



Delta Peridot, Fertility Index of + 5.1



Mascol, waiting for UK milking daughters



Ramos, top lifespan transmitter

# O Man keeps top spot

Only slight re-ranking, but still interesting reading

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

Ongoing improvements to the way in which genetic indexes are calculated has produced a slight re-ranking of bulls in the newly published August proofs. But the top three bulls from the previous proof run can still be found in the first four positions of this new ranking.

The Test Day Model – the method used for the calculation of genetic indexes – is continually being refined and, for this run, the latest ‘technology-upgrade’ has allowed all fourth and fifth lactation information for bull daughters and ancestors to be added into the calculation – that’s 5.5 million extra lactations.

The result of the changes is a small average reduction of -0.05% fat and £13 of PLI (Profitable Lifetime Index) among some Holstein bulls, which have resulted in one or two shifts, although other bulls have inevitably bucked this trend.

The first bull to do so is O-Bee Manfred Justice, a bull who continues to impress and now takes his most commanding lead ever with a massive £265 PLI. “It’s good to see him still on top. I bought a bit of him – how could you ignore him with a lifespan of 0.6,” says Willy, adding

that he plans to use him in future on some of his herd’s well-uddered Picston Shottle daughters.

Willy says he’s also pleased to see Laudan, a second-crop bull, in second place – the first newcomer to the top 10 and a climber from number 13 in April. “I’ve spoken to a number of producers and breeders this summer who’ve used him on their herds and all have been extremely pleased with the results – he’s exceeded expectations and I think that this ranking reflects that,” says Willy.

“He’s a relatively old bull now, but he’s a safe bet. How could he not be with so many daughters in his proof?”

## Mascol daughters

Numbers two and three from the April 2008 proof run – Mascol and Wizzard – now rank in third and fourth positions with minimal changes to their figures, while fifth position is taken by Leif, the second Lukas son. The proof of this older second-crop bull confirms him as a fitness specialist with outstanding cell count, lifespan and daughter fertility indexes.

Willy has some Mascol daughters that are set to calve in late autumn and he’s eager to see how they get on in the milking herd. “They’re looking good and his figures suggest that their performance will match their appearance, so I’m hoping I’ll be impressed.”

Highest ranking of the UK progeny tested bulls is Huddlestone Spooky – bred out of a full sister to Mascol and with a PLI of 190. “Now Spooky – there’s a bull who’s held his own in this run and I think his figures are testament to Cogent’s thorough testing and hard



Willy Ley

work. You can’t get much better than 93% reliability,” says Willy.

He’s also pleased to see that Braedale Goldwyn, with an excellent type merit of +3.5, and Breakout have also held their positions in this run. “I think that Goldwyn is coming into his own now that Lifespan is beginning to count in the figures.”

## Fertility specialists

Other noteworthy bulls in the top 20 for Willy – and all with an impressive PLI of £175 or more – are fertility specialists Delta Peridot, with a Fertility Index +5.1 and Classic Merrill Lynch, scoring +7.0.

The top daughter lifespan transmitters are Ramos and Gibor with Lifespan Indexes of +0.8 and +0.7 lactations respectively. These two have also caught Willy’s eye.

“It’ll be interesting to see how the rankings shape up next time. I think the extra information being included in each run will make for increasingly reliable – and sometimes surprising – reading.”

