

Introduction

The latest routine international evaluation for longevity trait took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twenty one (21) populations were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for direct longevity trait of bulls from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark-Finland-Sweden Spain, France, The United Kingdom, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, The Netherlands, The United States of America Hungary, Norway, Slovenia and Czech Republic were computed. Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Red Dairy Cattle and Simmental breed data were included in this evaluation.

Changes in national procedures

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

ITA: some bulls lost herds/daughters/edc because of some pedigree corrections

DEU: some bulls lost herds/daughters/edc

ESP: Reliability decreased for some old bulls because of some changes in database edits

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

- 1) Data submission for pedigree, EBV/PTA, and parameters is possible only through uploading of the data to the Interbull Data Exchange Area (IDEA);
- 2) Interbull Centre has moved to a completely new MACE evaluation software called "Dairy System for International Evaluation (DAISIE)", partly because of the extended use of IDEA for EBV/PTA, and partly because of our continuous efforts to make the system more effective than before;
- 3) All trait groups (including conformation traits) are now evaluated in-house.
- 4) The file containing heritability values now contain more decimal places for heritability, and one extra field for the definition of reference base population;
- 5) The file containing genetic correlations has changed name from rg_columns_all to cor{RUNID}.csv, and also contains one extra field for the number of common bulls;
- 6) The file containing sire genetic standard deviations has changed name from sire_std_columns_all to std{RUNID}.csv;
- 7) Sire-MGS based pedigree files are not distributed anymore;
- 8) Parent averages in the "ipa" format are not distributed anymore;
- 9) An import AI bull (type of proof = 21) with official publication status 'Y' from a given country is included in the distribution file if the bull has a first country proof included from a different country OR a second country proof is included with minimum required number of daughters or EDC (20, 10, 150, 20, 20, and 80) and herds (20, 10, 150, 20, 20, and 80) for different breeds (BSW, GUE, HOL, JER, RDC and SIM), respectively;
- 10) Bulls with some missing pedigree information (sires and/or dam and/or birthdate) are excluded from evaluations;
- 11) Standardization factors are not used anymore;
- 12) Post-processing of genetic correlation are now applied to all trait groups.

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Data were national genetic evaluations of AI sampled bulls with at least 10 daughters or 10 EDC (for clinical mastitis and maternal calving traits at least 50 daughters or 50 EDC, and for direct calving traits at least 50 calvings or 50 EDC) in at least 10 herds. Table 1 presents the amount of data included in this Interbull evaluation for all breeds.

National proofs were first de-regressed within country and then analysed jointly with a linear model including the effects of evaluation country, genetic group of bull and bull merit. Heritability estimates used in both the de-regression and international evaluation were as in each country's national evaluation.

Table 2 presents the date of evaluation as supplied by each country in the 01x-proof file.

Estimated genetic parameters and sire standard deviations are shown in APPENDIX I and the corresponding number of common bulls are listed in APPENDIX II.

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

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

International genetic evaluation computation:

Schaeffer. 1994. J. Dairy Sci. 77:2671-2678
Klei, 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:3-7

Verification and Genetic trend validation:

Klei et al., 2002. Interbull Bulletin 29:178-182.
Boichard et al., 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:431-437

Weighting factors:

Fikse and Banos, 2001. J. Dairy Sci. 84:1759-1767

De-regression:

Sigurdsson and G. Banos. 1995. Acta Agric. Scand. 45:207-219
Jairath et al. 1998. J. Dairy Sci. Vol. 81:550-562

Genetic parameter estimation:

Klei and Weigel, 1998, Interbull Bulletin 17:8-14
Sullivan, 1999. Interbull Bulletin 22:146-148

Post-processing of estimated genetic correlations:

Mark et al., 2003, Interbull Bulletin 30:126-135
Jorjani et al., 2003. J. Dairy Sci. 86:677-679
<https://wiki.interbull.org/public/rG%20procedure?action=print>

Time edits

Weigel and Banos. 1997. J. Dairy Sci. 80:3425-3430

International reliability estimation

Harris and Johnson. 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:31-36

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next routine evaluation can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next test run can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL TEST RUN

Test evaluation results are meant for review purposes only and should not be published.

^aLTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for Longevity (August Routine Evaluation 2015).
Number of records for direct longevity by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
ARG						
AUS		126	6863	1513	594	
BEL			896			
CAN	191	96	10402	563	745	
CHE	2981		2807			
CZE			4067			3204
DEA	5978					
DEU			23581		364	
DFS			11389	2165	8105	
ESP			2869			
EST						
FRA	318		15264			4013
FRM						
FRR						
GBR	83	272	6436	689	433	65
HUN			2853			
IRL			2225	118	45	
ISR			1172			
ITA	1905		8686			
JPN						
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	151		12825	114	52	237
NOR						
NZL	41	55	6365	4032	1088	
POL			8224			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN	326		388			485
URY						
USA	971	726	32382	3666	587	
ZAF		28	1123	540	112	
HRV						
No. Records	12945	1303	160817	13400	12125	8004
Pub. Proofs	10783	1045	131904	11086	11049	7143

^aLAPPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

BSW	dlo	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	ITA	FRA	GBR	SVN
CAN	8.07										
CHE	0.77	11.00									
DEA	0.82	0.84	14.00								
NLD	0.74	0.68	0.70	354.92							
NZL	0.45	0.47	0.36	0.44	295.36						
USA	0.93	0.66	0.77	0.80	0.54	2.81					
ITA	0.78	0.63	0.80	0.58	0.29	0.67	17.04				
FRA	0.68	0.72	0.76	0.67	0.36	0.65	0.57	0.93			
GBR	0.81	0.55	0.44	0.68	0.52	0.82	0.59	0.52	0.34		
SVN	0.72	0.66	0.81	0.78	0.47	0.72	0.79	0.67	0.55	25.31	

GUE dlo

	AUS	CAN	NZL	USA	GBR	ZAF
AUS	6.96					
CAN	0.71	7.92				
NZL	0.66	0.56	350.91			
USA	0.64	0.91	0.48	2.79		
GBR	0.71	0.90	0.57	0.87	0.37	
ZAF	0.67	0.80	0.59	0.83	0.79	18.53

HOL dlo

	AUS	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR
ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	HUN	CZE	SVN	ZAF	POL			
AUS	4.44										
BEL	0.76	0.36									
CAN	0.73	0.85	6.34								
CHE	0.77	0.78	0.84	12.36							
DEU	0.65	0.86	0.90	0.80	13.13						
DFS	0.76	0.86	0.87	0.79	0.86	12.49					
ESP	0.46	0.68	0.78	0.73	0.81	0.66	13.36				
FRA	0.68	0.63	0.63	0.73	0.61	0.69	0.52	1.00			
GBR	0.69	0.87	0.87	0.76	0.84	0.81	0.75	0.54	0.31		
IRL	0.52	0.75	0.77	0.60	0.73	0.65	0.69	0.36	0.80	2.15	
ISR	0.62	0.59	0.54	0.48	0.53	0.66	0.49	0.73	0.54	0.43	101.77
ITA	0.44	0.61	0.75	0.67	0.75	0.62	0.83	0.60	0.71	0.63	0.43
6.57											
NLD	0.73	0.75	0.70	0.66	0.68	0.82	0.52	0.66	0.65	0.51	0.66
0.48	309.59										
NZL	0.66	0.65	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.59	0.43	0.37	0.55	0.55	0.30
0.30	0.43	212.01									
USA	0.69	0.84	0.91	0.75	0.85	0.88	0.77	0.63	0.84	0.74	0.64
0.72	0.79	0.53	2.33								
HUN	0.32	0.49	0.59	0.38	0.53	0.48	0.61	0.41	0.60	0.51	0.35
0.65	0.49	0.30	0.68	1.16							
CZE	0.37	0.48	0.60	0.60	0.63	0.47	0.62	0.33	0.55	0.58	0.28
0.64	0.34	0.30	0.58	0.52	20.17						
SVN	0.53	0.71	0.72	0.58	0.75	0.74	0.73	0.48	0.69	0.58	0.57
0.53	0.73	0.59	0.80	0.58	0.38	25.52					
ZAF	0.73	0.82	0.89	0.72	0.85	0.80	0.76	0.56	0.89	0.87	0.55
0.71	0.59	0.62	0.86	0.59	0.56	0.65	26.27				
POL	0.53	0.44	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.57	0.55	0.42	0.54	0.49	0.28
0.59	0.44	0.37	0.54	0.38	0.53	0.51	0.51	13.45			

