

Linear scoring at weaning in beef cattle in France Supervision and management

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Foreword



- Linear scoring at weaning in France
 - An elementary data of the French beef performance recording system
 - Recorded for 35 years
 - 330 000 calves scored every year
 - about 200 specialised technicians trained and supervised
 - ⋄ From local organisation of beef performance recording (80%).
 - ⋄ From breed societies (20 %)
 - Several scorers work on more than one breed

History



- Beginning at the early 70's
- Building the table for muscular development to maximize the correlation with Carcass Grade (EUROP scale)

- Traits with good heritabilities if the scorer are trained
 - Around 0.3 to 0.4

Validation



Genetic Correlations

- Around 0.7
 - between linear scoring at weaning on farm and Carcass Grade for young bulls (10-15 studies)
- 0.8 to 0.9
 - between linear scoring and Carcass Grade for young bulls in ProgT station (Renand 1986, Fouilloux, 2000)
- 0.3 to 0.6
 - between linear scoring and Dressing percentage for young bulls in ProgT station(Fouilloux, 2000)

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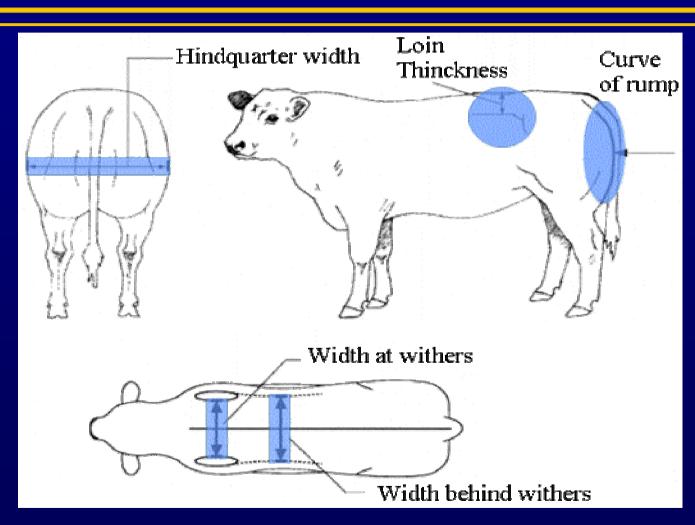
		campaign	1991	1999	2006
	total		195585	292424	309567
inc	luding:				
	Salers		16539	17137	17500
	Limousin		52696	73712	95268
	Charolais		100960	157866	161393
	Blonde d'Aquitaine		13993	26486	35406
Nu	mber of technicians		119	197	210(1)
(1)	: estimations				

Calves born in 2006: 340 000 linear scoring at weaning

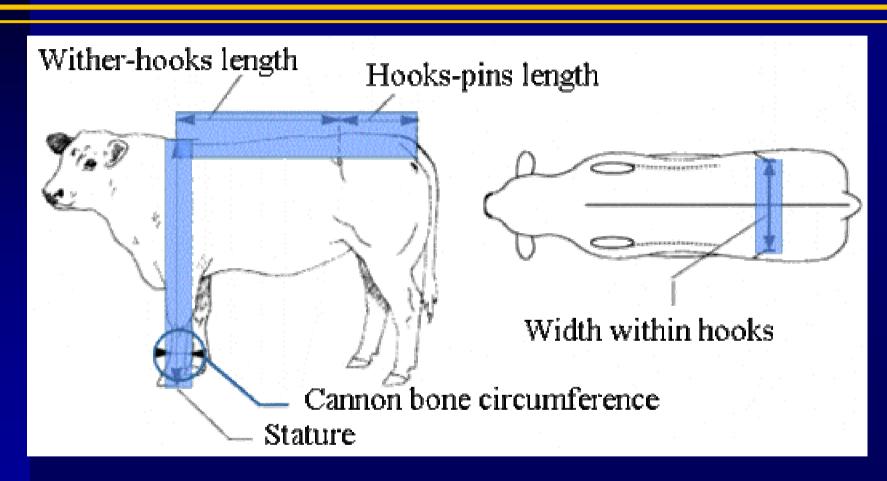


- 19 anatomical traits
- Linear description scored from 1 to 10
- An across breeds scale
 - To include the crossbreed calves, to discriminate the breeds on phenotype
- 3 global scores
 - Muscular development
 - Skeletal development
 - Functional abilities
- Described with details in a book of reference

