INTERBEEF Working Group
Report

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Structural change

• Merge with ICAR Beef WG
• Revised Terms of Reference. For Beef:
  – Provide forum on recording & genetic evaluation
  – Maintain guidelines
  – Conduct surveys
  – Develop International genetic evaluation service
  – Facilitate genomic selection
• Steering Committee comprising:
  – Geographical spread
  – Technical spread
  – Enthusiastic supporters
  – Current members of Interbeef WG and those with an interest from Beef WG.
• Secretariat – Interbull Centre
Priorities

1. Establish & grow international genetic evaluation service for beef breeds and traits.
3. Conduct international survey.
4. Facilitate genomic evaluations.

Strategy

• Continue and extend project initiated in 2007
• €100 K/year to Interbull Centre funded by ICAR/Interbull and participating countries
• Seeking to extend DG Sanco support for Interbull Centre to include beef
• Establish user pay services
• Support from enthusiastic countries
Strategy - Operations

- Service Agreement & Fees
- Rules for Participation - Roles & Responsibilities
- Operating Procedures
- Data Flows & Interfaces
- Quality Control & Query Support
- Methods & Models

Progress

- Data Flows & Interfaces – established & tested
- Methods & Models – two breeds, five countries, one trait – established & tested - transfer from INRA to Interbull Centre
- Scientific Advisory Committee – established – integration with national evaluations, across breed evaluations
- Strategic Plan – reviewed and updated