

INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic test international evaluation for udder traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from 21 countries were included in this evaluation.

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

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

mas: CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, DFS, , ITA, NLD, POL,
scs: CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

FRA (HOL)	Some bulls with missing pedigree due to pedigree update
	Some bulls changed from official to unofficial because they have been blocked from publication by Holstein breed society
ITA (HOL)	Some bulls missing pedigree due to the authority issue
NLD (HOL)	Some bulls with type of proof 13, with unexpected type of proof, because of not being eligible for daughter testing breeding values.
ESP (HOL)	Base change
GBR (HOL)	Some bulls with missing pedigree because they either younger than 10 months or they don't have sireID or they have international IDs
	Change in status of some bulls, due to the decrease in number of daughters
DEU (HOL)	Introduction of single step evaluation
	Deaccrease in reliability due to some bulls from POL, and decrease in correlation between DUE and POL for scs in April run due to the changes that POL applied
POL (HOL)	Change in status of some bulls due to the increase in number of daughters
HUN (HOL)	Some bulls with change in type of proof (13) due to not having enough daughters in herds
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>

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 August 2025

Country	Date
CAN	20250801
DEU	20250812
DFS	20250812
FRA	20250813
GBR	20250714
NLD	20250813
ITA	20250707
HUN	20250725
ESP	20250710
POL	20250617

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for										scs
CAN	47078.0									
DEU	13353.0	50224.0								
DFS	7331.0	41670.0	42722.0							
FRA	5791.0	37937.0	37391.0	39802.0						
GBR	40003.0	14455.0	8321.0	6269.0	43127.0					
NLD	4260.0	36914.0	36392.0	34923.0	4596.0	38776.0				
ITA	41152.0	13399.0	7248.0	5288.0	40590.0	3597.0	42944.0			
HUN	2291.0	8293.0	7846.0	7644.0	2512.0	7827.0	2272.0	9113.0		
ESP	46780.0	50135.0	42688.0	39797.0	42829.0	38771.0	42656.0	9063.0	159413.0	
POL	5030.0	34296.0	34129.0	32678.0	5524.0	32021.0	4536.0	7639.0	35915.0	35922.0

Number of bulls in reference population for										mas
CAN	27475.0									
DEU	10929.0	34591.0								

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