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	fert. ind.	F&L	udder	TM
<b>top 20 available bulls</b>																	
O-Bee Manfred Justice	Manfred	Elton	Dairy daughters	98	+677	+33.7	+28.0	+0.10	+0.08	57	265	-20	0.6	-1.1	0.91	0.10	0.46
Laudan	Lukas	Raider	Bullsemen.com	93	+586	+21.3	+20.5	-0.01	+0.02	36	214	-8	0.7	-0.8	1.25	2.58	2.47
Mascol	Mtoto	Rudolph	Bullsemen.com	74	+533	+27.6	+23.0	+0.09	+0.07	47	209	-20	0.2	-1.2	1.85	1.65	1.99
Wizzard	Webster	Cash	Alta	73	+602	+41.9	+22.6	+0.23	+0.04	56	208	5	0.2	-3.0	0.48	0.96	0.95
Leif	Lukas	Zack	Bullsemen.com	90	+266	+23.6	+12.4	+0.17	+0.05	33	205	-20	0.6	4.2	-0.01	1.36	1.11
Ramos by	Rudolph	Ambition	Alta	96	+326	+13.4	+11.7	+0.01	+0.02	22	199	-26	0.8	3.2	3.05	1.70	2.61
Jardin	Jocko	Tonic	Bullsemen.com	74	+467	+22.0	+25.2	+0.05	+0.13	48	198	11	0.2	1.4	1.75	1.13	1.62
IJsselviedt Breakout	Trinity	Labelle	Alta	99	+35	+28.6	+12.1	+0.36	+0.14	43	195	4	0.3	3.4	1.16	0.75	1.03
Urnieta Zelati	Zebo	Prelude	WWS UK	99	+306	+38.0	+13.9	+0.34	+0.05	46	195	-17	0.3	-3.3	0.74	0.98	1.03
Delta Peridot	Tugolo	Labelle	Genus	95	+185	+34.2	+13.3	+0.35	+0.09	45	193	10	0.2	5.1	1.51	0.11	0.67
Braedale Goldwyn	James	Storm	Semex	98	+375	+25.3	+14.3	+0.14	+0.03	35	191	-22	0.3	-0.3	3.14	2.73	3.40
Huddlestone Spooky	Spock	Mtoto	Cogent	93	+511	+23.0	+22.6	+0.05	+0.08	43	190	-11	0.4	-4.4	0.76	1.36	1.30
Ensenada Taboo Planet	Taboo	Amel	Dairy daughters	67	+1,010	+28.0	+28.8	-0.12	-0.04	44	190	-7	0.3	—	0.21	1.99	1.56
Jobess	Jocko	Airliner	Dairy daughters	74	+710	+30.0	+24.6	+0.04	+0.02	47	189	-12	0.2	-3.5	1.11	1.00	1.26
Gibor	Gibbon	Sunny Boy	Bullsemen.com	83	+519	+11.2	+18.0	-0.11	+0.02	26	188	-22	0.7	2.5	2.12	0.62	1.44
Klassic Merrill Lynch	Merrill	Target	Bullsemen.com	97	+266	+19.8	+14.3	+0.12	+0.07	33	186	-6	0.4	7.0	-0.23	1.04	0.78
Bilsrow Jock	Jocko	Gibbon	Cogent	94	+525	+31.7	+23.3	+0.15	+0.08	51	181	-9	0.0	-2.3	1.46	-0.17	0.39
Emil 2	Emerson	Esquimau	Bullsemen.com	73	+348	+23.9	+17.7	+0.14	+0.08	40	180	1	0.4	-2.2	1.10	1.27	1.35
Alpag Iron Active	Boss Iron	Manfred	Dairy daughters	77	+529	+25.7	+16.5	+0.07	-0.01	34	177	-11	0.3	3.3	0.60	1.30	1.27
Picston Shottle	Mtoto	Aerostar	Genus	99	+558	+21.6	+15.0	+0.01	-0.04	28	176	-29	0.4	-1.9	2.57	3.13	3.48
<b>other interesting sires</b>																	
Burlane Tennyson	Juror Gordon	Mtoto	Genus	94	+820	+28.7	+23.4	-0.03	-0.04	41	169	-8	0.1	0.0	0.17	1.67	1.33
Cogent Desmond	R. Marshall	Decision	Cogent	92	+502	+26.8	+21.5	+0.10	+0.07	45	166	-9	0.1	-3.8	0.70	0.99	0.99
Bay-Bob Amateur	Rubytom	Luke	WWS UK	96	+473	+19.4	+20.4	+0.02	+0.06	38	162	-4	0.1	1.1	1.65	1.29	1.67
Newhouse Ricky	Major	Fatal	Avoncroft	79	+118	+23.0	+13.1	+0.24	+0.12	38	157	-10	0.2	-3.5	1.32	1.26	1.56
Kelstein Dynasty	Jesther	Lord Lily	Genus	96	+166	+25.2	+12.2	+0.25	+0.09	37	157	-13	0.1	0.1	0.78	1.19	1.21
