

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

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

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

FRA (HOL) Drop in reliability due to pedigree updates
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 2026

Country	Date
CAN	20260801
DEU	20260811
DFS	20260204
FRA	20260812
GBR	20260714
NLD	20260812
ITA	20260720
HUN	20260722
ESP	20260721
POL	20260610

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for												scs
CAN	48457.0											
DEU	14336.0	50522.0										
DFS	7904.0	41304.0	42525.0									
FRA	5805.0	37078.0	36426.0	38863.0								
GBR	41129.0	15493.0	8947.0	6279.0	44429.0							
NLD	4256.0	36034.0	35383.0	34050.0	4593.0	37892.0						
ITA	42382.0	14484.0	7927.0	5302.0	41816.0	3597.0	44347.0					
HUN	2291.0	8294.0	7824.0	7645.0	2516.0	7827.0	2274.0	9114.0				
ESP	47284.0	50194.0	42410.0	38852.0	43377.0	37887.0	43251.0	9064.0	158960.0			
POL	5041.0	33419.0	33138.0	31826.0	5531.0	31137.0	4547.0	7640.0	35058.0	35071.0		

Number of bulls in reference population for												mas
CAN	28430.0											
DEU	11825.0	34872.0										
DFS	6645.0	28305.0	29290.0									
FRA	5010.0	25298.0	24923.0	26840.0								
NLD	3622.0	23589.0	23273.0	22618.0	24965.0							
ITA	23834.0	12062.0	6785.0	4692.0	3115.0	25345.0						
HUN	2189.0	4592.0	4226.0	4081.0	4116.0	2181.0	5291.0					
ESP	27919.0	34715.0	29242.0	26833.0	24962.0	24884.0	5281.0	86655.0				
POL	4303.0	20810.0	20822.0	20216.0	18782.0	3990.0	3961.0	22340.0	22352.0			