

News - NAV evaluation

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Genetic evaluation for Purebred Beef animals

The latest genetic evaluation of purebred beef animals took place 14. April 2026. NAV publish EBVs for calving, growth and carcass traits based on phenotypes for 14 breeds. Genomic breeding values are published for weight, growth, and carcass traits for the five largest breeds for genotyped animals.

Extraction date for the data used in the April evaluation can be found in table 1. Breeding values for pure beef cattle are estimated four times per year (table 2), and EBVs are published at [NAV Beef Search](#).

Extraction dates

Dates for extraction of data from national databases are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Dates for extraction of data from the national databases

| Trait | Denmark | Finland | Sweden |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Pure beef cattle | 27.3.2026 | 31.3.2026 | 26.3.2026 |

News in relation to NAV pure beef genetic evaluation

No changes in the procedures

Genetic evaluation of pure beef cattle

NAV publish EBVs for calving, growth and carcass traits based on phenotypes from purebred beef Angus, Charolais, Simmental, Hereford, Limousine, Highland Cattle, Blonde d 'Aquitaine, Belgian Blue, Dexter, Galloway, Grauvieh, Piemontese, Salers, Shorthorn cattle. Genomic breeding values are published for weight, growth, and carcass traits for the five largest breeds (AAN, CHA, HER, LIM, and SIM) for genotyped animals.

The genetic base for pure beef animals is based on the same principles for all relative breeding values with a mean of 100 and standard deviation of 10. The selection of animals to form the genetic base includes males and females with birth years 5 to 9 years prior to the publication date and having observations or having at least 5 offspring with observations for one trait in each trait group.

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NAV – frequency and timing of official runs

NAV has 4 large dairy evaluations per year, which include updated phenotypic and genomic data, and additional eight small runs including updated genotypes. In Table 2 the NAV and INTERBULL release dates for 2025 are shown. The beef evaluation based on beef × dairy crossbreeds take place along with the large NAV dairy runs 4 times a year. The NAV pure beef evaluation has its own time schedule.

Table 2. NAV and INTERBULL release dates in 2026/2027.

| Month | Dairy Cattle | | | Beef Cattle |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | NAV Small run ¹⁾ | NAV Large runs ²⁾³⁾ | Interbull | NAV Pure Beef |
| January 2026 | 6 | | | |
| February 2026 | | 3 | | |
| March 2026 | 3 | | | 3 |
| April 2026 | 7 | | 7 | 14 |
| May 2026 | | 5 | | |
| June 2026 | 2 | | | 2 |
| July 2026 | 7 | | | |
| August 2026 | | 11 | 11 | |
| September 2026 | 1 | | | |
| October 2026 | 6 | | | |
| November 2026 | | 3 | | 3 |
| December 2026 | 1 | | 1 | |
| January 2027 | 5 | | | |

¹⁾ Genotypes updated; ²⁾ Genotypes and phenotypes updated; ³⁾ Beef × dairy evaluation

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