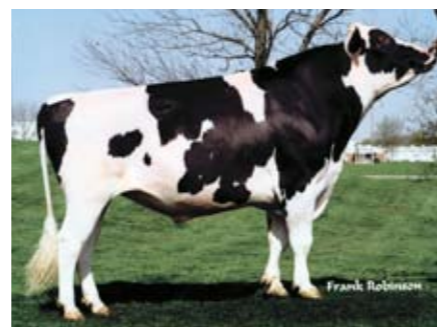




Good start for Beekmanshoeve Bertil



Breakout improves fertility



O Bee Manfred Justice at PLI top

Jostling for top spot

A balanced bunch with a bit of everything

Devon-based dairy producer, three-time NMR/RABDF Gold Cup finalist, and HUK president Willy Ley shares his views on the bulls making the news in the latest proof run.

The latest proof run, which is also the first Holstein bull ranking produced by DairyCo breeding+ – the organisation that has replaced the Milk Development Council – shows reassuring stability, but there’s plenty of movement in the top 10 to make interesting reading, according to Devon-based pedigree breeder Willy Ley. “The bulls in the top 10 are a fairly balanced bunch, offering good production, type and fertility – a bit of everything. And what I find interesting is that the bulls now ranking in positions 40 to 50, or thereabouts, would have been the top-10 high flyers 10 years ago, when sires were ranked mainly on production. “They would have been exceptional bulls at that time, but with the extra information we now have and that is incorporated into the rankings we can see that for other traits, such as fertility and type, they’re not so hot. “So the extra bull information that’s now available is really coming into its own – it’s what we’ve been lacking in breeding.” Fitness specialist O-Bee Manfred Justice returns to the number-one position in the

Profitable Lifetime Index (PLI) ranking. But the list also has new interest with a promising British newcomer entering the top 10. O-Bee Manfred Justice has increased his UK daughter numbers to more than 200 – adding to many thousands world-wide – and strengthens his PLI to £249. Willy admits to never really taking much notice of him before, but after taking a closer look at his linear, he admits that he may be looking to use him on his 200-cow Thuborough pedigree Holstein herd in the near future.

Fertility improvers

Justice’s return to the number one position is at the expense of Mascol, who now takes second place despite his impressive PLI of £230 and an improvement in his daughter Fertility Index. “You can’t knock him – he ticks most of the boxes,” says Willy, adding that he’s already used some straws on his herd and has daughters on the ground but not yet milking. Fat specialist Wizzard retains his third position. Willy’s also impressed by his figures and says he’s used a lot of his sire, Delta Webster, on his herd. “He’s a great bull but not so good on SCC so it will be interesting to watch Wizzard’s progress.” Another component specialist – Spanish-born Zelati – also caught Willy’s eye and he says he plans to take a closer look. “The changes to the PLI will unearth a few more bulls like him as time goes on. He’s been around for a while, but has been overlooked. The extra figures available have shown him to be a better bull than previously thought and I may just be



Willy Ley

adding him to my AI flask in the near future.” Willy has already put in his order for semen from Burlane Tennyson – another graduate of the successful British bull testing programmes and new to the top 10. With 64 daughters in 47 herds, this Shropshire-bred son of Dellka Juror Gordon is out of the well known Wilsendale Leadman Tracy family and shows both good SCC and daughter lifespan transmitting abilities. “I think he’s an interesting bull and I think he’s the first from the Tracy family to get a UK proof. He’s up there with Shottle, so he must be good.” Rounding off the top 10 and one of the best daughter fertility improvers in the top 100 PLI sires, is outcross sire IJsselviid Breakout. A son of the little known Etazon Trinity, Breakout’s PLI has improved by £28 and now stands at £202; his Fertility Index is 7.1, meaning that on average, his daughters have shorter calving intervals and better non-return rates than the average UK cow.

