

FEATURES OF CONFORMATION TYPE OF COWS BROWN CATTLE OF SUMY REGION ESTIMATED BY THE METHOD OF LINEAR CLASSIFICATION

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Researches cows firstborn of Lebedynsk, Ukrainian Brown dairy, Brown Swiss, estimated by the method of linear classification were carried out on livestock population in Sumy region. The interbreed variability was installed according to assessment by 100-score system of linear classification and by 18 descriptive traits of 9-score scale. Traits of dairy type were better expressed in cows of Swiss breed (83.5 score) against 80.4 and 81.8 scores in peers of Lebedynsk and Ukrainian Brown dairy. The traits of cows' body didn't differ in significant variability when comparing the tested breeds and were within the error of average value (83.6-83.9 scores). The average assessment of cows firstborn of Brown Swiss breed for udder morphological traits at the level of 83.1 scores exceeded animals assessments of Lebedynsk (80.4 scores) and Ukrainian Brown dairy (81.8 scores) breeds. Descriptive traits, in contrast to the group, have a significant level of variability, regardless of the assessed breed. High and reliable relationships were established between the assessment of group traits and the amount of milk yield during the first lactation, that characterize dairy type (0.222-0.433; $P < 0.001$), body development (0.392-0.412; $P < 0.001$) and udder (0.364 -0.484; $P < 0.001$). The correlation coefficients between the final assessment of type and milk yield in animals of the experimental breeds were in the range of 0.377-0.378 ($P < 0.001$). A positive correlation was observed for almost all individual descriptive traits of conformation and milk yield within the experimental breeds, with the exception of udder depth (-0.119 ... -0.085), teat length (-0.044 ... -0.115) and body condition (-0.256 ... -0.303). According to the results of a linear assessment of Brown cows, the best indicators of conformation type were in Brown Swiss, characterizing it as a specialized dairy type. Lebedynsk cattle, according to the traits of linear classification, approached the combined type, and Ukrainian Brown dairy cattle occupied an intermediate position between scores of Lebedynsk and Swiss breeds with characteristic traits of dairy type.

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In the early 80s of the last century, the most common cattle in Sumy region was Lebedynsk breed. Most of the livestock population, as a result of reproductive crossing with Brown Swiss, was turned into a Ukrainian dairy breed.

The concept of creating new Ukrainian Brown dairy cattle provided obtaining an intermediate type of animals between the original breeds, which were distinguished by high milk yield and adaptability of Swiss breed, with objective advantages of parent breed concerning milk quality, high adaptive capacity, constitutional strength and productive longevity [1, 4, 10].

In the summer of 2009, according to a joint order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine and Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences (no. 386/59 dated 03.06.2009), Ukrainian Brown dairy breed of cattle was approved as a selection achievement of scientists and producers in Sumy region.

On the period of approbation, firstborn and full-age cows, record-holding cows, replacement young stock and herds of Ukrainian Brown dairy breed in general, including 2.146 cows, were estimated in seven basic farms. Average measurements that characterized the conformation of cows were: height at withers 132-137 cm; chest depth 67-74 cm; chest width 46-47 cm; oblique body length 155-158 cm; chest girth 190-195 centimeters.

The regional population of breeding animals in Sumy region was competitive in terms of milk productivity, structured lines, consolidated by conformation type, constitutionally strong, specialized dairy breed with sufficient capacity total area for further improvement as the selection method of breeding "in itself", and using best world gene pool in open population system [5, 6, 8, 9, 22, 23, 24, 36].

The prospect of breeding Ukrainian Brown dairy breed cannot be imagined separately from the gene pool preservation of Lebedynsk cattle. There was no doubt that individual herds of this breed in Sumy region were a unique national treasure, since the value of genetic qualities inherent to the "Lebedynks" cannot be overestimated. They were well adapted to local feeding and housing conditions, have high viability, long-term use, selective plasticity, universal productivity, resistant to diseases, characterized by conformation and constitutional strength, they possessed a number of valuable biological features that were absent in animals of highly specialized breeds, and under well-created conditions it was possible to obtain high milk productivity.

Taking into account the current situation, it was necessary to improve it, therefore, a set of measures was taken to protect Lebedynsk breed, because its disappearance will lead to the depletion of genetic diversity and limit selection possibilities in improving the newly created breed.

