

Beekmanshoeve Bertil

Finally, the Tinie family hits the jackpot with top ranking production bull Bertil

High production, very good udders, legs and feet and good scores for health and longevity, Bertil – who has an interesting outcross pedigree – is the new top bull from Holland.

Read on to find out more about his impressive pedigree.

It's fantastic that the last bull I sold to a breeding organisation, became an AI bull," says Jan Wermink, who was responsible for the breeding policy in the Beekmanshoeve herd until it was dispersed four years ago. "The bulls from the Tinie family have always lived up to their expectations, but just that last bit

of luck to breed a top bull was missing." Tinie 208 was the first cow from the family that had AI interest. "Until HG pointed out her index, she had not caught my eye," explains Jan. "Tinie 208 was an early second-crop daughter of Sunny Boy who appeared on our locator list with a very high index,"

says HG sire analyst Tony Koekkoek. "At the time I contracted this cow, her dam was still around and both Tinie 208 and her dam were impressive individuals. "Since then I have followed this cow family closely and what I have seen is that from generation to generation the family displays a similar conformation pattern. They are robust cows of average size with beautiful frames and they have a lot of strength. What I have noticed in particular are their correct rump structures where they show a lot of width."

Jocko Besne

Beekmanshoeve Bertil is a son of the health-and-functional-trait specialist Veneriete Willis, who is one of the highest-ranking second-crop bulls in The Netherlands. Willis – a high component transmitter – is by Sestak Scout (a Southwind son of Walkup Bell Lou Etta) and from a Carousel Amos dam. Bertil's dam is Beekmans Tinie 409, a VG86 daughter of Jocko Besne. Behind Tinie 409 we find a VG85 daughter of Fatal, who is out of Sunny Boy daughter Tinie 208 VG85. "Every single member of this family milked well," says Jan. "They were very functional, hard-working cows that you didn't notice in the herd – they had few, if any problems."

100-tonne cow

Bertil's fourth dam, Tinie 158 VG85 by Excels SWD Eagle, lived to 13 years of age and produced 105,951kg of milk at 4.59% of fat and 3.65% of protein. Her Sunny Boy daughter, Tinie 208, left the farm at eight years of age after producing 61,209kg of milk at 4.36% of fat and 3.56% of protein in four extended lactations. "She was a superb milk cow easily producing 60kg of milk a day for two to three months in a row."

Beekmans Tinie 410, full sister to Bertil



Bertil daughter Jacoba 191

You could easily tell by her appearance that that she would produce a lot of milk. "She had lots of dairy character and was a well developed and broad cow with a good rump angle," says Jan. Her Fatal daughter, Beekmans Tinie 311 VG85, completed one 599-day lactation and produced 20,341kg of milk with 4.40% of fat and 3.81% of protein. "There was so much interest in her that I could make more money out of her by flushing her rather than milking her. She was a heavy boned and more closed cow than her mother, but she had a better udder." Bertil's Jocko dam, Tinie 409, was contracted as a yearling and mated to Veneriete Willis. Willis was a very specific bull. "Not a high milk bull, but he had excellent fat and protein with

great udders and feet and legs, but a bit less on frame. This fitted fine with the Tinies – a very balanced combination." Jan wasn't so sure about this choice of mating sire as he had always used high indexing milk bulls. But Tony managed to convince him.

The contract was for a natural bull calf and Beekmanshoeve Bertil was the result and he went to HG for his progeny test. Dam Beekmans Tinie 409 gave 11,580kg of milk at 3.75% of fat and 3.39% of protein in her first lactation. "She is a cow with an immense frame and fine feet and legs – a good dairy cow who has given more than 50,000kg milk with 3.51% of protein.

"On second thoughts, I started to like this combination and decided to breed her to Willis for a second time," explains Jan.

However the Beekmanshoeve herd was dispersed and she was sold. Her resulting heifer calf and full sister to Bertil, Rakhorster Beekm Tinie 410 VG85 (VG86-Mammary), is on her way to a second lactation yield of 9,436kg of milk at 4.33% of fat and 3.50% of protein in the herd of Dick van Schaik.

"I recognise Bertil's sister from both his production and type figures. When Bertil produces daughters like his sister, they will be very good functional cows", says Dick. "I will definitely use the bull, particularly on large, angular cows."

UK branch

Andrew McCollum, of Ballycairn Holsteins in Northern Ireland, has developed another very interesting branch from this cow family. Restocking after Brucellosis, he bought in some in-calf heifers out of good cow families from Holland. Among them was Mesland Princess 9705, a Lord Lily daughter out of Bertil's third dam Tinie 208.

This cow calved down with a Boudewijn heifer calf named Ballycairn Boudewijn Tinnie.

Mesland Princess 9705 developed into a beautiful cow and was also a tremendous producer. In January 2007, milking in her sixth lactation and after producing more than 90,000kg of milk, she was classified EX93-5^F (EX91-Mamm, EX95-L&F). Her daughter, Ballycairn Boudewijn Tinie, classified EX90 in her third lactation and for a long time was the number-one index cow on PLI in the UK.

After the April 2008 proofs, Boudewijn

Beekmanshoeve Bertil (Willis x Jocko)



Production Proof 133 daughters in 115 herds

kg milk	% fat	% prot.	kg fat	kg prot.	PIN	PLI
+292	+0.17	+0.15	+24.5	+21.0	£48	£181
Longevity:		326 very good				
SCC:		-4				
Calving ease:		average (100)				
Temperament:		average (100)				
Milking speed:		average (100)				
Type Merit:		+1.75				

Breeding pattern

Bertil breeds the ideal cubicle cow with daughters of average size with adequate width and depth. They have outstanding udders, low somatic cell counts, very good feet and legs with good locomotion. In the udder department his strong points are udder depth and fore udder attachment – the traits that have the strongest relationship with longevity hence his very good longevity score. Particularly attractive is his production proof, which combines a fair amount of milk with high components, kilograms and percentages. Use Bertil for increase production of high value milk and to improve udders and feet and legs. For example on daughters of Addison and his sons, like Olympic and Louison. He will also work well on Lord Lily bloodlines – for example Chrissy and Hunter – and on daughters of Convincer, Stormatic and Lucente.

Tinie ranks number 25 with £254 PLI and, with £308, her daughter Ballycairn Garter Tinie VG86 is the number five PLI cow in the UK.

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