITA 33623.0 8171.0 4808.0 5878.0 3300.0 32828.0 34621.0  
NLD 4107.0 35453.0 34815.0 35442.0 33146.0 4450.0 3465.0 37242.0  
HUN 2223.0 7682.0 7140.0 7526.0 6786.0 2439.0 2204.0 7282.0 8498.0  
POL 4776.0 32846.0 32553.0 33191.0 29696.0 5166.0 4210.0 31179.0 7104.0 34581.0  
CZE 1770.0 2257.0 1810.0 2110.0 1670.0 1717.0 1711.0 1709.0 1398.0 2500.0 3631.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ruw  
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Number of bulls in reference population for usu  
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BEL 1670.0  
CAN 723.0 39094.0  
DEU 726.0 8690.0 44119.0  
DFS 634.0 5350.0 38512.0 39476.0  
ESP 701.0 6412.0 39833.0 38699.0 40944.0  
FRA 710.0 4032.0 34724.0 34196.0 34809.0 36451.0  
GBR 682.0 32867.0 9239.0 5835.0 6984.0 4121.0 35017.0  
ITA 717.0 33627.0 8173.0 4810.0 5881.0 3300.0 32832.0 34625.0  
NLD 740.0 4107.0 36574.0 35939.0 36564.0 34235.0 4450.0 3465.0 38366.0  
HUN 549.0 2223.0 8204.0 7664.0 8050.0 7282.0 2439.0 2204.0 7806.0 9023.0  
POL 994.0 4776.0 33511.0 33220.0 33858.0 30335.0 5166.0 4210.0 31842.0 7626.0 35249.0  
CZE 842.0 1770.0 2258.0 1811.0 2111.0 1671.0 1717.0 1711.0 1710.0 1399.0 2501.0 3632.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ude  
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CAN 39084.0  
DEU 8687.0 44115.0  
DFS 5347.0 38509.0 39472.0  
ESP 6408.0 39829.0 38695.0 40939.0  
FRA 4032.0 34724.0 34196.0 34809.0 36451.0  
GBR 32860.0 9236.0 5832.0 6980.0 4121.0 34720.0  
ITA 33620.0 8170.0 4807.0 5877.0 3300.0 32826.0 34618.0  
NLD 4103.0 36572.0 35937.0 36562.0 34235.0 4368.0 3463.0 37920.0  
HUN 2220.0 8204.0 7664.0 8050.0 7283.0 2362.0 2203.0 7666.0 8756.0  
POL 4776.0 33512.0 33221.0 33859.0 30336.0 5166.0 4210.0 31843.0 7627.0 35250.0  
CZE 1770.0 2258.0 1811.0 2111.0 1671.0 1717.0 1711.0 1710.0 1399.0 2501.0 3632.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ftp  
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POL	4771.0	33499.0	33219.0	33843.0	30324.0	5163.0	4207.0	31832.0	7627.0	35233.0	
CZE	1770.0	2258.0	1811.0	2111.0	1671.0	1717.0	1711.0	1710.0	1399.0	2501.0	3632.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for ofl  
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CAN	38900.0										
DEU	8659.0	43396.0									
DFS	5343.0	37869.0	38824.0								
ESP	6397.0	39167.0	38057.0	40257.0							
FRA	4030.0	34071.0	33558.0	34151.0	35780.0						
GBR	32707.0	9201.0	5829.0	6969.0	4120.0	34550.0					
ITA	33467.0	8134.0	4803.0	5864.0	3298.0	32663.0	34452.0				
NLD	4099.0	35943.0	35324.0	35937.0	33611.0	4360.0	3455.0	37263.0			
HUN	2216.0	8200.0	7662.0	8048.0	7282.0	2357.0	2198.0	7665.0	8750.0		
POL	4771.0	32879.0	32600.0	33225.0	29704.0	5163.0	4207.0	31221.0	7626.0	34612.0	
CZE	1770.0	2256.0	1809.0	2109.0	1669.0	1717.0	1711.0	1709.0	1399.0	2499.0	3630.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for loc  
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CAN	33542.0										
DEU	8602.0	39284.0									
DFS	5296.0	34010.0	34827.0								
ESP	6349.0	35329.0	34137.0	36299.0							
FRA	3987.0	30405.0	29823.0	30441.0	32009.0						
GBR	30766.0	9147.0	5791.0	6927.0	4088.0	32579.0					
ITA	31342.0	8076.0	4761.0	5818.0	3268.0	30736.0	32212.0				
NLD	4061.0	32273.0	31584.0	32223.0	29997.0	4326.0	3424.0	33486.0			
CZE	1759.0	2219.0	1777.0	2075.0	1638.0	1707.0	1698.0	1676.0	3502.0		
HUN	2208.0	6484.0	5954.0	6328.0	5629.0	2346.0	2191.0	5946.0	1369.0	7018.0	
POL	4724.0	29055.0	28675.0	29340.0	26004.0	5121.0	4163.0	27514.0	2387.0	5907.0	30550.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for bcs  
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DEU	35903.0									
FRA	27245.0	28689.0								
GBR	9035.0	4051.0	31221.0							
ITA	8026.0	3254.0	29203.0	30872.0						
NLD	28906.0	26754.0	4364.0	3407.0	30568.0					
CZE	2217.0	1635.0	1699.0	1692.0	1675.0	3381.0				
CAN	8494.0	3937.0	29231.0	30021.0	4000.0	1751.0	33709.0			
ESP	31960.0	27276.0	6791.0	5765.0	28830.0	2073.0	6243.0	32875.0		
HUN	7275.0	6403.0	2422.0	2187.0	6874.0	1384.0	2208.0	7123.0	8075.0	
POL	27763.0	24787.0	4989.0	4109.0	26182.0	2318.0	4619.0	27991.0	6708.0	29179.0