The aim of research was: to study the original type of gene pool population of Lebedynsk cattle; the conformation of Ukrainian Brown dairy breed, obtained as a result of the combined variability of mother (Lebedynsk) and parental (Brown Swiss) breeds, to conduct a comparative analysis of the conformation of three Brown breeds, estimated by the method of linear classification, with determination of the variability of assessed type traits in their connection to the quantity of milk yield.

Materials and research methods. The conformation type was estimated in firstborn cows of Brown cattle of different origins in the leading farms of Sumy region. Estimation of con-

formation type of firstborn cows was performed by the method of linear classification [25] according to the latest ICAR recommendations [7] at the age of 2-4 months after calving on two systems – 9-score, with a linear description of 18 conformation body parts and 100 - scoring system, taking into account four sets of conformation traits that characterize: severity of dairy type, body development, legs condition and morphological qualities of udder. Each set of conformation traits was assessed independently and had its own weighting factor in the total score of animal: dairy type - 15%, body - 20%; legs - 25% and udder - 40%.

The total score of type was determined by the formula:
 $TS = (DT \cdot 0,15) + (B \cdot 0,20) + (L \cdot 0,25) + (U \cdot 0,40)$

Experimental indicators were processed by biometric statistics methods on a PC according to formulas of E. K. Merkur'eva [11].

Research results. Analysis firstborn cows of Brown cattle according to the 100-score system of linear classification showed significant variability of its indicators within the controlled breeds, Table 1.

The group of conformation body parts, that characterize the dairy type of cows, was better expressed in the firstborn of

Swiss breed (83.5 scores) against 80.4 and 81.8 in the peers of Lebedynsk and Ukrainian Brown dairy, reliability of difference of 3.1 and 1.7 scores in these comparisons was high ($P < 0.001$).

Estimates of conformation traits, which together determined the body development of firstborn cows, did not differ significantly variability when comparing of experimental breeds and were within the error of average value (83.6-83.9 scores). A fairly high level of scores for traits body group of cows in the age of first lactation testified about their ability to consume large amounts of roughage and process them into products.

Estimation of linear traits that characterize the condition of legs was very important in the selection sense due to the fact that modern conditions of industrial complexes with hard coating and excessive moisture resulted in serious complications and pathology of cow legs. Studies [18, 19, 29, 30, 32] found that cows with high scores of linear traits that characterize strength of legs, distinguished by high indicators of milk productivity and duration of productive life. Therefore, the task of selection was to minimize the negative impact of harmful conditions of dairy complexes on the legs of animals through selection of animals with strong limbs.

Table 1

Characteristics of Brown cattle firstborn cows of various origins according to linear assessment of the conformation type, scores

Conformation trait	Lebedynsk breed		Ukrainian Brown dairy breed		Swiss breed	
	x ± S.E.	Cv, %	x ± S.E.	Cv,%	x ± S.E.	Cv,%
Estimated animals	145		188		89	
Set of traits:						
dairy type	80,4±0,11	1,62	81,8±0,12	1,44	83,5±0,24	1,35
body	83,7±0,12	1,23	83,9±0,10	2,18	83,6±0,19	1,83
legs	83,5±0,16	1,55	82,7±0,17	1,83	81,9±0,24	1,74
udder	80,4±0,22	2,23	82,2±0,24	2,47	83,1±0,31	2,15
Total score	81,3±0,18	1,84	82,7±0,16	1,92	83,4±0,21	1,64
Descriptive traits: height	6,1±0,19	24,4	6,5±0,13	21,3	6,8±0,17	20,4
chest width	7,8±0,11	14,7	7,9±0,11	14,8	7,7±0,16	12,2
body depth	7,9±0,14	12,7	8,1±0,13	14,2	8,2±0,17	12,5
angularity	5,2±0,19	17,9	6,6±0,17	15,4	7,5±0,14	12,1
rump angle	5,9±0,12	18,3	5,5±0,12	18,2	5,1±0,12	11,7
rear width	5,5±0,15	17,4	5,7±0,13	16,3	5,9±0,13	14,2
angle of pelvic limbs	5,4±0,14	18,3	5,1±0,11	18,2	5,8±0,14	16,3
pelvic limb posture	6,5±0,17	16,1	6,8±0,18	19,4	6,3±0,19	17,2
hoof angle	5,9±0,11	14,4	5,8±0,08	16,3	4,7±0,18	15,1
udder attachment						
front	5,3±0,25	26,8	6,7±0,18	22,5	7,4±0,13	14,3
rear	5,1±0,15	19,3	5,9±0,12	23,3	6,8±0,15	14,9
central ligament	5,8±0,21	24,7	6,2±0,17	25,1	6,8±0,21	18,3
udder depth	5,2±0,19	20,2	6,4±0,13	18,6	7,2±0,16	15,4
teats position						
front	4,3±0,26	30,5	5,4±0,19	27,5	6,7±0,22	21,2
rear	4,1±0,22	27,4	5,2±0,17	25,6	6,6±0,20	22,3
teats length	6,7±0,24	19,3	5,6±0,18	21,3	5,2±0,12	17,1
body condition score	7,5±0,14	13,7	6,4±0,13	18,5	5,5±0,14	16,2
locomotion	7,1±0,11	12,9	6,8±0,14	17,3	6,7±0,13	12,4