Rachael Porter

Table 1: Top 20 sires available in the UK (ranked on PLI) and several other interesting sires (source DairyCo breeding+ and Holstein UK)

name	sire	mat. grandsire	supplier	rel.	milk	fat kg	prot. kg	fat%	prot. %	EPIN	EPLI	SCC	lifespan	F&L	udder	TM
top 20 available bulls																
O-Bee Manfred Justice	Manfred	Elton	Dairy daughters	97	+687	+31.4	+24.9	+0.06	+0.03	49	249	-20	0.6	1.23	0.32	0.73
Mascol	Mtoto	Rudolph	Bullsemen.com	73	+487	+30.7	+24.0	+0.15	+0.10	52	231	-26	0.2	1.87	1.80	2.10
Wizzard	Webster	Cash	Alta	72	+489	+44.2	+22.1	+0.32	+0.08	60	222	6	0.2	0.29	1.02	0.91
Umieta Zelati	Zebo	Prelude	WWS UK	98	+155	+40.1	+12.6	+0.45	+0.10	49	216	-16	0.4	0.74	1.13	1.15
Bilsrow Jock	Jocko	Gibbon	Cogent	92	+517	+38.1	+24.1	+0.23	+0.09	58	213	-9	0.1	1.46	-0.03	0.52
Jobess	Jocko	Airliner	Dairy daughters	74	+708	+37.4	+26.8	+0.13	+0.05	57	208	-11	0.1	0.99	0.77	1.04
Braedale Goldwyn	James	Storm	Semex	94	+363	+32.3	+15.4	+0.23	+0.05	42	208	-26	0.2	2.76	2.62	3.13
Burlane Tennyson	Juror Gordon	Mtoto	Genus	88	+699	+31.8	+22.9	+0.06	+0.00	46	207	-13	0.3	0.70	2.18	1.92
Picston Shottle	Mtoto	Aerostar	Genus	99	+507	+26.4	+16.1	+0.09	+0.00	35	207	-27	0.4	3.03	3.31	3.80
IJsselviid Breakout	Trinity	Labelle	Alta	99	-56	+27.2	+9.0	+0.39	+0.14	39	202	3	0.4	0.95	0.66	0.86
Cogent Desmond	R. Marshall	Decision	Cogent	89	+508	+30.8	+24.9	+0.14	+0.11	54	201	-10	0.1	0.74	0.85	0.89
Jose	Jocko	Formation	Alta	72	+578	+37.5	+18.9	+0.19	+0.00	47	197	-2	0.2	0.59	2.55	2.30
Jardin	Jocko	Tonic	Bullsemen.com	73	+371	+23.3	+23.3	+0.12	+0.14	48	197	9	0.2	1.66	1.04	1.51
Klassic Merrill Lynch	Merrill	Target	Bullsemen.com	97	+197	+22.9	+13.4	+0.20	+0.09	36	197	-6	0.4	-0.14	1.01	0.81
Gibor	Gibbon	Sunny Boy	Bullsemen.com	82	+576	+12.7	+19.9	-0.11	+0.02	29	197	-21	0.6	2.26	0.56	1.45
Laudan	Lukas	Raider	Bullsemen.com	89	+533	+15.9	+17.4	-0.05	+0.00	28	194	-7	0.8	1.56	2.21	2.33
Ramos	Rudolph	Ambition	Alta	95	+261	+11.0	+9.8	+0.01	+0.02	19	194	-26	0.9	2.68	1.61	2.40
Jango	Jocko	Lukas	Dairy daughters	70	+619	+26.7	+23.3	+0.04	+0.04	44	190	-1	0.0	2.62	2.98	3.39
Huddleston Spooky	Spock	Mtoto	Cogent	89	+570	+24.7	+22.6	+0.04	+0.05	43	190	-12	0.4	0.99	1.49	1.48
Bobas	Dutch Boy	Novalis	Bullsemen.com	71	+718	+25.7	+24.9	-0.02	+0.02	44	188	-16	0.3	1.44	0.74	1.13
other interesting sires																
Braedale Pagewire	Inquirer	Storm	Semex	76	+686	+25.6	+25.5	+0.00	+0.04	46	185	3	0.3	1.16	2.21	2.14
Leif	Lukas	Mathie	Bullsemen.com	83	+193	+22.5	+12.0	+0.20	+0.07	33	183	-22	0.4	-0.02	1.28	1.09
Beekmanshoeve Bertil	Willis	Jocko Besne	Avoncroft	72	+292	+24.5	+21.0	+0.17	+0.15	48	181	-4	0.1	1.42	1.54	1.75
Emil 2	Emerson	Esquimau	Bullsemen.com	73	+295	+26.9	+17.7	+0.20	+0.10	44	180	1	0.3	1.24	1.30	1.43
Heather Holme Velvet	Gibson	Starleader	Dairy daughters	75	+172	+18.7	+11.0	+0.16	+0.07	29	180	-20	0.6	1.62	3.24	3.14
