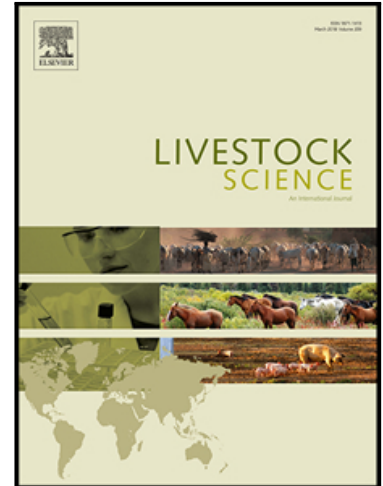


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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The body condition shows genetic variability and responds to individual selection
- The control of the size of the cows made through the selection by other characteristics helps in the control of the adult weight of the cows
- There is a genetic tendency for heavier cows to be less precocious

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