The best in terms of legs condition, according to the assessment of group traits that characterize them, were firstborn cows of Lebedynsk breed (83.5 scores) with a difference in its favor compared with the same age of Ukrainian Brown dairy cows by 0.8 scores and Brown Swiss - 1.6 scores ($P < 0.001$). This testified about conformation and constitutional strength of the Lebedynsk animal cattle.

The group of linear traits that characterize the dairy sys-

tem was at this stage of selection and use of cows in modern mechanized conditions the most important among others. Not only productivity of cows, but also manufacturability and durability depended on the udder development, as evidenced by scientific studies conducted in this direction [20, 28, 33, 40, 42].

The average score of firstborn cows of Brown Swiss breed on morphological traits that characterize the udder, at the level of 83.1 scores, indicated about fairly high level of the chest

development. Animals of Lebedynsk breed with estimation in 80.4 scores were inferior to peers of Ukrainian Brown dairy breed by 1.8 scores ($P < 0.001$), and Brown Swiss - by 2.7 scores ($P < 0.001$). This situation required breeders continue to work towards improving the morphological traits of udder in cows of Lebedynsk breed. This will not only improve its manufacturability, but also increase the milk productivity of cows, as there was a positive correlation between the udder linear traits and milk productivity [17, 36, 41, 43].

Generalized, according to results of linear classification of four sets conformation traits, final assessment in 83.4 scores of Brown Swiss showed a better degree of expression of their conformation type exceeding the same indicator of Lebedynsk (by 2.1 scores; $P < 0.001$) and Ukrainian Brown dairy cattle (0.7 scores; $P < 0.01$). Therefore, the further use of Brown Swiss sires of foreign selection will allow in the future improve Ukrainian Brown dairy breed both in terms of conformation type and milk productivity.

Worth noting the importance of using a linear classification of dairy cattle on a 100-score system within the respective four groups of linear traits belonging to one specific area. This assessment made it possible to characterize the body structure in a holistic harmonious combination of descriptive traits. In addition, it was necessary to compare the conformation type of assessed individual with the model cow of corresponding breed.

An objective understanding about development of important body parts of the cows conformation, which have a breeding value, separately from group ones, was made possible by a descriptive system of linear classification. According to this system, ICAR approved [7, 31] conformation traits were described, included to the characteristics of group traits of dairy type, body, legs and udder, taking into account a certain list of deficiencies most common in dairy cattle. In assessing animals on a 9-score scale, the mean severity of trait was rated at five scores, and biological deviations toward deteriorating development with a decrease in score to one, and conversely, if the development of trait was better, the score increased to nine. However, a maximum score of 9 did not always characterize the desired type of body parts development. This applied to such traits as rear position, hock joint angle, udder depth, position and teats length, the desired development of which was equal to 5 scores.

Descriptive traits, in contrast to the group, differ in a sig-

nificant level of variability, regardless of the assessed breed. The limit of variability with coefficients of variation in the range of 12.7-30.5% was set for cows of Lebedynsk cattle, 14.2-27.5% - for Ukrainian Brown dairy and 11.7-22.3% for Swiss breeds. The slightly lower level of variability of descriptive traits in Swiss animals indicated their higher consolidation by type, and the higher scores indicated better development of the conformation body parts, that ultimately formed the final score.

