



Make more from grass with CRV grazing genetics

CRV Avoncroft's grazing portfolio has been strengthened by the addition of some of the highest 2019 graduates and new InSire bulls. The continued investment in genomics is resulting in higher reliabilities for these InSire bulls and this also allows for better sire selection.

Friesian team

Producer favourites – such as Phonic, Gurkha and Kingpin – are again part of the team. All three bulls offer calving ease and their use on maiden heifers has driven their demand.

New to the Friesian team is Blitz son Timeline. He ranks high on every index and, with moderate milk flow and high components, he meets the increased demand for solids. His fertile daughters are medium sized with outstanding capacity. He's also a good bull to use at the end of mating periods, scoring –7 for gestation length.

Guarantee son Glowing offers an outcross pedigree, as well as high scores for health and efficiency. High milk flow and fertility, as well as good longevity, make him an attractive

Meander SB Quantico



Triplestar daughter 257



sire. He is also a sure thing for use on maiden heifers.

New graduate Rematch is further proof that CRV's investment in genomics is paying off. He has been used in the UK as an InSire and is now back in the portfolio. This high indexing sire breeds efficient daughters who have high production, with smaller frames and good udders.

New InSire bulls Delsanto and Quantico are top of the crop in New Zealand. Both offer superior production from medium-sized cows, with good health traits.

Cross-breeding team

The cross-breeding team has been strengthened by the addition of Jack-Frost and Pelorus. Both InSires are Friesian and can be used to add robustness in a cross-bred herd and bring size back in a Friesian herd. They have good milk flow with excellent udders. Their daughters will be problem free and easy to manage.

New graduate Viking has been popular as an InSire for several years and his milking daughters are now conforming this confidence. Viking can be used in cross-bred herds or as a maiden-heifer option in Friesian herds. Any Jersey herd trying to add size and production would also benefit from this all-round sire. With a score of +1.15 for udder overall, his daughters will look good.

Previous InSires Connacht and Diesel have been heavily used, particularly in Ireland, and both return as proven sires. With extreme scores for both health and efficiency, they fit with most herd's breeding goal.

Glowing daughter 133



New Zealand grazing experts visit the UK

From January 7 until January 18, New Zealand grazing experts Mark and Sue Duffy are, once again, visiting the UK to help producers with their breeding decisions. Mark and Sue will be sharing information on how grass-based farming operates in New Zealand and they will share the breeding philosophy behind CRV Ambreed sires.

Mark has been working for CRV since 2008. He has a thorough understanding of the farming systems used in New Zealand. "I am looking forward to sharing this knowledge with UK producers, so they can benefit from using New Zealand genetics."

Sue has been involved in the dairy industry for most of her life. "Dairy genetics has always been my passion. I enjoy helping producers to selecting sires that best suit their breeding objectives and management system."

New Jersey additions Omnibus and Walker are extreme production bulls, and both add size and strength. These high indexing sires have good efficiency scores and will generate more income from high solid milks.