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| COUNTRY'S NAME | FINLAND |
| Production traits | Milk, protein and fat |
| Breed | Ayrshire, Holstein-Friesian, Finncattle |
| Trait definition and unit of measurement | Direct: milk, fat and protein yield (kg) within a 24-hour test day period, EBVs are 305-d milk, fat and protein yields across lactations (first, later) Indirect: protein and fat percentages are calculated indirectly from yield EBVs |
| Criteria for inclusion & extension of records | Test-day records between 8 and 315 days in milk. No extension of records is needed. |
| Time period for data inclusion | Test-day records from 1.1.1988 onwards |
| Sire categories | All sires |
| Number of lactations included in the evaluation | All |
| Environmental effects: | |
| Pre-adjustment | None |
| Base for age pre-adjustment | None |
| Method (model) of genetic evaluation | MT (milk, protein and fat yield) -ML (first, later) -RR-TD-BLUP-AM |
| Environmental effects in the genetic evaluation model | Fixed: herd-year, calving age, days carried calf, test-year-month, lactation curves by calving season Random: herd-test month, animal lactation curve, lactation curves for permanent environmental effects (2) |
| Use of genetic groups | Genetic groups are defined according to breed, sex, birth year and importation status |
| Genetic parameters in the evaluation | See Appendix I |
| System validation | Mean, SD, min. and max values for EBVs are calculated and analysed. Results from last evaluation round are compared to previous ones. Genetic trend validation. |
| Expression of genetic evaluations | Relative breeding value (EBV) with mean=100 and SD=10 |
| Genetic (reference) base | Rolling base calculated from bulls born 7-9 years before evaluation year, i.e. for 2000 the base is the average of bulls born in 1991-1993 |
| Next base change | 2001 |
| Criteria for official publication of evaluations | 75 % repeatability (50 % for Finncattle) |
| Number of evaluations / publications per year | 4 (January, April, July and October) |
| Use in production / total merit index | $TMI=1.0*\text{protein yield} + 0.3*\text{fat yield} + 0.4*\text{daughter fertility} + 0.4*\text{udder health} + 0.3*\text{udder conformation}$ |
| Anticipated changes in the near future | - |
| Key reference on methodology applied | Lidauer, M., Mäntysaari, E.A., Strandén and Pösö, J. 2000. Multiple-trait random regression test-day model for all lactations. INTERBULL Bulletin 25: Proceedings of the 2000 INTERBULL meeting, Bled, Slovenia, May 14-15, 2000. |
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Appendix I. Genetic parameters (heritabilities on diagonal, genetic correlations above diagonal):

| | Milk_first | Protein_first | Fat_first | Milk_later | Protein_later | Fat_later |
|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| Milk_first | 0.42 | 0.80 | 0.60 | 0.75 | 0.54 | 0.43 |
| Protein_first | | 0.28 | 0.70 | 0.47 | 0.65 | 0.52 |
| Fat_first | | | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.70 |
| Milk_later | | | | 0.34 | 0.72 | 0.50 |
| Protein_later | | | | | 0.27 | 0.71 |
| Fat_later | | | | | | 0.30 |

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Number of AI bulls (NB) tested, means (X), and standard deviations (SD) of proofs (kg, %) from most recent run, by bulls' year of birth (YB) and breed (The average proofs are calculated from bulls meeting the publishing criteria).

