

## **WESTGEN PROOF HIGHLIGHTS**

# December Proofs bring Pre-Christmas Goodies

#### The Proof is in the (Christmas) Pudding...

With five of the top 10 LPI list made up of Semex daughter proven sires – all by different sires and 4 out of 5 with different maternal grandsires as well – perhaps the tide will begin to swing back to Proven bull usage. The top-ranked Benner Bardo with significantly more daughter data, essentially saw his proof unchanged but just gets bumped out of the top spot. Meanwhile Silverstream Porter and Stantons Alligator also maintain their top-10 positions while two new faces Westcoast Randall and Stantons Adagio-P debut in the top 10 list. Randall is our first Westcoast Proven graduate to the list and Adagio-P is a brother to Alligator from Stantons McCutchen 1174 Agree VG-88 4-yr-CAN, with already 11\* to her credit, hailing from the prolific and productive Emilyann family. Adagio-P is the first Polled sire to achieve a top-10 ranking among Proven sires. Meanwhile, from another branch of the same family, Silverridge V Eugenio by yet another sire of sons (Supershot) provides another nice addition to the proven list and is Semex' top graduate on the TPI list this round. These daughter proven sires are a source of great pride and can be counted on to deliver satisfaction.



ATHLONE ADAGIO MONCTON GP - 84-2YR (DAUGHTER OF ADAGIO-P, THE INDUSTRY'S FIRST EVER TOP 10 LPI POLLED PROVEN SIRE)



BELAN RANDALL GOLDORAK VG-85 2YR (DAUGHTER OF RANDALL, A FORMER #1 LPI GENOMAX SIRE, RETURNING TO THE PROVEN LIST AT #4 FOR LPI)



#### **Genomax Stocking-Stuffers**



CLAYNOOK FABBY SILVER VG-88-3YR CAN (FAIROAKS MATERNAL GRANDAM)

Meanwhile, there is lots of news too among the Genomax new-release opportunities for those who want to get ahead with the next generation of breed leaders. Claynook Fairoaks is perhaps most notable as an all-rounder. Sired by House tracing to Pine-Tree Martha Sheen, this A2 sire combines high component yields, exceptional deviations, a stellar Type profile and an excellent Health trait profile. Fairoaks should get some doses in all Western Canadian tanks!

Rated even slightly higher for LPI and Pro\$ than Fairoaks, <u>Progenesis Promptly</u>, another A2 offering is sired by Fabulous, delivers extreme production potential and a very nice Type profile too. He is also predicted to be a very good Calving Ability option from the Rubicon Synergy family and with a bit of a different sire stack that helps makes him unique.

Looking for something a bit different? Wisselview Wavelength may be the bull for you. Sired by Imax and from a top-ranked cow (#28 LPI on the cow list) Wisselview Doorsopen Dixie VG-87 3yr-CAN here in western Canada who already has 33,000kg to her credit as she finishes her second lactation. The pedigree then, is Imax x Doorsopen x Enforcer x Snowman x Goldwyn x Ronelee Outside Dabble. Very different and very good! Wavelength may not make big waves for Type improvement, but he won't tip the boat on the key traits that eliminate many sires, like teat placement or length, leg set, or rump angle either. Meanwhile he packs a Tsunami-like punch for production improvement and especially fat yield and fat deviation. Why not try this profit-maker from a tried and true cow family that's making waves here in Western Canada.

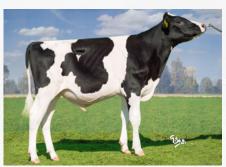


WISSELVIEW WAVELENGTH



#### Baby it's Polled outside...

If ever there was a time to more than dip your toe into the polled abyss, this is it. In fact, we think it's time to take the plunge! With new Top-10 proven sire Adagio-P a bon-a-fide contender for top matings – no sacrifices needing to be made – who wouldn't appreciate less heifers to dehorn when the calves appear? Add Stantons Performer-P as a second Proven option, plus Genomax sires like Vogue Timeless-P who has been quite popular since his debut in August and Wilder Herzsam-PP, a new Homozygous polled option just added (100 % of his calves will be polled). Together this group provides the critical mass for



WILDER HERZSAM-PP

producers to create a polled breeding strategy. Herzsam PP is a Sammy-P from a Superhero dam backed by a deep German-bred family. Behind the Superhero is a Powerball dam that is the original source of the polled gene, then Saloon, Snowman, Goldwyn, Outside, Lee, Leader, Raider, Jubilant, Astro Jet and finally a Starbuck that was born in 1987 that started it all. For a German bull, this pedigree is more Canadian than many Canadian-bred sires! Herzsam-PP offers a nice balance of Production - Type - Health. These four bulls are

all Immunity+ which provides yet another reason to jump in with both feet. It may be winter but we're Canadian and we love the "polled"!

There are enough great red options on the proof sheet to make even Santa blush – red and red carrier sires that offer different pedigrees for Red enthusiasts and lots of production too. Westcoast Swingman Red is still the go-to bull for Red cows, but he, Wilder Mark (Apprentice x Supershot) and Blumenfeld Zebra (Apprentice x Spring) are all not just for red enthusiasts, but deserve to be considered for red and non-red matings. Note that Swingman Red, Mark and Zebra are all Immunity+ bulls while Swingman Red and Zebra carry Robot Ready designations. Zebra also has the A2 designation. 'Tis the season for a bit of red!

There are lots of goodies for sure in this pre-Christmas offering. Proven and Genomax lists are stocked to leave lots of happy dairy farmers at Christmas - and long after!

### To view the WestGen December proofs clink on the links below:

Holstein Proof Sheet

Jersey Proof Sheet

Protein Proof Sheet