

DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL PUBLICATION POLICY

Country (or countries)	Germany
Breed(s)	HOL, JER, RDC
Address(es) of official web-site(s) of your country, where bulls receiving an official breeding value can be found	www.vit.de direct link to bull-data-base and toplist (English version): http://www.vit.de/en/Breeding_Values.html
Number of updates per year of webpage with breeding values	3
Are minimum requirements (in e.g. reliability/number of daughters) the same for domestic and import bulls? –and if not, please specify the difference	Yes min. number of daughters and reliability % the same. For production German bulls need additionally 20 daughters in 10 herds with 120 days in milk.
Are there multiple lists for selected bulls and all bulls (e.g. incl. waiting bulls, bulls below requirements)?	Yes within breeds A) domestic bulls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. all bulls with at least published production proof - 2. toplist by TMI - 3. bulls with non-published production proof (i.e. >10 Herds/50% rel, but not 20 daughters 120 DIM/75% rel.) B) international bulls (Interbull): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. all bulls with at least production - 2. toplist by TMI
If multiple lists – are all lists accessible on your web-site?	No A) domestic bulls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not list 3. (non-published bulls) B) international bulls (Interbull): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not list 1. (all bulls)
If multiple lists – what is the difference between the lists?	See above
If multiple lists – how many bulls are on the selected list?	Toplists within breeds by TMI (JER by production index): A)domestic bull toplist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HOL top 300 - RED HOL top 75 - RDC top 25 - JERSEY top 25 B)Interbull toplist (incl. domestic bulls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HOL top 200 - RED HOL 200 Minimum reliability requirements for toplist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - production: min. 75% rel. on German base - conformation: min. 20 daughters in 10 herds - SCS: min. 50% rel. on German base
Do you publish Interbull breeding values?	Yes, complete figures for all bulls available on CD

Are Interbull proofs blended with domestic proofs?	No
If blending of international and national proofs – how is the blending done?	-
Are bulls on your web-site published according to a total merit index (TMI)?	Only for toplists (see above)
Minimum requirement for a bull for TMI to be put on the web-site	No minimum value TMI (except toplists by descending TMI), published if TMI is available (i.e. production, conformation, SCS proofs available)
Minimum requirement for a bull for production traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for production, published if proof has min. 75 % rel. (for domestic bulls additionally 20 daughters in 10 herds with 120 days in milk)
Minimum requirement for a bull for conformation traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for conformation, published if proof has min. 20 daughters in 10 herds and if production proof is published
Minimum requirement for a bull for udder health traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for udder health (SCS), published if proof has min. 50% rel. and if production proof is published
Minimum requirement for a bull for longevity traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for (combined) longevity, combined longevity published if at least official proofs for main prediction traits (i.e. SCS, conformation) and if production proof is published
Minimum requirement for a bull for calving traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for calving traits, always if proof has min. 50% rel. (paternal traits) respectively min. 30% rel. (maternal traits) and if production proof is published
Minimum requirement for a bull for female fertility traits to be put on the web-site	No minimum value for fertility traits, always if proof has min. 30% rel and daughters in 10 herds daughter fertility index RZR if at least Non-Returnrate cows official and if production proof is published
Other comments	<p>All figures for A.I. bulls with at least production proofs are available on CD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BULLI (only domestic bulls; detailed pedigree info; 9 languages) - INTERBULLI (all bulls incl. domestic bulls) <p>Since January 2008: always IB-proofs are official (if available)</p>
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