| YB | NB | Milk | | Fat | | Protein | | Fat % | | Protein % | |
|--------------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|------|--------------------------|------|
| | | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | Ayrshire | |
| 1983 | 146 | 167 | 349 | 7.4 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 9.1 | 4.47 | 0.28 | 3.28 | 0.13 |
| 1984 | 156 | 188 | 383 | 9.4 | 16.1 | 2.5 | 9.8 | 4.49 | 0.27 | 3.31 | 0.13 |
| 1985 | 167 | 162 | 441 | 11.3 | 16.7 | 3.2 | 10.8 | 4.54 | 0.26 | 3.33 | 0.12 |
| 1986 | 174 | 203 | 413 | 16.1 | 17.0 | 4.8 | 11.5 | 4.59 | 0.26 | 3.33 | 0.11 |
| 1987 | 110 | 229 | 418 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 4.5 | 11.0 | 4.56 | 0.31 | 3.31 | 0.13 |
| 1988 | 167 | 313 | 379 | 18.2 | 14.7 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 4.54 | 0.27 | 3.35 | 0.13 |
| 1989 | 159 | 446 | 408 | 18.3 | 17.3 | 13.0 | 10.8 | 4.45 | 0.26 | 3.34 | 0.12 |
| 1990 | 110 | 529 | 458 | 17.2 | 18.9 | 14.6 | 12.1 | 4.38 | 0.26 | 3.32 | 0.11 |
| 1991 | 124 | 597 | 410 | 13.2 | 15.5 | 16.6 | 11.2 | 4.28 | 0.22 | 3.31 | 0.11 |
| 1992 | 124 | 724 | 464 | 18.2 | 19.3 | 19.2 | 12.3 | 4.27 | 0.23 | 3.29 | 0.13 |
| 1993 | 88 | 854 | 397 | 22.8 | 17.4 | 22.8 | 11.3 | 4.25 | 0.22 | 3.28 | 0.12 |
| 1994 | 96 | 796 | 432 | 25.8 | 19.5 | 25.8 | 12.7 | 4.33 | 0.24 | 3.31 | 0.14 |
| 1995 | 101 | 769 | 401 | 25.9 | 17.3 | 23.2 | 11.8 | 4.41 | 0.23 | 3.33 | 0.13 |
| 1996 | 5 | 838 | 486 | 33.4 | 24.0 | 28.6 | 12.9 | 4.48 | 0.24 | 3.37 | 0.10 |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | Holstein-Friesian | |
| 1983 | 45 | 459 | 500 | 1.1 | 19.8 | 8.8 | 13.8 | 4.05 | 0.23 | 3.25 | 0.12 |
| 1984 | 38 | 442 | 429 | -7.0 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 10.9 | 3.94 | 0.20 | 3.22 | 0.10 |
| 1985 | 55 | 381 | 333 | -2.1 | 15.0 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 4.05 | 0.27 | 3.24 | 0.11 |
| 1986 | 58 | 599 | 611 | 6.8 | 20.8 | 13.0 | 18.1 | 4.06 | 0.32 | 3.24 | 0.13 |
| 1987 | 29 | 610 | 446 | 7.2 | 14.8 | 12.9 | 13.5 | 4.05 | 0.24 | 3.23 | 0.11 |
| 1988 | 59 | 770 | 579 | 7.2 | 16.7 | 17.2 | 16.8 | 3.96 | 0.26 | 3.22 | 0.11 |
| 1989 | 47 | 795 | 691 | 15.3 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 19.6 | 4.08 | 0.36 | 3.28 | 0.13 |
| 1990 | 46 | 874 | 514 | 9.0 | 18.4 | 22.7 | 13.2 | 3.93 | 0.24 | 3.25 | 0.13 |
| 1991 | 41 | 982 | 475 | 14.6 | 22.2 | 27.9 | 13.6 | 3.95 | 0.27 | 3.28 | 0.13 |
| 1992 | 49 | 852 | 429 | 4.5 | 21.0 | 20.1 | 11.2 | 3.87 | 0.28 | 3.23 | 0.12 |
| 1993 | 46 | 823 | 444 | 3.0 | 17.1 | 19.8 | 11.8 | 3.87 | 0.25 | 3.24 | 0.12 |
| 1994 | 56 | 1200 | 484 | 12.3 | 18.9 | 32.0 | 14.3 | 3.83 | 0.21 | 3.23 | 0.12 |
| 1995 | 22 | 1325 | 477 | 22.7 | 22.2 | 38.0 | 17.9 | 3.97 | 0.19 | 3.25 | 0.12 |
| 1996 | 1 | 1805 | - | -9.9 | - | 34.6 | - | 3.28 | - | 3.00 | - |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | Finncattle | |
| 1983 | 7 | -976 | 383 | -31.2 | 18.4 | -29.1 | 11.5 | 4.85 | 0.44 | 3.57 | 0.17 |
| 1984 | 5 | -1099 | 897 | -36.6 | 38.2 | -33.3 | 25.1 | 4.88 | 0.44 | 3.60 | 0.18 |
| 1985 | 8 | -989 | 360 | -36.2 | 12.6 | -32.8 | 9.4 | 4.76 | 0.26 | 3.51 | 0.13 |
| 1986 | 6 | -1651 | 701 | -72.7 | 38.3 | -54.7 | 27.8 | 4.61 | 0.31 | 3.53 | 0.14 |
| 1987 | 8 | -1220 | 755 | -42.2 | 42.6 | -38.5 | 25.9 | 4.84 | 0.30 | 3.56 | 0.10 |
| 1988 | 10 | -1008 | 975 | -35.3 | 44.7 | -31.5 | 32.4 | 4.80 | 0.24 | 3.56 | 0.12 |
| 1989 | 9 | -1615 | 1257 | -68.3 | 53.1 | -52.8 | 39.8 | 4.73 | 0.34 | 3.58 | 0.16 |
| 1990 | 5 | -1788 | 1176 | -78.8 | 55.6 | -60.0 | 40.1 | 4.62 | 0.18 | 3.53 | 0.08 |
| 1991 | 8 | -1077 | 734 | -45.7 | 34.0 | -32.4 | 28.7 | 4.64 | 0.30 | 3.57 | 0.11 |
| 1992 | 7 | -1092 | 1071 | -45.6 | 47.3 | -33.5 | 36.7 | 4.67 | 0.35 | 3.57 | 0.14 |
| 1993 | 5 | -726 | 1322 | -47.3 | 43.3 | -27.9 | 40.1 | 4.34 | 0.33 | 3.44 | 0.18 |
| 1994 | 3 | -174 | 651 | -14.3 | 19.0 | -9.0 | 14.2 | 4.42 | 0.23 | 3.40 | 0.20 |
| 1995 | 1 | -683 | - | -32.9 | - | -25.2 | - | 4.41 | - | 3.33 | - |