Kelstein Dynasty	Jesther	Lord Lily	Genus	94	+211	+31.4	+13.9	+0.30	+0.09	43	178	-16	0.1	0.87	1.18	1.23
Newhouse Ricky	Major	Fatal	Avoncroft	76	+108	+27.0	+13.6	+0.30	+0.13	42	175	-10	0.2	1.37	1.31	1.62
Stol Joc	Jocko	Manfred	Farmer To Farmer	72	+669	+24.4	+27.5	-0.01	+0.07	48	175	-1	0.0	0.74	0.88	0.88
Ensenada Taboo Planet	Taboo	Amel	Dairy daughters	65	+991	+29.1	+28.5	-0.10	-0.04	45	174	-7	0.1	0.11	1.97	1.50
Moet Brinstar Sirius	Jesther	Lord Lily	Genus	91	+467	+24.2	+22.8	+0.08	+0.10	46	174	0	0.1	1.01	0.45	0.62
Delta Canvas	Sparta	Celsius	Avoncroft	76	+1014	+34.9	+32.0	-0.04	-0.01	55	169	12	0.2	0.98	0.83	1.05
Vachim	Brando	Celsius	Bullsemen.com	70	+524	+24.0	+17.4	+0.05	+0.01	35	166	5	0.2	3.11	2.27	3.03
Ocean-View Zenith	Durham	Mandel	WWS UK	99	+328	+19.7	+14.0	+0.09	+0.04	31	165	-20	0.4	1.70	1.97	2.23
Dalbytop Phil	Principal	Lucente	Cogent	96	+139	+25.9	+11.0	+0.27	+0.08	36	164	11	0.2	1.93	2.15	2.48
ABS Riviera	Jocko	Gibbon	Genus	95	+597	+25.4	+26.8	+0.03	+0.09	50	163	-15	-0.1	0.23	0.42	0.37
Stantons Sidney	Lheros	Rudolph	Semex	71	+599	+25.1	+23.7	+0.03	+0.05	44	163	2	0.2	0.76	1.45	1.53
Stylist	Steven	Gibbon	Bullsemen.com	72	+396	+23.2	+22.8	+0.10	+0.13	47	163	7	0.1	1.97	2.05	2.31
Sandy-Valley Bolton	Hershel	Convincer	Genus	72	+757	+32.7	+22.3	+0.05	-0.03	44	161	-4	0.1	1.79	2.95	2.99
Jafral Marsh Binky	BW Marshall	Patron	Dairy daughters	68	+523	+30.8	+17.2	+0.14	+0.00	40	161	0	0.2	0.60	1.78	1.59
Magor Bolivia Allen	Allen	Storm	Semex	73	+395	+27.9	+12.4	+0.16	+0.00	33	159	-11	0.2	2.29	2.41	2.70
Jackpot	Jocko	Mandel	Bullsemen.com	77	+525	+21.2	+17.2	+0.02	+0.00	32	159	-5	0.1	2.01	2.78	3.03
Karona Bonair	Lheros	Emerson	Semex	72	+607	+24.0	+20.1	+0.01	+0.01	37	158	8	0.3	0.90	2.49	2.31
Moet Lookout	Lord Lily	Slocum	Genus	99	+570	+18.3	+22.7	-0.04	+0.05	38	158	-21	0.1	2.35	1.96	2.35
Emerald-Acr-Sa T-Baxter	Blitz	Mtoto	Alta	71	+622	+30.2	+13.6	+0.08	-0.08	31	157	-7	0.4	1.80	2.09	2.23
Glenhaven Carnival	Goodluck	Rudolph	Semex	72	+296	+23.2	+13.1	+0.15	+0.05	33	157	-2	0.2	0.53	1.75	1.60
Moet Sensation	Air Magna	Boudewijn	Genus	88	+455	+23.8	+19.8	+0.08	+0.06	41	155	-3	0.1	1.48	1.11	1.31
Braedale Bambam	Igniter	Storm	Semex	89	+201	+28.1	+7.5	+0.26	+0.01	30	154	-22	0.1	1.89	2.90	2.97
Hartline Titanic	Storm	Leadman	Semex	99	+542	+19.9	+18.7	-0.01	+0.02	33	153	0	0.3	1.73	2.35	2.61
Moet Brinstar Solo	Ford	Lord Lily	Genus	90	+256	+27.0	+13.7	+0.22	+0.07	38	150	-5	0.2	0.64	1.88	1.61
Valley-Drive Zesty	BW Marshall	Patron	Alta	74	+555	+19.0	+20.4	-0.03	+0.03	35	149	-5	0.2	1.64	1.41	1.71
Ladino Park Talent	Storm	Leader	Semex	99	+365	+8.1	+14.9	-0.07	+0.04	22	149	7	0.6	2.14	3.16	3.24
Crichel Principal	Celsius	Inspiration	Cogent	99	+450	+20.7	+20.9	+0.05	+0.08	40	147	15	0.1	1.20	1.68	1.74