JER dlo

	AUS	CAN	DFS	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ZAF	IRL
AUS	5.37								
CAN	0.42	6.77							
DFS	0.72	0.68	12.17						
NLD	0.59	0.71	0.73	329.68					
NZL	0.64	0.37	0.62	0.44	191.14				
USA	0.70	0.84	0.82	0.79	0.56	2.47			
GBR	0.49	0.83	0.75	0.67	0.37	0.79	0.28		
ZAF	0.38	0.56	0.68	0.56	0.33	0.63	0.82	29.52	
IRL	0.51	0.73	0.57	0.46	0.42	0.60	0.71	0.51	1.75

RDC dlo

	AUS	CAN	DEU	DFS	NZL	USA	GBR	NLD	ZAF	IRL
AUS	5.59									
CAN	0.64	6.83								
DEU	0.59	0.88	11.57							
DFS	0.78	0.74	0.81	13.03						
NZL	0.64	0.39	0.49	0.49	228.79					
USA	0.63	0.91	0.85	0.81	0.40	2.70				
GBR	0.59	0.87	0.86	0.78	0.41	0.81	0.30			
NLD	0.72	0.71	0.69	0.80	0.45	0.79	0.67	347.36		
ZAF	0.55	0.84	0.79	0.59	0.39	0.86	0.71	0.60	27.85	
IRL	0.63	0.79	0.76	0.71	0.59	0.70	0.80	0.57	0.80	1.55

SIM dlo

	FRM	NLD	CZE	SVN	GBR
FRM	1.00				
NLD	0.54	290.94			
CZE	0.33	0.38	20.09		
SVN	0.43	0.78	0.31	22.54	
GBR	0.47	0.61	0.51	0.66	0.24

^APPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

BSW

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	ITA	FRA	GBR	SVN
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CAN	0	101	111	43	19	135	101	70	50	23
CHE	84	0	513	76	17	291	400	134	53	53
DEA	93	403	0	118	23	296	604	174	54	76
NLD	37	67	110	0	17	67	103	69	28	34
NZL	19	14	17	10	0	23	19	15	13	6
USA	131	273	260	58	19	0	213	112	65	30
ITA	89	346	501	85	16	148	0	155	55	72
FRA	62	98	128	53	12	73	121	0	41	38
GBR	52	44	39	24	11	66	43	36	0	14
SVN	21	53	71	34	4	24	73	37	12	0

GUE

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

AUS	CAN	NZL	USA	GBR	ZAF
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AUS	0	43	26	55	34	3
CAN	43	0	13	61	27	2
NZL	26	11	0	28	14	2
USA	51	51	26	0	72	7
GBR	29	22	12	75	0	3
ZAF	2	0	0	4	2	0