Zar	Zappa	Amaretto	Bullsemen.com	72	+469	+22.6	+19.1	+0.06	+0.05	38	157	-17	0.1	-2.2	0.47	1.42	1.37
Stantons Sidney	Lheros	Rudolph	Semex	74	+666	+22.4	+24.0	-0.03	+0.03	41	156	-3	0.2	-5.7	0.81	1.44	1.52
Delta Barclay	Bailey	Webster	Avoncroft	76	+488	+26.8	+20.3	+0.10	+0.06	43	152	-4	0.0	-3.2	2.03	0.30	1.05
Stol Joc	Jocko	Manfred	Farmer To Farmer	75	+704	+21.1	+26.8	-0.07	+0.05	44	152	-2	0.0	-3.0	0.73	0.84	0.83
Carters-Corner Ally	Manfred	Patron	Alta	94	+500	+31.8	+15.4	+0.16	-0.01	38	152	12	0.2	1.0	0.11	0.73	0.56
Dudam Surprise	Dustin	Luxemburg	Avoncroft	78	+259	+16.7	+14.6	+0.09	+0.08	31	151	-15	0.2	1.8	1.43	0.29	0.84
Delta Avalon	Bailey	Lucky Leo	Avoncroft	76	+70	+21.7	+9.9	+0.25	+0.10	32	150	1	0.1	4.8	1.07	1.16	1.42
Heather Holme Velvet	Gibson	Starleader	Dairy daughters	76	+207	+14.8	+7.9	+0.09	+0.02	20	150	-20	0.6	-3.7	1.63	3.25	3.15
Vachim	V Brando	Celsius	Bullsemen.com	71	+567	+21.9	+16.8	+0.01	-0.02	31	149	6	0.1	2.7	3.14	2.28	3.06
Sandy-Valley Bolton	Hershel	Convincer	Genus	74	+785	+27.9	+21.0	-0.02	-0.05	37	149	-4	0.2	-7.7	1.86	2.98	3.03
Beekmanshoeve Bertil	Willis	Jocko	Avoncroft	77	+290	+19.0	+20.0	+0.10	+0.14	42	148	-7	0.1	-7.3	1.60	1.27	1.61
Ocean-View Zenith	Durham	Mandel	WWS UK	99	+397	+16.2	+13.0	+0.01	+0.00	24	148	-21	0.4	-1.8	1.54	1.94	2.15
Stylist	Steven	Gibbon	Bullsemen.com	72	+474	+22.1	+23.1	+0.05	+0.10	44	144	5	0.0	-8.1	1.96	2.03	2.30
Delta Roppa	Abrian	Jocko	Avoncroft	76	+443	+18.1	+19.2	+0.02	+0.06	35	143	1	0.0	-0.1	0.88	2.71	2.58
Ked Outside Jeeves	Outside	Duster	Genus	71	+516	+19.4	+11.9	+0.00	-0.06	22	143	-2	0.5	-0.8	1.93	2.46	2.71
Magor Baroque Allen	Allen	Storm	Semex	80	+257	+18.5	+8.8	+0.11	+0.01	22	140	-14	0.3	—	1.40	2.91	2.69
Moet Sensation	Air Magna	Boudewijn	Genus	92	+431	+17.4	+19.6	+0.01	+0.07	36	138	-4	0.1	-2.6	1.17	0.89	1.02
Delta Butembo	Abrian	Jocko	Avoncroft	77	+371	+15.6	+18.5	+0.02	+0.08	34	136	6	0.0	0.6	1.41	2.12	2.27
Delta Canvas	Sparta	Celsius	Avoncroft	81	+990	+29.8	+30.3	-0.09	-0.02	49	136	14	0.1	-11.6	0.66	0.44	0.63
Valley-Drive Zesty	BW Marshall	Patron	Alta	75	+544	+13.9	+18.7	-0.08	+0.01	28	135	-5	0.3	—	1.85	1.40	1.80
Morningview Ashlar	Aerowood	Formation	Semex	71	+457	+20.5	+13.8	+0.04	-0.01	28	134	-11	0.1	-0.4	0.99	2.86	2.72
Jackpot	Jocko	Mandel	Bullsemen.com	78	+578	+16.0	+16.3	-0.07	-0.03	25	133	-4	0.1	2.0	1.98	2.97	3.18
Aalshorst Balaton	Lightning	Merton	Avoncroft	77	+140	+15.1	+12.2	+0.13	+0.10	29	131	-8	0.1	0.7	0.55	1.63	1.51
Abs Riviera	Jocko	Gibbon	Genus	96	+561	+18.9	+23.8	-0.03	+0.07	41	129	-14	-0.1	-5.0	0.24	0.41	0.36
Dalbytop Phil	Principal	Lucente	Cogent	97	+108	+18.6	+8.1	+0.19	+0.06	26	129	12	0.2	1.9	1.94	2.27	2.58
Emerald-Acr-Sa T-Baxter	Blitz	Mtoto	Alta	73	+743	+26.3	+13.5	-0.02	-0.13	24	128	-7	0.3	-2.6	1.84	2.18	2.33
Karona Bonair	Lheros	Emerson	Semex	74	+641	+19.0	+19.7	-0.06	-0.01	32	125	13	0.2	-4.3	0.92	2.65	2.44

