



**CAMION VAN DE PEUL**  
(FENDER X GOLDWYN X KIAN X  
LIGHTNING)

**Production proof: 186 daughters in 158 herds**  
(Source: GES/DairyCo breeding+, August 2013)

kg M	% fat	% prot.	kg fat	kg prot.	PIN	PLI
+155	+0.16	+0.08	+18.6	+11.8	£31	£156

Longevity: **+708 days**

SCC: **-24**

Calving ease: **109**

Temperament: **101**

Milking speed: **93**

Fertility: **99**

**Conformation traits: 47 daughters in 38 herds**

	88	100	112
frame	103		
dairy strength	104		
udder	107		
feet and legs	112		
total score	110		
stature	102		
chest width	98		
body depth	98		
angularity	102		
condition score	99		
rump angle	104		
rump width	104		
rear legs rear view	109		
rear legs side view	95		
foot angle	105		
locomotion	109		
fore udder attachment	106		
front teat placement	97		
teat length	101		
udder depth	108		
rear udder height	110		
central ligament	102		
rear teat placement	99		

### Longevity and milk contents

At +708 days Camion daughters are characterised with a long lifespan. The bull also has a remarkably high score with regard to his feet and legs.

As far as type is concerned the scores for high rear udders, strong front udder attachment, the legs (rear and side view) and locomotion are striking. In particular, Camion contributes to higher milk contents and low cell counts.

His daughters are born very easily. From Camion you get producers' cows: after all they have the strength.

Full brothers Camion and Cherokee van de Peul: the same Massia bloodline, different profiles

# Camion continues the Massia line

Camion van de Peul entered the red-and-white sire ranking at the top. With genes that go back to the Massia family, Camion shares his pedigree with bulls like Cherokee, Kylian and Maniac.

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New daughter-proven bulls rarely start at the top of the list straight away, but in August that was the case with Camion van de Peul. With 270 NVI, the Fender son grabbed the highest position in the Netherlands in one go. And there was a considerable gap between him and those behind him.

With his lead position, Camion van de Peul does credit to his background. The bull goes back to the Massia family that is known everywhere in The Netherlands. It is the source from which breeding bulls like Kylian (from Kian), Maniac (from Royalist), Maddock P (from Kodak) and Cherokee (from Fender) also originate. It is very rare five bulls from the same dairy get on the CRV sire chart.

### Extremely successful

A branch of the Massia family arrived at Paul Huntjens' farm in Noorbeek, the southernmost point of the Netherlands, via embryos. The family is still in the picture from the breeding viewpoint with an Atlantic cousin of Massia 9397 that in the meantime has become extremely successful on the Delta nucleus farm.

The breeder of Camion has for some time no longer milked cows, with an exception being Goldwyn daughter Massia 9397, the mother of Camion.

"I still milk Massia 9397 twice a day", says Paul, enthusiastically. When his unit closed, the Goldwyn daughter was actually sold, but owing to circumstances she came back to the Huntjens farm. "At a certain moment a bond forms with a cow like this. I now flush her once every six weeks, with all kinds of popular red-and-white bulls. I think that Massia 9397



Paul Huntjens: "Camion and Cherokee were two totally different young bulls"

now knows what is going to happen when the CRV ET specialist comes to call."

Camion van de Peul was born from a yearling flushing of Massia 9397 with Fender. "As a yearling there still was not yet any real interest," Paul explains. The Goldwyn daughter with red factor was then only flushed once. Only later did the ball really begin to roll.

"As a heifer she has really only just begun. Massia 9397 is not a typical Goldwyn daughter. She has enough breadth in the front end and has very good feet and legs with excellent hooves. The most striking thing about her is her extremely high protein content. That can also be seen in her genomic breeding values."

If you look at the production lists of this Massia descendant you will immediately see the high milk constituents. As a heifer Massia 9397 produced 8,772kg of milk, with 5.05% fat and 3.81% protein, in 359 days with a lactation value of 122 and she obtained VG85. As a second calver she increased her type score to VG87 and completed a 593-day lactation



Kian daughter Van de Peul Massia 9215 and Goldwyn daughter Van de Peul Massia 9397, grand dam and dam of Camion

of 13,156kg of milk with 5.41% fat and 4.34% protein.

The characteristics of mother Massia 9397 can also be seen in her Fender son. “There may be a bit more milk, but the legs stand out,” says Paul. “From Camion you get producers’ cows: after all they have the strength.”

**Fender combination**

CRV’s sire analyst Eric Lievens decided to combine Massia 9397 with Fender. Why did he end up with the Goldwyn daughter? “This Massia was, at that time,

the highest Goldwyn daughter with the red factor.” He describes Massia as a medium-sized cow with notable milk constituents and very strong legs. “As a son of Gogo, Fender came into the picture at that time as a bull father. He was not the highest bull, but he was free from Kian and Lightning blood. This pairing with Fender was the only good combination.”

The yearling flushing provided not one but two young bulls for Paul. In addition to Camion van de Peul full brother Cherokee van de Peul was also born from

the same flushing. Paul remembers the calves as if it were yesterday.

“They were two totally different young bulls. As far as their build was concerned Cherokee was superior to Camion. Cherokee had much more power.”

To find the best of the duo a marker test was carried out on both bulls. “However, there was a slight difference in markers. Both bulls scored highly with a number of differences in type so CRV decided to test both bulls.”

When, at the age of 10 months, Camion suddenly stopped growing they considered removing the bull. “Owing to his high marker tests Camion was given the benefit of the doubt and, with hindsight, that was the best choice to make.”

**Further opportunities**

In the meantime Camion has had many opportunities on Dutch farms. “The bull was immediately used a lot as an InSire bull on the basis of his marker tests”, says Eric Lievens. Camion also had opportunities as a sire of sons.

“Four Camion sons have already been used and two are yet to be used. In view of his high indexes it is possible that he will have further opportunities as a bull father.” |