HOL

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	AUS	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	HUN	CZE	SVN		
ZAF	POL																			
398	702	AUS	0	392	952	420	1261	949	638	969	1126	560	77	950	1081	941	1388	552	704	126
196	349	BEL	291	0	359	292	549	409	336	465	478	280	42	422	585	274	459	276	356	87
403	867	CAN	806	308	0	586	1771	912	951	1038	1273	393	74	1240	942	541	2337	728	858	126
208	437	CHE	341	252	415	0	829	467	401	429	543	288	45	526	618	289	704	336	427	99
493	1605	DEU	734	425	773	629	0	2127	1177	1944	1830	691	114	2100	2323	752	2792	992	1633	205
432	1067	DFS	537	310	525	374	978	0	737	1254	1296	596	111	1259	1460	637	1518	696	1025	167
373	731	ESP	432	299	480	304	672	500	0	839	880	390	80	972	802	415	1171	585	716	131
398	1108	FRA	540	398	517	355	734	453	550	0	1315	590	96	1506	1453	625	2044	737	1071	135
463	1069	GBR	930	410	1396	507	1226	911	740	732	0	813	108	1381	1492	799	1846	755	1023	169
273	440	IRL	450	249	326	283	545	440	371	414	834	0	71	549	707	553	619	358	454	87
53	101	ISR	53	23	41	30	87	86	52	46	83	59	0	104	113	81	122	81	95	34
440	1143	ITA	573	312	705	445	1086	765	653	619	1034	443	78	0	1360	629	2164	824	1104	171
419	1195	NLD	828	572	663	552	1477	1020	637	667	1275	617	92	887	0	800	1822	748	1229	176
305	483	NZL	895	197	534	227	500	388	300	306	702	454	67	434	687	0	858	408	544	94
547	1399	USA	1188	347	2110	595	1367	860	689	871	1610	516	99	1130	1206	780	0	1033	1416	161
333	718	HUN	398	207	583	263	707	508	466	444	703	318	64	674	564	320	945	0	795	119
365	1033	CZE	421	253	528	302	1164	603	517	606	798	356	74	735	1000	378	1034	728	0	156
79	159	SVN	86	69	86	72	178	132	100	86	138	65	27	142	140	66	124	94	120	0
0	338	ZAF	332	151	328	166	346	309	318	247	410	236	39	317	330	241	505	271	252	58
240	0	POL	438	271	554	327	1135	720	481	526	875	331	76	785	934	326	1096	596	789	138

JER

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	AUS	CAN	DFS	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ZAF	IRL
AUS	0	178	112	52	343	375	173	177	37
CAN	184	0	74	28	132	284	131	111	5
DFS	81	63	0	63	119	158	140	112	24
NLD	47	22	60	0	54	63	64	56	17
NZL	384	147	98	46	0	282	169	158	70
USA	403	288	137	68	353	0	197	224	32
GBR	184	138	139	64	183	234	0	141	41
ZAF	168	109	91	49	161	232	149	0	26
IRL	34	4	20	16	77	34	43	26	0

RDC

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

AUS CAN DEU DFS NZL USA GBR NLD ZAF IRL

	AUS	CAN	DEU	DFS	NZL	USA	GBR	NLD	ZAF	IRL
AUS	0	78	24	153	103	85	52	16	28	7
CAN	78	0	9	90	65	168	72	4	61	2
DEU	22	8	0	44	7	9	4	11	1	3
DFS	134	87	35	0	126	118	56	32	38	11
NZL	104	64	7	122	0	79	51	6	29	5
USA	86	151	9	117	79	0	77	22	53	12
GBR	51	71	4	55	48	73	0	10	42	7
NLD	14	4	10	32	6	21	10	0	2	7
ZAF	28	61	1	37	27	47	36	2	0	1
IRL	6	2	3	8	5	12	7	6	1	0

SIM

common bulls below diagonal

common three quarter sib group above diagonal

FRM NLD CZE SVN GBR

	FRM	NLD	CZE	SVN	GBR
FRM	0	101	162	0	53
NLD	123	0	123	25	43
CZE	189	119	0	51	41
SVN	0	25	49	0	0
GBR	65	41	36	0	0