



CDCB Update

May 25, 2016

Actions from the CDCB Board of Directors Meeting May 16 2016

1. The CDCB Board of Directors approved the ***CDCB 2015 audited financial report*** prepared by Clark Schaefer Hackett CPAs and Business Consultants.
2. ***Doug Ricke*** has resigned his position as a non-voting, advisory member to the CDCB Board. The CDCB Board took action to keep this position vacant. Interested individuals will be asked to submit materials during the next cycle of November and December 2016.
3. A new working group structure providing advisory support to the CDCB Board will be established. Besides the two existing standing committees (Executive Committee and Finance Committee), four working groups (Research Advisory Group, Genetic Evaluation Methods Group, Dairy Data Development Group and Evaluation Review Team) and three task forces will be created.
4. New business rules for ***data access*** have been proposed, including the adoption of end-user agreements, the restructuring of CDCB queries and the re-registration of users and passwords. The detailed implementation plan will be developed and be presented for approval by the CDCB Board.
5. A test run for ***cow livability*** is being carried out by CDCB staff under the supervision of the AGIL team. Test files are expected to be available for distribution and review by the industry before the end of May 2016. Educational materials will be prepared to facilitate interpretation of the new trait estimates. The results will be reviewed and then an implementation plan will be developed for either August or December 2016. The proposal is to publish cow livability estimates as initially and eventually include it in the CDCB selection indices.
6. New test files containing the ***Breed Base Representation (BBR)*** estimates for May 2016 have been made available to service users on May 11, 2016. Values were provided primarily for additional review by the breed associations and genomic nominators and are not to be distributed further or used in publications. The plan is for the values from the June 2016 monthly genomic evaluations to be available for official public release depending on policy decision of each individual breed association.
7. The CDCB Board has submitted a document with suggestions of research priorities to the AGIL acting Research Reader, John Cole, to be considered in addition to the AGIL/DFRC/ARS stakeholders listening session on research priorities 2016 held on May 9th, 2016. Each member sector provided its own list of specific research priorities under four general areas proposed by the CDCB staff: health and functional traits; bovine sequencing data; management and profitability of dairy herds; and genetic evaluation methods.