







Explanation of the headings . . .

Name of Bull	NAAB Code	Sample Code	Selection Indexes				Milk, Protein and Fat					Type Data		
			NM\$	Rel.	CM\$	FMS	TPI	lbs.M	lbs.P	%P	lbs. F	%F	Rel.	UDC

**NAME OF BULL** — Bull's registered name.

**NAAB CODE** — A three-part code. A number before the letter either indicates the stud code or marketing code number. Please see [www.naab-css.org/membership/coding.html](http://www.naab-css.org/membership/coding.html) for a complete explanation. The letters indicate breed, the number following the letters is individual bull identification number.

**LIFETIME NET MERIT - NM\$** — Combines PTAs for 9 traits in Holsteins and Brown Swiss. In the other breeds, 8 traits are used because there is no calving ability index available. The values go up slightly for each trait in those four breeds. The index gives the following weighting for Holsteins and Brown Swiss: Productive Life, 22; Fat, 19; Protein, 16; Daughter Pregnancy Rate, 11; Somatic Cell Score, -10; Udder, 7; Body Size, -6; Calving Ability, 5; and Feet and Legs, 4.

**CHEESE MERIT - CM\$** — Combines PTAs for 10 traits in Holsteins and Brown Swiss. In the other breeds, 9 traits are used because there is no calving ability index available. The values go up 1.04 for each trait in those four breeds. The index gives the following weighting for Holsteins and Brown Swiss: Protein, 25; Productive Life, 15; Milk, -15; Fat, 13; Somatic Cell Score, -9; Daughter Pregnancy Rate, 8; Udder, 5; Body Size, -4; Calving Ability, 3; and Feet and Legs, 3.

**FLUID MERIT - FM\$** — Combines PTAs for 9 traits in Holsteins and Brown Swiss. In the other breeds, 8 traits are used because there is no calving ability index. The values go up 1.06 for each trait in those four breeds. The index gives the following weighting for Holsteins and Brown Swiss: Productive Life, 22; Fat, 20; Milk, 19; Daughter Pregnancy Rate, 12; Udder, 7; Somatic Cell Score, -5; Calving Ability, 5; Body Size, -6; and Feet and Legs, 4.

**REL.** — Reliability indicates the accuracy of genetic evaluations. Reliabilities are expressed as percents and range from 1 to 99. The closer Reliability is to 99, the more reliable the Predicted Transmitting Abilities (PTAs).

**TPI Holsteins** — Total Performance Index is a value which is determined by placing an emphasis on production and type. The weighting for this index is 27 PTA Protein, 16 for PTA Fat, 12 Udder Composite, 11 Daughter Pregnancy Rate, 10 PTA Type, 9 PTA PL, 6 Foot and Leg Composite, -5 PTA SCS, -2 Daughter Calving Ease, -1 PTA Dairy Form, and -1 Daughter Stillbirth.

**JPI Jerseys** — Jersey Performance Index is a value that is determined by placing an emphasis of 40 for PTA Protein; 20 for PTA Fat; 15 for FTI (Functional Trait Index); and 12 for PTA PL (Productive Life), 7 for PTA DPR (Daughter Pregnancy Rate), 3 for FUI (Functional Udder Index), and minus 3 for PTA SCS (Somatic Cell Score).

**PPR Brown Swiss** — The Progressive Performance Ranking (PPR) is calculated with an emphasis of 45 for PTA Protein, 20 for PTA Fat, 8 PTA SCS, 8 PL, 10 Udder Composite, 3, DPR, 3 PTA Final Score, and 3 for Foot and Leg Composite. **PTI Ayrshires and Milking Shorthorns** — Determined by placing an emphasis of 4 for PTA Pounds of Protein, 2 for PTA Pounds of Fat, and 1 for PTA Type. **PTI Guernseys** — Computed with a weighting of 5 for PTA Protein, 1 for PTA Fat, and 1 for FHL (Functional Herd Life).

**PTA LBS. P, %P, LBS. M, LBS. F, AND %F** — PTAs for pounds protein, percent protein, pounds milk, pounds fat, and percent fat indicate how much more (or less) "performance" to expect from an average daughter of bull compared to a average daughter of another bull with a proof of zero. The genetic base, called PTA 05, was selected so half the cow population will have positive PTAs. It was established by setting to zero the weighted average PTAs of all cows born in 2005.

**PTA SCS** — Predicted Transmitting Ability-Somatic Cell Score is expressed in somatic cell score units. For somatic cell score, lower units are better. Research has shown that the lowest incidence of clinical mastitis and the fewest number of mastitis episodes occurred among daughters of bulls with the lowest PTA-SCS, and the mastitis measures increased with increasing PTA-SCS. A one-point increase in the sire's PTA-SCS was associated with a 75 percent increase in daughter's mastitis incidence in both first and second lactation.

**PTA PL** — Predicted Transmitting Ability-Productive Life is expressed in months a cow is in production. A higher PTA would result in a longer herd life.

**UDC Holsteins** — Udder Composite Score is a ranking of bulls based on ability for udder improvement. Weights for the various udder traits are: Udder Depth, 35 percent; Front Teat Placement, 5 percent; Rear Udder Height, 16 percent; Fore Udder Attachment, 16 percent; Rear Udder Width, 12 percent; Udder Cleft, 9 percent, and Rear Teat Placement, 7 percent.

**F&L Holsteins** — Feet and Leg Composite Score is a ranking of bulls based on ability for feet and leg improvement. Weights for the four traits are: Foot Angle, 24 percent; Rear Legs, Rear View, 18.5 percent; Rear Legs, Side View, 7.5 percent; and 50 percent Feet and Leg Breakdown.