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name	sire	mat. grandsire	supplier	rel.	milk	fat kg	prot. kg	fat%	prot.%	£PIN	EPLI	SCC	dairy	F&L	udder	TM
Nortonhill Artillery	Winchester	Duster	Cogent	91	+434	+20.7	+17.8	+0.05	+0.05	35	147	10	0.3	0.65	0.98	0.93
Aalshorst Balaton	Lightning	Merton	Avoncroft	73	+169	+19.1	+13.0	+0.16	+0.10	33	145	-6	0.2	0.72	1.75	1.64
Bay-Bob Amateur	Rubytom	Luke	WWS UK	95	+352	+16.8	+18.4	+0.04	+0.09	35	145	-5	0.1	1.60	1.07	1.48
R-E-W Buckeye	BW Marshall	Rudolph	Semex	71	+635	+21.0	+18.6	-0.04	-0.02	31	144	-7	0.2	1.84	2.29	2.52
Dekker Eext Promise	Apollo	Celsius	Avoncroft	94	-232	+31.1	+10.0	+0.55	+0.24	48	143	-2	0.1	1.17	-0.89	-0.33
Coldsprings Gabe	Morty	Patron	Genus	70	+291	+22.5	+13.4	+0.15	+0.05	33	138	-11	0.1	0.99	2.37	2.24
Kellercrest Langdon	Forbidden	Manfred	Genus	71	+423	+19.5	+14.9	+0.04	+0.02	30	138	1	0.3	1.59	1.28	1.57
Den-K Marshall LI Laurin	BW Marshall	Lee	Dairy daughters	67	+578	+23.2	+16.2	+0.02	-0.03	31	136	-11	0.1	2.14	2.26	2.52
Md-Delight Durham Atlas	Durham	Storm	Genus	74	+212	+14.3	+11.2	+0.08	+0.06	25	135	-7	0.3	2.19	2.90	3.19
Aggravation Lawn Boy P Red	Bacculum	Manfred	WWS UK	73	+278	+8.8	+11.0	-0.02	+0.03	18	135	0	0.5	0.62	1.82	1.82
Lutz-Brookview Burt	Aaron	Prescott	Genus	73	+352	+24.9	+16.9	+0.15	+0.07	39	134	-2	-0.1	1.35	1.45	1.72
Diamond-Oak Armstead	Blitz	Rudolph	Alta	71	+500	+23.5	+10.7	+0.06	-0.07	24	134	-12	0.3	1.19	2.10	2.13
J-K-R Bw-Marshall Billion	BW Marshall	Duster	WWS UK	70	+589	+17.3	+18.4	-0.06	-0.01	29	132	-18	0.1	1.46	2.07	2.17
Hole In One	Allen	Design	Avoncroft	77	+147	+16.6	+11.5	+0.14	+0.09	29	132	-9	0.3	1.38	1.97	2.16
Himster Grandprix	Lord Lily	Mascot	Avoncroft	99	+11	+21.4	+9.6	+0.28	+0.12	33	130	-5	0.1	1.33	1.38	1.57
Delta Masada	Laurenzo	Lukas	Avoncroft	75	+331	+19.6	+18.4	+0.09	+0.10	38	130	-7	0.3	0.12	-0.37	-0.22
Plain-O Durham Ross	Durham	Hero	WWS UK	71	+261	+11.4	+13.1	+0.02	+0.06	24	129	-7	0.3	2.06	2.65	2.98
Stair Jb Fron	Jocko	Dannix	Cogent	93	+923	+22.7	+28.8	-0.14	-0.01	42	128	3	-0.1	1.06	1.56	1.61