In general, the high phenotypic variability of assessment indicators for condition of descriptive traits development, especially height, angularity, rump angle, front and rear udder parts attachment, central ligament, udder depth and teats position in cows of Lebedynsk and Ukrainian Brown dairy breeds indicated the need for systemic selection on these grounds in the direction of their consolidation.

The firstborn cows of Brown Swiss with a significant difference prevailed peers of Lebedynsk breed on the following descriptive traits: height - by 0.7 scores ($P < 0.05$), angularity - by 2.3 scores ($P < 0.001$), rear width - by 0.4 scores ($P < 0.05$), attachment of front - 2.1 scores ($P < 0.001$) and rear udder parts - 1.7 scores ($P < 0.001$), central ligament - 1.0 scores ($P < 0.001$), udder depth - by 2.0 scores ($P < 0.001$), front and rear teats position, respectively - by 2.4 and 2.5 scores ($P < 0.001$), yielding to the hoof angle by 1.2 scores ($P < 0.001$), fatness - by 2.0 scores ($P < 0.001$) and locomotion - by 0.4 scores ($P < 0.05$). Animals of Ukrainian Brown dairy breed, according to descriptive traits, usually occupied an intermediate place between the Lebedynsk and Swiss breeds.

Since the conformation was the most important component of constitutional and external its manifestation, this feature in the practice of selection was considered in all complexity of relationship with productive qualities of animals. For many years of improving cattle, accumulated numerous information about magnitude and direction of relationships between a number of body parts of the conformation and milk productivity cows of different breeds both in our country and abroad [2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 27, 28, 41, 43].

The relationship between linear conformation traits and milk productivity in general and milk yield in particular was the most studied. Correlations between individual sets of conformation traits and the final assessment of 100-score system of linear classification and individual descriptive traits and milk yield are given in table 2.

Table 2

Correlation between indicators of linear estimation and value of milk yield cows firstborn of Brown breeds

Trait	Lebedynsk		Ukrainian Brown dairy		Swiss	
	r	t _r	r	t _r	r	t _r
Estimated animals	145		188		89	
Set of traits:						
dairy type	0,222	5,21	0,375	4,94	0,433	5,7
body	0,392	3,93	0,426	4,77	0,412	4,44
legs	0,116	1,22	0,232	3,45	0,241	2,42
udder	0,364	5,13	0,456	7,74	0,484	4,72
Total score	0,377	5,64	0,455	7,62	0,478	4,51
Descriptive traits:						
height	0,258	2,97	0,284	4,56	0,301	3,33
chest width	0,245	2,84	0,331	4,12	0,212	2,64
body depth	0,314	5,4	0,269	3,94	0,359	4,32
angularity	0,302	4,32	0,383	4,84	0,422	4,79
rump angle	0,104	1,32	0,095	1,45	0,074	1,11
rear width	0,224	2,88	0,266	3,98	0,289	3,29
angle of pelvic limbs	0,122	1,97	0,177	1,87	0,227	2,79

Trait		Lebedynsk		Ukrainian Brown dairy		Swiss	
		r	t _r	r	t _r	r	t _r
pelvic limb posture		0,195	2,71	0,201	2,87	0,244	2,97
hoof angle		0,025	0,47	0,074	0,68	0,118	1,98
udder attachment	front	0,269	2,63	0,387	5,47	0,414	5,13
	rear	0,241	2,58	0,303	6,27	0,442	4,17
central ligament		0,218	2,59	0,332	4,66	0,377	4,66
udder depth		-0,129	1,24	-0,119	1,45	-0,085	0,93
teats position	front	-0,065	1,51	-0,124	2,23	-0,102	1,98
	rear	0,025	1,33	0,056	1,24	0,028	0,77
teats length		-0,044	0,87	-0,115	1,57	-0,078	0,85
body condition score		-0,256	2,86	-0,284	3,05	-0,303	3,54
locomotion		0,302	3,41	0,285	2,76	0,312	3,32

The fact that shapes of body structure and development of individual body parts of animals reflected the nature of their physiological activity and direction of productivity was evidenced by positive correlation coefficients between linear traits of conformation type and amount of milk yield for first lactation. The highest and most reliable relationships were found by assessing group traits that characterize dairy type of cows, body and udder development, with correlation coefficients that were in animals of experimental breeds with variability of 0.222-0.433, respectively ($P < 0.001$); 0.392-0.412 ($P < 0.001$); 0.364-0.484 ($P < 0.001$) and with a final type score ($r = 0.377-0.378$; $P < 0.001$). The group of traits that characterized condition of legs correlated with milk yield with slightly less variability ($r = 0.116-0.241$) and varying degrees of reliability. Higher correlation coefficients between group traits and milk yield during the first lactation were obtained in Swiss Brown cows.