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name	sire	mat. grandsire	supplier	rel.	milk	fat kg	prot. kg	fat%	prot. %	EPIN	EPLI	SCC	lifespanfert. index	F&L	udder	TM	
Crichel Principal	Celsius	Inspiration	Cogent	99	+505	+18.9	+19.1	+0.00	+0.04	34	124	15	0.1	-2.4	1.13	1.63	1.67
Dudoc Mr Burns	Thunder	Storm	Semex	71	+575	+17.2	+20.8	-0.06	+0.03	34	124	10	0.0	-2.9	1.60	2.52	2.58
Delta NY Yankee	Dustin	Sierra	Avoncroft	76	+401	+20.1	+14.3	+0.06	+0.02	30	124	-11	0.1	-1.8	0.67	1.16	1.11
Regancrest-Mr Drham Sam	Durham	Emory	WWS UK	95	+433	+23.9	+11.2	+0.09	-0.03	27	124	-6	0.3	-8.4	2.36	3.18	3.34
Lowlands Gringo	Addison	Labelle	Avoncroft	78	+505	+22.1	+18.2	+0.04	+0.02	35	122	-10	0.1	-7.2	-0.18	1.46	1.01
R-E-W Buckeye	BW Marshall	Rudolph	Semex	73	+623	+16.9	+16.7	-0.08	-0.04	25	122	-6	0.2	—	1.92	2.27	2.54
Ganvo Alexander	Russel	Celsius	Avoncroft	99	+265	+17.7	+15.8	+0.10	+0.09	34	121	-4	0.2	-10.3	1.80	1.63	2.04
Horst Harry	Ronald	Jabot	Avoncroft	99	+10	+18.4	+16.7	+0.24	+0.22	43	119	22	0.1	-7.5	-0.02	0.21	0.18
Kellercrest Langdon	Forbidden	Manfred	Genus	73	+482	+17.1	+13.9	-0.01	-0.02	24	118	0	0.3	-2.5	1.56	1.34	1.60
Plain-O Durham Ross	Durham	Hero	WWS UK	74	+216	+7.8	+10.3	-0.01	+0.04	18	116	-10	0.4	-4.2	2.04	2.82	3.10
Aggravation Lawn Boy P	Bacculum	Manfred	WWS UK	76	+307	+4.2	+9.7	-0.09	+0.00	12	114	-2	0.5	3.2	1.07	1.85	2.02
Himster Grandprix	Lord Lily	Mascot	Avoncroft	99	+81	+18.4	+9.1	+0.20	+0.09	28	113	-4	0.1	-3.4	1.42	1.44	1.65
Lucky Mike	Lucky Leo	Celsius	Alta	99	+379	+10.8	+17.0	-0.05	+0.06	27	112	11	0.2	-3.0	1.71	1.43	1.80
Hole in One	Allen	Design	Avoncroft	80	+161	+12.6	+10.1	+0.08	+0.06	23	110	-7	0.3	-5.6	1.38	1.91	2.11
April-Day Wisconsin	Jordan	STBVQ Rubens	Genus	73	+178	+18.7	+9.2	+0.15	+0.04	26	110	-4	0.2	-6.5	1.41	2.63	2.59
Regancrest-Mr Samuelo	Durham	Emory	Semex	94	+246	+20.0	+9.3	+0.14	+0.02	25	110	-9	0.3	-9.4	2.11	2.06	2.42
M.E. Dal Alliance	Allen	Lee	Bullsemen.com	77	+299	+13.6	+11.1	+0.03	+0.02	22	110	-14	0.2	-6.5	2.91	2.87	3.43
Regancrest Design	Eland	Encore	WWS UK	74	+417	+17.6	+7.2	+0.02	-0.08	15	110	-6	0.3	0.4	1.89	2.73	2.81
