The latest genomic routine international evaluation for workability traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from 6 countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for workability traits of bulls from Austria-Germany, Canada, Denmark-Finland-Sweden, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland were computed. Holstein data were included in this evaluation.

CAN, DEU, FRA, DFS, GBR, NLD submitted GEBVs.

msp: CAN, DEU, FRA, DFS, GBR, NLD
tem: , , , DFS, GBR, NLD

Changes in National Procedures

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

DFS (HOL) New standardization procedure and introduction of a polygenic effect of 10% in the genomic model.

POL (HOL) New method of estimating GEBV with polygenic effect included
New method of calculating PI and its accuracy and reliability of DGV
Whole EuroGenomic reference population has been used

Interbull Changes Compared to the December Routine Run

No changes in Interbull procedures

Data and Method of Analysis

Eleven 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 eleven 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.

Scientific Literature

The international genetic evaluation procedure is based on international work described in the following scientific publications:


Sullivan, P.G. 2012a. GMACE reliability approximation. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_rela 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

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION
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Dates for next routine run can be found on http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION
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Dates for next routine run can be found on http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL ROUTINE RUN
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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 2016
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Table 2.
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Number of bulls in reference population for msp
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Number of bulls in reference population for tem
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