Penn-England Garrison	Magic	Duster	Genus	74	+333	+21.2	+14.1	+0.11	+0.04	32	127	8	0.2	0.91	1.57	1.62
Regancrest-Mr Samuelo	Durham	Emory	Semex	82	+272	+19.3	+10.3	+0.12	+0.02	26	126	-8	0.4	1.88	1.95	2.26
Dudoc Mr Burns	Thunder	Storm	Semex	68	+534	+18.4	+21.7	-0.02	+0.06	37	126	9	-0.1	1.64	2.50	2.57
Lowlands Gringo	Addison	Labelle	Avoncroft	76	+509	+23.9	+18.5	+0.06	+0.03	37	125	-10	0.1	-0.17	1.44	1.00
Hookwood Delta Scooter	Stadel	Meadow	Avoncroft	78	+190	+19.0	+12.5	+0.15	+0.08	31	124	5	0.3	-0.10	-0.01	-0.15
End-Road Pvf Boliver	Amel	Mathie	Genus	95	+273	+14.8	+12.8	+0.06	+0.05	26	123	-2	0.5	0.49	1.57	1.39
Lucky Mike	Lucky Leo	Celsius	Alta	98	+350	+12.2	+16.3	-0.01	+0.06	28	122	12	0.4	1.34	1.33	1.58
Delta Paramount	Jocko Besne	Fatal	Avoncroft	80	+660	+19.6	+24.7	-0.07	+0.04	40	120	9	0.0	1.56	1.67	1.89
Walhowdon Marshall Harry	BW Marshall	Celsius	WWS UK	71	+628	+17.1	+20.6	-0.08	+0.00	32	119	1	0.0	1.80	1.77	2.07
Sandy-Valley Onyx	Mtoto	Bellwood	WWS UK	96	-93	+14.1	+3.7	+0.24	+0.09	20	119	-28	0.0	2.07	2.07	2.35
Ganvo Alexander	Russel	Celsius	Avoncroft	75	+215	+19.8	+15.9	+0.15	+0.12	37	117	-4	0.1	1.78	1.68	2.07
Woodmarsh Conformer	Convinder	Formation	Cogent	95	+675	+26.5	+18.3	+0.01	-0.04	34	116	-1	0.1	0.48	1.19	1.17
Overside Dictator	Ford	Convincer	Cogent	92	+356	+26.0	+13.7	+0.16	+0.03	35	115	-4	0.0	0.29	1.97	1.67
Ards Reunion	Outside	Cousteau	Genus	82	+228	+28.7	+4.9	+0.26	-0.03	25	114	4	0.2	1.25	2.64	2.43
Delta Onedin	Cello	Fatal	Avoncroft	75	+37	+19.0	+11.4	+0.23	+0.13	34	113	5	0.1	1.49	0.94	1.26
Regancrest-Mr Drham Sam	Durham	Emory	WWS UK	86	+326	+18.7	+12.0	+0.08	+0.02	27	113	-6	0.1	2.47	2.48	2.89
Delta Aston Martin	Jocko	Novalis	Avoncroft	75	+160	+18.1	+10.1	+0.16	+0.06	27	113	-4	0.1	0.54	0.26	0.42
Vero Switch	Sabre	Ronald	Avoncroft	75	+302	+22.0	+14.6	+0.13	+0.06	34	111	-13	0.0	0.50	1.00	1.01
Picston Shaker	Dominator	Aerostar	Cogent	99	+99	+21.7	+11.1	+0.23	+0.10	34	111	-8	0.2	0.76	1.57	1.44
Hornland Jayz	Boss	Rudolph	Alta	69	+213	+15.2	+8.4	+0.09	+0.02	21	109	-8	0.2	0.95	2.31	2.09