Delta Onedin	Cello	Fatal	Avoncroft	78	+105	+17.1	+13.1	+0.17	0.13	33	109	4	0.1	-7.2	1.41	0.90	1.21
Md-Delight Durham Atlas	Durham	Storm	Genus	76	+161	+9.8	+7.2	+0.05	+0.03	16	107	-2	0.4	-3.3	1.98	2.85	3.06
Delta Paramount	Jocko	Fatal	Avoncroft	82	+740	+16.0	+25.5	-0.15	+0.02	36	107	10	0.0	-8.8	1.46	1.74	1.91
J-K-R BW-Marshll Billion	BW Marshall	Duster	WWS UK	71	+551	+11.9	+16.1	-0.11	-0.02	22	106	-15	0.1	—	1.67	2.09	2.28
Lutz-Brookview Burt	Aaron	Prescott	Genus	88	+295	+17.6	+13.4	+0.08	+0.05	29	102	-1	0.0	-4.7	1.46	1.67	1.92
Hookwood Delta Scooter	Stadel	Meadow	Avoncroft	81	+206	+14.6	+12.5	+0.09	+0.08	27	101	8	0.2	-2.1	0.03	-0.09	-0.15
Cogent Admiral	Addison	Winchester	Cogent	94	+951	+10.6	+27.5	-0.30	-0.04	30	101	-8	0.3	-12.0	0.28	1.18	0.99
Solid-Gold Colby	Outside	Rudolph	WWS UK	73	+264	+10.7	+3.2	+0.01	-0.07	7	101	-4	0.6	0.0	1.17	2.58	2.55
Vero Switch	Sabre	Ronald	Avoncroft	78	+333	+19.1	+14.4	+0.08	+0.05	31	100	-16	0.0	-7.6	0.47	0.88	0.90
Magor Bolivia Allen	Allen	Storm	Semex	76	+419	+24.6	+9.9	+0.11	-0.05	25	98	-9	0.0	0.0	2.32	2.60	2.86
Penn-England Garrison	Magic	Duster	Genus	86	+359	+15.5	+10.4	+0.02	-0.01	20	94	12	0.3	-2.7	0.89	1.51	1.61
Ards Reunion	Outside	Cousteau	Genus	94	+390	+23.1	+6.2	+0.10	-0.08	19	92	4	0.3	-3.8	1.09	2.13	1.97
Loe Martin	Addison	Celsius	Avoncroft	79	+802	+21.8	+25.5	-0.10	0.00	39	90	-11	0.0	-17.5	0.52	0.68	0.71
Cogent Loader	Morty	Tugolo	Cogent	86	+740	+14.0	+15.8	-0.17	-0.10	18	89	0	0.2	-5.7	3.01	2.45	3.12
Lowlands Somerset	Laurenzo	Addison	Avoncroft	78	+613	+19.8	+22.0	-0.04	+0.03	37	89	-2	0.0	-12.8	-0.26	0.65	0.38
Gillette Capital	Allen	Storm	Alta	74	+432	+9.8	+14.0	-0.08	+0.00	20	88	3	0.2	-6.0	2.75	1.91	2.57
Poos Stadel Classic	Stadel	Camera	Avoncroft	79	+209	+4.4	+9.1	-0.05	+0.03	13	88	1	0.4	-2.6	0.65	1.97	1.84
Etazon Mistral	Ford	Celsius	Avoncroft	78	+583	+12.4	+17.0	-0.12	-0.02	23	87	-16	0.0	-6.7	1.87	1.79	2.12
Coldsprings Gabe	Morty	Patron	Genus	72	+373	+17.8	+13.1	+0.05	+0.01	27	85	-11	-0.2	-4.9	1.00	2.45	2.30
Barnkamper Support	Sabre	Ronald	Avoncroft	82	+422	+13.6	+17.0	-0.03	+0.04	29	84	8	0.1	-7.2	0.41	0.55	0.61
