

## DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL PUBLICATION POLICY

<b>Country (or countries)</b>	USA
<b>Breed(s)</b>	BSW, GUE, HOL, JER, RDC
<b>Address(es) of official web-site(s) of your country, where bulls receiving an official breeding value can be found</b>	Aipl.arsusda.gov
<b>Number of updates per year of webpage with breeding values</b>	3
<b>Are minimum requirements (in e.g. reliability/number of daughters) the same for domestic and import bulls? –and if not, please specify the difference</b>	Yes
<b>Are there multiple lists for selected bulls and all bulls (e.g. incl. waiting bulls, bulls below requirements)?</b>	Yes
<b>If multiple lists – are all lists accessible on your web-site?</b>	Yes
<b>If multiple lists – what is the difference between the lists?</b>	One list includes bulls that have semen available in USA (NAAB status code of Active or Foreign Available). The other list includes all bulls.
<b>If multiple lists – how many bulls are on the selected list?</b>	150 Holstein bulls, fewer of other breeds. The entire file (200,000 bulls) can be downloaded by the public.
<b>Do you publish Interbull breeding values?</b>	Yes
<b>Are Interbull proofs blended with domestic proofs?</b>	Yes
<b>If blending of international and national proofs – how is the blending done?</b>	Reliability and number of daughters in domestic and Interbull proofs are compared for each trait separately. Net Merit is calculated from the official proofs, with parent average or breed average substituted for any missing trait. Cows and young bulls with foreign sires receive credit for Interbull yield traits from the previous run.
<b>Are bulls on your web-site published according to a total merit index (TMI)?</b>	Yes
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for TMI to be put on the web-site</b>	Net Merit is calculated and published for every bull that has a yield evaluation
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for production traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for conformation traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-

<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for udder health traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for longevity traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for calving traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for female fertility traits to be put on the web-site</b>	-
<b>Other comments</b>	Each breed association maintains its own index and web site to distribute the results. Lists published on the other sites may have higher requirements than those of USDA. Breed association web sites can be found at <a href="http://aipl.arsusda.gov/links.htm">http://aipl.arsusda.gov/links.htm</a>
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