

Reporting breed composition

Interbull Centre

Aim

- Accommodate in the existing system of pedigrees the possibility to consider additional information about breed composition existing at the national databases
- Find an operational solution that preserves the authority of the national centers over pedigrees and keeps data consistency on the multiuser database

Proposal

- Add "fake" parent IDs to the founder animals according to the national recorded breed composition in the Interbeef pedigree database
- Fake ancestors would solely be used to estimate breed composition of the founder animals

How to build a fake ID:

BRD CNT S FAKE 00000000

- BRD breed
- CNT country providing information
- S sex (M, F)
- FAKE mandatory flag indicating this is not a real animal
- 00000000000 8 digits numeric ID

Example 1 – Founder known to be 50% CHA and 50% HOL

- Including fake parents to the pedigree record: 601 XXXIRLM123456789012 CHAIRLMFAKE00000001 HOLIRLFFAKE00000001

Example 2 – Founder known to be 25% LIM, 25% CHA and 50% SIM

- Including fake parents to the pedigree record:
 601 XXXIRLM123456789013 SIMIRLMFAKE00000001 XXXIRLFFAKE00000001
 601 XXXIRLFFAKE00000001 CHAIRLMFAKE00000002 LIMIRLFFAKE00000001

Rules for adding fake parents into the Interbeef pedigree

- Only founder animals (unknown parents) can be assigned fake parents
- 2. Founders with a reported breed and without fake parents will be treated as purebred
- The same 8 digits numerical part of the fake parent ID cannot be used for more than one founder animal (same fake parent cannot have more than 1 progeny)
- National centers can only create fake IDs with their own country code
- 5. National centers can only add fake parents to founder animals over which they are the authoritative organization

Rules for using fake parents IDs

- Fake parents will be used for
 - Determining breed composition
 - b. Additional criteria for phantom groups
- 2. Fake parents will be excluded from pedigree extraction prior to genetic evaluations
- 3. Fake parents will show up in the animal query with a warning message
- Even animals that do not have breed code=XXX will have their breed composition determined from the pedigree