A positive correlation was observed for almost all individual descriptive traits of conformation and milk yield of cows firstborn within the experimental Brown breeds, except position and teats length, udder depth, and fatness.

The overall indicator of body structure development - height, almost at the same level correlated with volume of milk yield cows firstborn of all three experimental breeds ($r = 0,258 \dots 0,301$).

In scientific studies reported conflicting data on the existence of correlation between chest width and milk yield per lactation. According to the authors [43], genetic and phenotypic correlations between these traits in Friesian \times Bunai cows were 0.349 and 0.178, respectively. While another group of scientists [26], in the study of Holstein cows of Czech selection, did not establish a relationship between chest width and milk yield, as the genetic correlation between these traits was only 0.02 ± 0.04 . The level of correlations between chest width and milk yield volume in cows of Brown cattle in Sumy region of different origin corresponded to results of scientists [26], ranging from 0.258 in cows of Lebedynsk breed to 0.331 ($P < 0.05$) in Ukrainian Brown dairy cattle.

Angularity is one of the first descriptive traits, a high score for which characterized a good dairy type of cows, so the positive relationship between angularity and milk yield has a logical explanation ($r = 0.302-0.422$).

Repeatedly reported that lifetime and productive use of dairy cattle in industrial technology depended on the strength of pelvic limbs, which was determined by assessing hock joint angle and hoofs, and their posture [27, 28, 42]. In our studies, posture of pelvic limbs ($r = 0.195-0.244$) moderately positively correlated with milk yield, with a slightly lower coefficients - pelvic limbs angle ($r = 0.122-0.227$) and with sufficiently low

coefficients - hoofs angle ($r = 0.024-0.118$).

Numerous reports of scientific publications showed the existence of relationship different direction and strength between linear assessment of udder morphological traits and milk productivity of cows of different breeds [3, 12, 17, 21, 26, 27, 34, 37, 39, 43]. Therefore, in the process of improving dairy cattle by udder structure, the selection value had those traits that directly affected on the productivity of animal, so selection of animals to improve them will significantly accelerate the efficiency of breeding for milk productivity. In this regard, it was important to determine in what extent the assessment for udder descriptive traits will correlate with milk yield per lactation.

The most important udder traits, which not only correlated with milk productivity, but their development will depend on lifetime and productive use, health and convenience of milking [20, 28, 33, 40, 42].

The attachment of front udder part was assessed by the angle formed at the junction of udder with abdomen. Strength of udder attachment the most desirable development of trait was rated by highest score. The best development of this body part was characterized by the gradual transition of glandular tissue of udder into the abdomen by connecting lateral ligaments with formation of an obtuse angle. The strength udder attachment prevented him to sag with age. According to estimates of this trait, animals of the experimental breeds were closely correlated with amount of milk yield, especially Swiss ($r = 0.414$) and Ukrainian Brown dairy breeds ($r = 0.387$).

A similar task of linear trait-rear udder attachment, performing supporting function of udder at an appropriate height. This feature was especially important in the detection of a moderate relationship with amount of milk yield per first lactation in cows of Lebedynsk breed ($r = 0.241$), close - Brown Swiss ($r = 0.442$) and Ukrainian Brown dairy breed ($r = 0.303$).

The importance of choosing the trait of central udder ligament in the system of linear classification was, first of all, in its supporting function. In the second, the value of central ligament was enhanced by correlation of its estimate with amount of milk yield per lactation, from 0.218 in Lebedynsk breed, to 0.377 in Brown Swiss breed.

That is, the selection of cows on these three linear udder traits will significantly improve its technological qualities and, due to the existence of positive correlation, will indirectly increase milk productivity of animals.