Willem S-Hoeve Ramon	Manat	Apollo	Avoncroft	88	+190	+23.8	+16.5	+0.22	+0.13	42	108	13	0.0	0.21	0.47	0.40
Erbacres Damion	Durham	Encore	WWS UK	78	+278	+2.7	+13.6	-0.10	+0.06	18	108	2	0.3	2.79	2.45	2.93
Solid-Gold Colby	Outside	Rudolph	WWS UK	72	+244	+14.7	+4.8	+0.07	-0.04	13	107	-5	0.4	1.16	2.66	2.61
Cogent Admiral	Addison	Winchester	Cogent	93	+975	+14.1	+28.4	-0.27	-0.04	34	105	-9	0.2	0.30	1.28	1.07
Markwell Mrsh Braveheart	BW Marshall	Luke	Dairy daughters	76	+437	+14.5	+10.7	-0.03	-0.04	18	103	-7	0.3	4.12	2.78	3.85
Etazon Mistral	Ford	Celsius	Avoncroft	75	+471	+14.3	+16.7	-0.04	+0.02	27	103	-13	0.0	1.87	1.82	2.15
Loe Martin	Addison	Celsius	Avoncroft	76	+787	+24.1	+26.3	-0.07	+0.01	43	102	-11	0.0	0.56	0.67	0.71
Delta Olympic	Addison	Besne Buck	Avoncroft	77	+564	+18.8	+19.5	-0.03	+0.02	33	100	0	0.1	1.23	1.43	1.59
Lowlands Somerset	Laurenzo	Addison	Avoncroft	75	+571	+21.3	+21.3	+0.00	+0.04	38	98	-4	0.0	-0.36	0.73	0.39
Barnkamper Support	Sabre	Ronald	Avoncroft	78	+425	+17.2	+17.5	+0.01	+0.05	32	95	4	0.1	0.38	0.51	0.56
Poos Stadel Classic	Stadel	Camera	Avoncroft	76	+166	+8.3	+8.7	+0.03	+0.04	17	95	4	0.3	0.71	2.06	1.95
De Crob Adept	Addison	Ronald	Avoncroft	76	+170	+24.5	+18.6	+0.23	+0.17	47	94	-6	-0.1	-1.01	0.47	-0.07
Ladys-Manor Wildman	BW Marshall	Winchester	Alta	70	+648	+19.8	+18.4	-0.06	-0.03	30	94	1	-0.2	1.23	2.11	2.08
Delta Perez	Jocko	Treasure	Avoncroft	75	+403	+14.7	+15.5	-0.01	+0.03	27	93	9	0.0	0.09	0.95	0.75
Huybens Red Devil	Las Vegas	Tulip	Avoncroft	74	+496	+23.4	+18.0	+0.06	+0.02	36	82	-2	-0.1	0.53	1.50	1.41
Horst Harry	Ronald	Jabot	Avoncroft	98	-203	+19.6	+9.4	+0.37	+0.22	37	79	22	-0.1	0.11	0.36	0.33
Lowlands Pascal	Cello	Addison	Avoncroft	75	+445	+20.9	+16.3	+0.05	+0.02	33	75	7	-0.1	-0.45	1.15	0.73
Manders Marius	Addison	Cash	Avoncroft	76	+479	+21.1	+19.5	+0.04	+0.05	37	65	18	0.0	-0.24	0.56	0.24
Mister Metallica Rb	Cocktail 17	Lord Lily	Avoncroft	75	+79	+21.1	+5.0	+0.24	+0.03	23	61	-13	-0.2	1.41	1.25	1.57
Willem's-Hoeve R Applause	Manat	Lord Lily	Avoncroft	76	+175	+7.7	+8.3	+0.01	+0.03	16	61	9	0.1	1.38	3.30	3.14