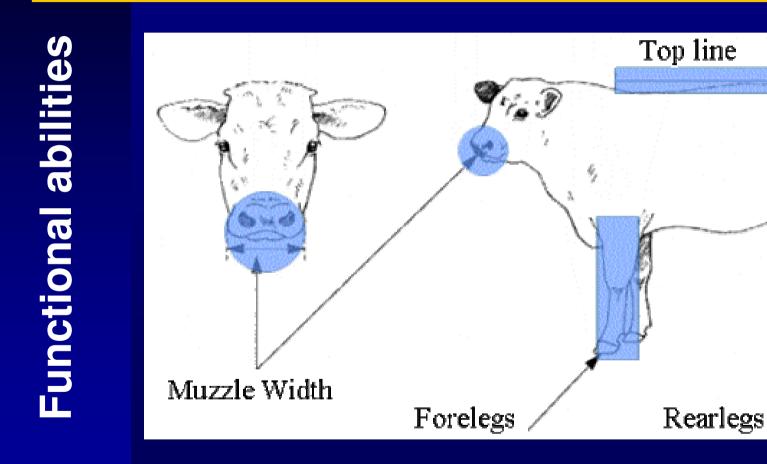




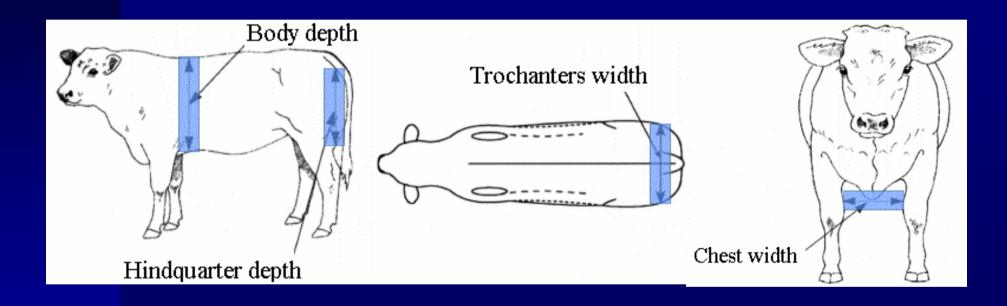








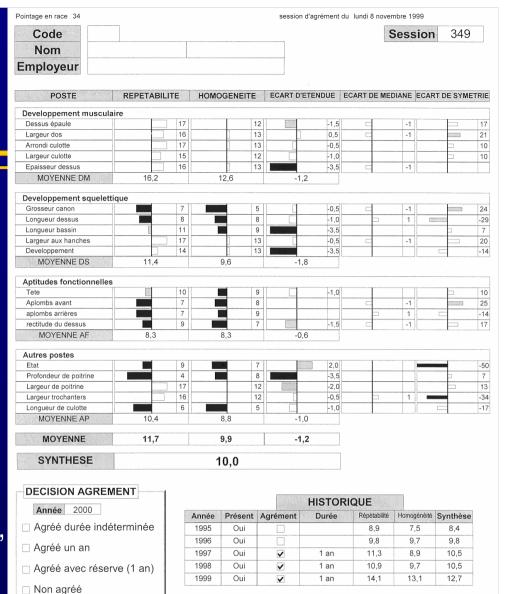




Complementary traits

Organisation

- Since 1995 an initial training course is organised by Institut de l'Elevage
 - A 5 days course with a lot of practical exercises
- Each year : one exam per breed
 - if scorer succeed 3 years consecutively he is authorised to score for four or five years
 - measure of reliability, homogeneity, use of scale



OBSERVATIONS:

Employeur											
POSTE	REPETABILITE		HOMOGENEIT	E	ECART I	D'ETENDUE	ECART DE I	MEDIANE	ECART DE	SYME	TRI
Developpement muscula	niro	ranta material findica						,			
Dessus épaule		17		12		-1.5		-1			17
Largeur dos	- Commence of	16	1	13		0,5		-1			2
Arrondi culotte		17		13		-0,5					1
Largeur culotte		15		12		-1,0					10
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MOYENNE DM	16,2	-	12,6	1.0		1,2			JL		
Developpement squelet	tique			.,,		****					
Grosseur canon		7		5		-0,5		-1			24
Longueur dessus		8		8		-1,0		1			-2
Longueur bassin	9	11		9		-3,5			P		7
Largeur aux hanches		17		13		-0,5		-1			20
Developpement		14		13	V 3 .75	-3,5					-1-
MOYENNE DS	11,4		9,6		-	1,8					
Aptitudes fonctionnelles											
Tete		10		9		-1,0					10
Aplombs avant		7		8				-1			25
aplombs arrières		7		9				1			-1-
rectitude du dessus		9		7	28	-1,5		-1		=	17
MOYENNE AF	8,3		8,3		-	0,6	•				
Autres postes											
Etat		9	18.	7		2,0					-51
Profondeur de poitrine		4		8	11.40	-3,5					7
Largeur de poitrine		17		12		-2,0					13
Largeur trochanters		16		12		-0,5		1			-3
Longueur de culotte		6		5		-1,0					-1
MOYENNE AP	10,4		8,8		-	1,0					
MOYENNE	11.7		9.9			1.2					