The udder depth was essential for selection of dairy cattle, the assessment for condition of which will depend on the conditional distance between the udder bottom and hock joint, both in terms of its suitability for machine milking technology and strength of attachment. The lowered udder below the hock

joint in the age of first lactation dropped even lower with age, which created preconditions for its injury. Cows with low lowered udder exposed to pollution and other sources of litter, which would lead to the disease of clinical mastitis and increase in the number of somatic cells in milk [35, 38]. Therefore, the desired correlation between this indicator and milk yield should be positive. A negative correlation between udder depth and milk yield with a variability of -0.129 in cows of Lebedynsk breed to -0.085 in Brown Swiss meant that udder in highly productive animals weighing large amounts of milk tended to drop. About negative correlation between udder depth and milk yield have been reported in other studies of dairy cows [42].

A negative and reliable phenotypic correlation between fatness and milking was found in cows of all three Brown breeds with variability from -0.256 (Lebedynsk cattle) to -0.303 (Brown Swiss breed) showing that high-yielding cows are not overfed. Similar data were obtained in the study of genetic correlations between fatness and milk yield by other authors with variability of -0.340 [43] and -0.465 [26].

According to assessment of locomotion's trait in correlation with milk yield, cows firstborn of the experimental breeds did not differ by significant variability for correlation coefficients

between these traits ($r = 0.285-0.312$).

Summarizing results of linear assessment of Brown cow breeds in Sumy region, it was found that the best indicators of conformation type appeared in cows of Brown Swiss breed, that characterize it as a specialized dairy. Lebedynsk cattle for traits of linear classification approaching to combined type and Ukrainian Brown dairy, in most cases, occupied an intermediate position between estimates of Lebedynsk and Brown Swiss breeds, with characteristic traits of dairy type.

Conclusions

1. A comparative analysis of indicators linear classification firstborn cows of Brown breeds in Sumy region has shown the best expressiveness of conformation type by traits of body structure and udder at animals of Brown Swiss breed.

2. The determined high level of variability in the development of descriptive traits of the conformation indicated the need for careful selection of Brown cows, previously assessed by the method of linear classification.

3. The existence of a positive relationship between linear traits and milk yield in the selection of cows by type will indirectly increase milk production capacity of animals.

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Особливості екстер'єрного типу корів бурої худоби сумського регіону оцінених за методикою лінійної класифікації

Дослідження корів-первісток лебединської, української бурої молочної, бурої швіцької, оцінених за методикою лінійної класифікації проведено на поголів'ї тварин Сумського регіону. Встановлена міжпородна мінливість за оцінкою 100-бальної системи лінійної класифікації та за 18 описовими ознаками 9-бальної шкали. Ознаки молочного типу краще виражені у корів швіцької породи (83,5 балу) проти 80,4 і 81,8 балу у ровесниць лебединської та української бурої молочної. Ознаки тулуба корів не відрізнялися істотною мінливістю при порівнянні піддослідних порід і знаходилися у межах похибки середньої величини (83,6-83,9 балу). Середня оцінка корів-первісток бурої швіцької породи за морфологічними ознаками вимені на рівні 83,1 балу перевищувала оцінки тварин лебединської (80,4 балу) та української бурої молочної (81,8 балу) порід. Описові ознаки на відміну від групових відрізняються істотним рівнем мінливості, незалежно від оцінюваної породи. Встановлено високі та достовірні зв'язки між оцінкою групових ознак та величиною надою за першу лактацію, які характеризують молочний тип (0,222-0,433; $P<0,001$), розвиток тулуба (0,392-0,412; $P<0,001$) та вим'я (0,364-0,484; $P<0,001$). Коефіцієнти кореляцій між фінальною оцінкою типу та надоєм становили у тварин піддослідних порід у межах 0,377-0,378 ($P<0,001$). Додатна кореляція спостерігалася майже за усіма окремими описовими ознаками екстер'єру та надоєм у межах піддослідних порід за виключенням глибини вимені (-0,119...-0,085), довжини дійок (-0,044...-0,115) і вгодованості (-0,256...-0,303). За результатами лінійної оцінки корів бурих порід кращі показники екстер'єрного типу виявились у корів бурої швіцької породи, які характеризують її як спеціалізовану молочну. Лебединська худоба за ознаками лінійної класифікації наближається до комбінованого типу, а українська бура молочна займає проміжну позицію між оцінками лебединської та швіцької порід з характерними ознаками молочного типу.

Ключові слова: лебединська, українська бура молочна, бура швіцька, екстер'єрний тип, лінійна класифікація, кореляція, тип

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