**CALVING EASE** — Service sire calving ease is the tendency of calves from a particular sire to be born more easily (or more difficult) than an average calf. **Sire Stillbirth** is the tendency of newborn calves sired by a particular bull when mated to heifers to be born dead or die within the first 48 hours after birth. Bulls with lower numbers sire more live calves.

Guernsey Top 10 Net Merit Bulls

Name of Bull	NAAB Code	Selection Indexes				Production-related PTAs						Type Data			
		NM\$	Rel.	CM\$	PTI	lbs.M	lbs.P	%P	lbs. F	%F	Rel.	SCS	PL	PTAT	Rel.
SNIDERS RONALDS <b>ALSTAR</b>	7GU398	520	75	490	164	1140	26	-0.06	50	0.00	88	2.99	4.9	0.6	85
MYOWN POKER <b>BINGO-ET</b>	200GU111	447	69	480	130	762	30	0.03	46	0.07	84	2.77	3.6 M	-0.2	68
GOLDEN J RONALD <b>GRUMPY</b>	7GU405	431	72	452	149	653	24	0.02	41	0.07	86	2.95	4.8	1.1	81
PINE RIDGE <b>DOUBLE L</b>	200GU109	421	74	409	104	72	-1	-0.02	30	0.16	87	2.61	5.9 M	1.5	72
GOLDEN J LES <b>GEORGE</b>	1GU434	363	64	350	150	555	13	-0.03	44	0.11	81	2.90	3.8	1.9	73
FLAMBEAU MANOR C <b>LEXUS</b>	1GU438	363	44	402	79	-193	4	0.06	28	0.22	57	2.85	4.2	0.3	46
INDIAN ACRES <b>AMERICAN PIE</b>	31GU618	299	52	307	63	-104	-1	0.01	-4	0.00	68	2.82	5.2	0.9	58
VILLA CREST <b>MONARCH</b>	31GU616	266	44	273	61	-293	-7	0.02	8	0.12	59	2.84	3.9	0.7	51
SPRING WALK <b>STONE</b>	200GU114	263	65	268	93	339	11	0.00	32	0.09	84	2.91	2.8 M	0.3	68
LANG HAVEN DECISIONS <b>NATURAL</b>	7GU412	235	69	280	109	341	21	0.06	17	0.01	84	2.92	2.6	1.4	82

Ayrshire Top 10 Net Merit Bulls

Name of Bull	NAAB Code	Selection Indexes				Production-related PTAs						Type Data			
		NM\$	Rel.	CM\$	PTI	lbs.M	lbs.P	%P	lbs. F	%F	Rel.	SCS	PL	PTAT	Rel.
HAUTPRE <b>KANSAS</b>	200AY643	669	61	728	601	1381	54	0.06	82	0.14	76	2.94	4.9 M	0.4	57
KELLCREST <b>HUMOUR</b>	200AY328	607	69	650	521	581	27	0.05	42	0.11	81	2.76	6.2 M	0.2	63
JELYCA <b>OBLIQUE</b>	200AY329	457	64	464	536	801	25	0.00	56	0.13	79	2.90	3.3 M	0.9	57
DUO STAR <b>NORMANDIN</b>	200AY594	443	80	443	522	1154	34	-0.01	42	-0.02	91	2.69	2.3 M	0.3	79
PALMYRA JERRY <b>BENDIG</b>	200AY922	439	70	434	536	1344	38	-0.02	60	0.04	81	2.80	3.4 M	0.5	61
PALMYRA TRI-STAR <b>BURDETTE</b>	7AY84	415	81	445	527	637	26	0.03	21	-0.02	94	2.70	4.0	1.8	87
HIDDEN-VALLEY <b>GARTH</b>	76AY732	403	70	434	432	-84	5	0.04	-2	0.01	84	2.47	6.4	0.3	78
KILDARE <b>PERCY-ET</b>	200AY622	402	61	419	601	2242	70	-0.01	79	-0.04	76	2.61	-1.7 M	0.0	54
KILFENNAN <b>CHALLENGE</b>	190AY4	384	70	467	537	935	48	0.09	74	0.20	86	3.14	1.3 M	-0.6	53
VATMARKEN <b>MIKA</b>	190AY7	371	57	424	509	1170	47	0.05	50	0.03	77	2.82	0.9 M	-1.0	55

Milking Shorthorn Top 5 Net Merit Bulls

Name of Bull	NAAB Code	Selection Indexes				Production-related PTAs						Type Data			
		NM\$	Rel.	CM\$	PTI	lbs.M	lbs.P	%P	lbs. F	%F	Rel.	SCS	PL	PTAT	Rel.
GE PANORAMA <b>ROYAL TREBLE</b>	14MS112	641	54	714	299	1662	66	0.08	104	0.23	79	2.68	0.4 M	-0.1	48
KULP-GEN JURIST <b>ACE-ET</b>	7MS346	454	55	524	177	612	35	0.09	77	0.31	74	2.97	2.8	0.2	50
VINRA BAR-D <b>FAMOUS-TWIN</b>	76MS49	256	78	266	113	775	25	0.01	26	-0.01	90	3.09	2.5	0.4	79
GMC REBEL <b>LOGIC-ET</b>	76MS432	168	75	175	64	219	8	0.01	31	0.13	89	3.16	2.3	0.5	81
BLISSFUL DIAMOND <b>SAM</b>	7MS344	121	85	96	36	247	1	-0.04	9	0.00	95	2.82	2.0	0.3	81