WO I LIVING AF	10,4	0,0	-1,0
MOYENNE	11,7	9,9	-1,2
SYNTHESE		10,0	

DECISION AGREMENT
Année 2000
☐ Agréé durée indéterminée
☐ Agréé un an
☐ Agréé avec réserve (1 an)
☐ Non agréé

			HISTOR	IQUE	384	
Année	Présent	Agrément	Durée	Répétabilité	Homogénéité	Synthèse
1995	Oui			8,9	7,5	8,4
1996	Oui			9,8	9,7	9,8
1997	Oui	V	1 an	11,3	8,9	10,5
1998	Oui	✓	1 an	10,9	9,7	10,5
1999	Oui	v	1 an	14,1	13,1	12,7

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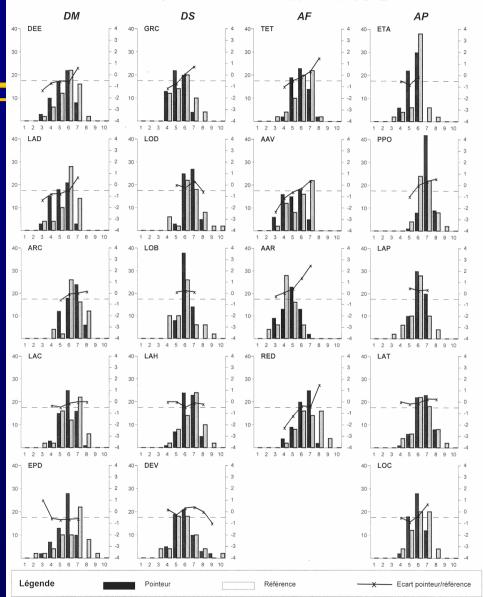
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session d'agrément du lundi 8 novembre 1999

SESSION: 349

POINTEUR:

FREQUENCES DES NOTES PAR POSTE



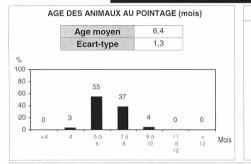
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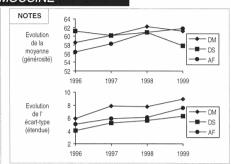
- Each year a national meeting is held at the beginning of the scoring campaign
 - review of general recommendations
 - discussions around several scoring
- Field supervision
 - since 1997, an annual description of the work of each scorer
 - number of scoring
 - support day
 - distribution of scores...
 - difference with means of population

RESULTATS DE POINTAGE SUR LA CAMPAGNE

Pointeur		No	om				Pi	rénom			
Organism	е					Dépa	rtement		Ca	mpagne	1999
Nbre d'élevage	es l	Nore de jours o		Nore de jours de 100 veaux			de pointages		Moyenne	aximum	
52		89			•	Optimum : 70 à 80		•	10		49
RACE	Aubrac	Bazadais	Blde Aquit.	Charolais	Gascon	Limousin	Maine Anjou	Parthenais	Salers	Croisé	TOUTES
EFFECTIF	0	0	340	0	0	551	0	0	0	3	894

RACE LIMOUSINE





								ΙA	VALYS	SE GLO	BAL	E								
					DN	1			DS				Al					Et	at	
M	IOYE	NNE			61,	3		57,8			61,9				5,7					
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FREQUENCE DES NOTES PAR POSTE DE POINTAGE (en %)

POSTE	notes 1 et 2	notes 3 et 4	notes 5 et 6	notes 7 et 8	notes 9 et 10
DEE		7	62	31	
LAD		11	73	16	
ARC			31	65	4
LAC		4	56	39	0
EPD		8	56	35	0
GRC		40	56	4	
LOD		1	56	42	0
LOB	•	3	76	21	
LAH		2	43	54	1
DEV	0	16	68	16	
TET		9	36	51	3
AAV	0	6	72	22	
AAR		9	73	18	
RED		3	40	57	0
ETA		5	93	2	
LAT		1	36	61	2
PPO			23	76	2
LAP		2	65	33	
LOC		14	64	23	