Presentation of EBVs

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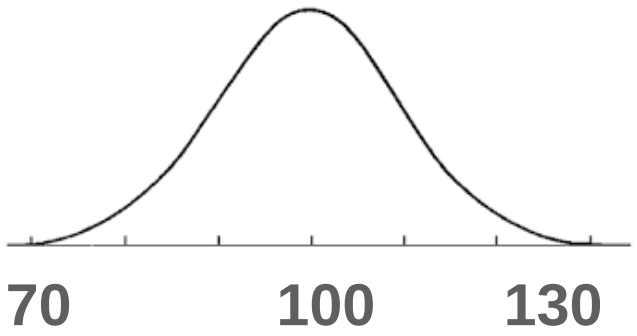
Presentation of Breeding Values

- Principle
  - Mean: 100
  - Standard deviation: 10
- For individual traits



Genetic base: which animals

- Animals in the base population:
  - Males and females
  - Birth year: 5 - 9 years at publication
  - At least one observation in the trait group
    or
    at least 5 offspring with at least one observation in the trait group

Genetic base: updating frequency

- **Modified?**
  - **Mean: Updated every evaluation**
  - **Standard deviation: Fixed**

Genetic base: Mean
NAV proposal + current practice in DFS

	NAV	DNK	FIN	SWE
Sex	Males & females	Males & females	Males & females	Males & females
Age (at publication)	5 – 9	5 – 7	2 – 7	5 – 9
Information	At least one observation for the trait group *or* At least 5 offspring with at least one observation	No restriction	At least one observation for the trait group	Observation for birth weight *or* At least 5 offspring with observation for birth weight

Genetic base: Standard deviation
NAV proposal + current practice in DFS

	NAV	DNK	FIN	SWE
Sex	Males & females	Males & females	Males & females	Males & females
Age (at publication)	5 – 9	5 – 7	2 – 7	5 – 9 (at establishment)
Information	At least one observation for the trait group *or* At least 5 offspring with at least one observation	Reliability at least 20%	At least one observation for the trait group	Observation for birth weight *or* At least 5 offspring with observation for birth weight
Updated	no	Once a year	Every evaluation	no

Recalibrate viewing EBVs

An EBV of 110 in the NAV evaluation is not the same as 110 in the current national evaluation

- **Difference in mean (which animals have 100)**
- **Difference in SD (being 10 units better than average**

Composition of Genetic base Hereford

Country	Birth Weight	Weaning Weight Gain	Yearling Weight	Post Weaning Gain	Carcass traits
DNK	12,097	3,469	2,765	0	26,414
FIN	14,453	10,302	0	6,926	24,331
SWE	12,868	10,097	0	7,663	2,242

Composition of Genetic base Charolais

Country	Birth Weight	Weaning Weight Gain	Yearling Weight	Post Weaning Gain	Carcass traits
DNK	7,253	1,510	1,618	0	12,862
FIN	14,067	8,968	0	5,089	18,761
SWE	21,164	14,253	0	11,563	7,472

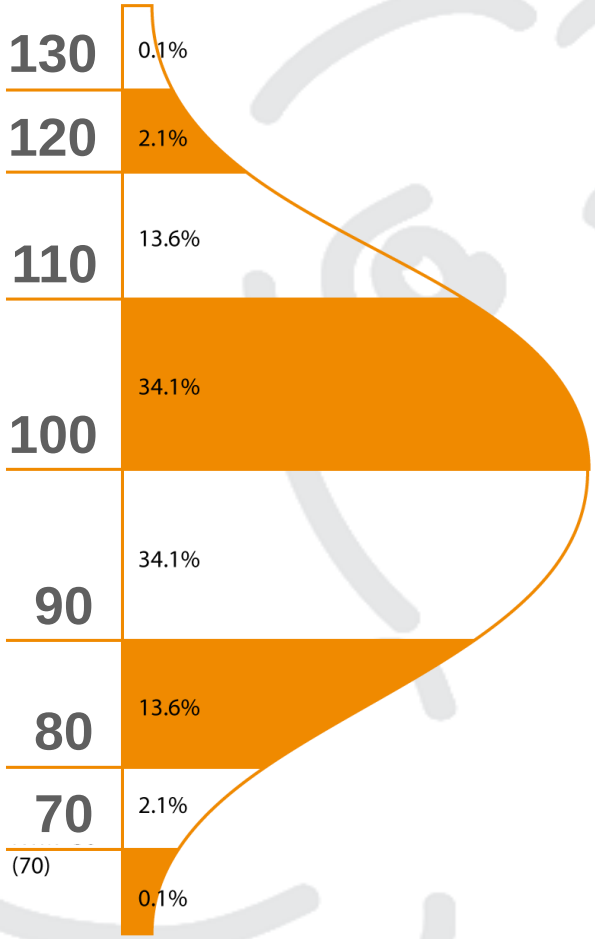
Means by country Hereford

Trait	DNK	FIN	SWE
Birth weight, maternal	94.8	104.7	108.9
Birth weight, direct	103.1	96.6	101.6
Weaning weight gain, maternal	98.6	99.3	109.9
Weaning weight gain, direct	99.8	99.7	104.7
Slaughter daily gain	99.1	99.5	107.7
Carcass conformation	105.7	94.7	97.9
Carcass fat	97.4	104.1	101.6

Means by country
Charolais

Trait	DNK	FIN	SWE
Birth weight, maternal	93.7	100.2	106.8
Birth weight, direct	105.4	96.4	101.1
Weaning weight gain, maternal	93.5	100.5	106.7
Weaning weight gain, direct	95.7	97.6	108.2
Slaughter daily gain	96.5	97.2	108.0
Carcass conformation	107.7	98.5	96.6
Carcass fat	95.1	104.1	100.8

Distribution of breeding values



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Consequence of new genetic base

Pct Swedish Charolais animals with EBV > 120

- **Weaning weight gain, maternal**
  - **NAV: 7.5%**
  - **SWE national: 2.8%**
- **Slaughter daily gain**
  - **NAV: 6.6%**
  - **SWE national: 5.2%**

THANK YOU – QUESTIONS?