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Average of unadjusted 305d production (1-3 lactations) records (kg, %) included in the most recent evaluation run, by daughters' year of calving (YC), number of cows (NC) and breed. Extended records from first lactation included.

| YC | NC | Milk | | Fat | | Protein | | Fat % | | Protein % | | |
|--------------------------|--------|------|------|-----|----|---------|----|-------|------|-----------|------|--|
| | | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD | X | SD | |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ayrshire | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 136969 | 6047 | 1243 | 272 | 56 | 197 | 40 | 4.54 | 0.55 | 3.27 | 0.22 | |
| 1991 | 136105 | 6030 | 1263 | 269 | 57 | 196 | 41 | 4.51 | 0.56 | 3.26 | 0.22 | |
| 1992 | 137629 | 6214 | 1277 | 279 | 58 | 205 | 41 | 4.53 | 0.57 | 3.30 | 0.22 | |
| 1993 | 138668 | 6448 | 1312 | 289 | 60 | 212 | 42 | 4.51 | 0.58 | 3.29 | 0.22 | |
| 1994 | 139582 | 6528 | 1327 | 289 | 61 | 215 | 43 | 4.46 | 0.57 | 3.31 | 0.22 | |
| 1995 | 137848 | 6535 | 1353 | 287 | 61 | 215 | 44 | 4.43 | 0.57 | 3.30 | 0.22 | |
| 1996 | 137843 | 6715 | 1387 | 295 | 63 | 222 | 45 | 4.43 | 0.58 | 3.31 | 0.23 | |
| 1997 | 137156 | 6856 | 1424 | 301 | 65 | 228 | 46 | 4.42 | 0.58 | 3.33 | 0.23 | |
| 1998 | 136600 | 6898 | 1480 | 301 | 67 | 229 | 49 | 4.40 | 0.59 | 3.33 | 0.23 | |
| 1999 | 103333 | 7038 | 1454 | 305 | 68 | 239 | 49 | 4.37 | 0.60 | 3.41 | 0.23 | |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holstein-Friesian | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 32399 | 6166 | 1313 | 255 | 56 | 197 | 42 | 4.16 | 0.51 | 3.19 | 0.21 | |
| 1991 | 33394 | 6157 | 1347 | 253 | 57 | 196 | 43 | 4.15 | 0.52 | 3.19 | 0.21 | |
| 1992 | 34570 | 6370 | 1372 | 263 | 59 | 204 | 44 | 4.16 | 0.54 | 3.21 | 0.21 | |
| 1993 | 36762 | 6619 | 1408 | 272 | 60 | 212 | 45 | 4.14 | 0.54 | 3.20 | 0.20 | |
| 1994 | 38180 | 6731 | 1450 | 275 | 61 | 217 | 46 | 4.12 | 0.54 | 3.23 | 0.21 | |
| 1995 | 39340 | 6720 | 1467 | 273 | 61 | 217 | 47 | 4.10 | 0.55 | 3.24 | 0.21 | |
| 1996 | 40923 | 6902 | 1486 | 281 | 63 | 224 | 48 | 4.10 | 0.57 | 3.26 | 0.22 | |
| 1997 | 41510 | 7046 | 1544 | 286 | 66 | 229 | 50 | 4.09 | 0.57 | 3.26 | 0.22 | |
| 1998 | 42966 | 7148 | 1620 | 286 | 68 | 232 | 52 | 4.04 | 0.58 | 3.25 | 0.22 | |
| 1999 | 33858 | 7331 | 1617 | 290 | 68 | 244 | 53 | 3.99 | 0.58 | 3.33 | 0.22 | |
| Breed | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finncattle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 1501 | 4966 | 1212 | 226 | 56 | 167 | 40 | 4.59 | 0.57 | 3.36 | 0.22 | |
| 1991 | 1466 | 4953 | 1263 | 224 | 57 | 166 | 42 | 4.56 | 0.56 | 3.37 | 0.22 | |
| 1992 | 1402 | 5051 | 1214 | 229 | 57 | 171 | 41 | 4.57 | 0.57 | 3.40 | 0.23 | |
| 1993 | 1436 | 5268 | 1280 | 240 | 61 | 178 | 43 | 4.59 | 0.58 | 3.38 | 0.23 | |
| 1994 | 1464 | 5307 | 1352 | 239 | 62 | 180 | 45 | 4.55 | 0.55 | 3.40 | 0.23 | |
| 1995 | 1561 | 5160 | 1414 | 230 | 65 | 175 | 47 | 4.50 | 0.58 | 3.40 | 0.23 | |
| 1996 | 1659 | 5237 | 1448 | 236 | 67 | 178 | 48 | 4.53 | 0.57 | 3.41 | 0.23 | |
| 1997 | 1749 | 5351 | 1494 | 241 | 67 | 182 | 49 | 4.55 | 0.58 | 3.42 | 0.23 | |
| 1998 | 1829 | 5415 | 1591 | 241 | 72 | 184 | 53 | 4.48 | 0.60 | 3.40 | 0.23 | |
| 1999 | 1437 | 5448 | 1603 | 240 | 71 | 189 | 54 | 4.45 | 0.60 | 3.48 | 0.23 | |