Picston Shaker	Dominator	Aerostar	Cogent	99	+166	+17.7	+10.1	+0.15	+0.06	27	83	-7	0.2	-13.3	0.75	1.53	1.41
Delta Olympic	Addison	Besne Buck	Avoncroft	81	+566	+16.8	+18.9	-0.06	+0.01	30	82	0	0.1	-12.2	0.72	1.00	1.05
Erbacres Damion	Durham	Encore	WWS UK	80	+267	-1.4	+11.9	-0.15	+0.04	12	79	2	0.2	-2.0	2.80	2.54	3.00
Cogent Jenkins	Ford	Convincer	Cogent	90	+287	+9.1	+12.0	-0.02	+0.04	20	78	-4	0.1	-4.8	1.25	1.32	1.54
Ladys-Manor Wildman	BW Marshall	Winchester	Alta	72	+684	+16.0	+17.8	-0.12	-0.05	25	77	1	-0.2	—	1.33	2.12	2.14
Markwell Mrsh Braveheart	BW Marshall	Luke	Dairy daughters	77	+390	+9.5	+7.9	-0.07	-0.06	11	77	-4	0.4	-9.1	4.11	2.78	3.85
Ladino Park Talent	Storm	Leader	Semex	99	+312	+4.1	+9.8	-0.10	+0.00	12	76	6	0.4	-7.2	2.09	3.11	3.19
Overside Dictator	Ford	Convincer	Cogent	94	+411	+19.3	+12.2	+0.05	-0.01	25	75	2	0.0	-7.2	0.29	1.96	1.66
Moet Melody	Addison	Slocum	Genus	99	+247	+10.2	+7.6	+0.01	+0.00	14	73	-15	0.2	-7.4	1.92	1.84	2.22
Huyben's Red Devil	Las Vegas	Tulip	Avoncroft	78	+482	+20.5	+16.6	+0.03	+0.01	32	67	-1	-0.1	-13.6	0.65	1.41	1.38
Hornland Jayz	Boss	Rudolph	Alta	71	+246	+9.0	+6.0	+0.00	-0.03	11	65	-9	0.1	-1.7	0.86	2.30	2.07
Ocean-View Zinfandel	Merchant	Mandel	Dairy daughters	73	+403	+10.9	+8.9	-0.05	-0.05	13	65	8	0.2	-5.1	2.74	2.14	2.78
Kerndtway Howie	Morty	BW Marshall	Semex	77	+696	+18.0	+16.4	-0.10	-0.07	24	64	1	-0.1	-9.7	2.59	2.32	2.84
Manders Marius	Addison	Cash	Avoncroft	79	+504	+19.4	+20.0	+0.00	+0.05	36	60	17	0.0	-16.4	-0.23	0.51	0.21
Watergate Delegate	Addison	Bellwood	Cogent	92	+858	+22.9	+20.6	-0.11	-0.08	30	58	-14	-0.2	-12.0	-0.53	0.70	0.38
528 New-World Empire	Emory	Chief Mark	WWS UK	98	+329	+6.4	+6.0	-0.08	-0.06	7	56	-10	0.1	-2.4	2.56	2.41	2.84
ALH Dancer	Durham	Patron	Dairy daughters	72	+190	+0.2	+5.2	-0.09	-0.01	4	53	-10	0.2	-4.5	2.36	3.30	3.53
Scotchhills Patriot	Patron	Jabot	Cogent	99	+74	+8.1	+7.3	+0.07	+0.06	17	46	19	0.0	-5.8	2.14	1.86	2.22
Granduc Tribute	Storm	Duregal	Semex	99	+267	+4.4	+6.9	-0.07	-0.02	8	41	-4	0.1	-3.4	1.29	1.40	1.62
Aquila Patron Lucente	Patron	Luke	Cogent	99	+555	+17.5	+13.0	-0.04	-0.06	21	27	9	0.0	-15.8	0.93	1.80	1.71