

AGA Reviews Top Cows

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The list of the top 300 high CPI cows in the Guernsey breed has been released. Animals that make the list are cows that produce, reproduce and pass on desirable traits to their offspring.

This list is frequently used as a screening tool by artificial insemination (A.I.) organizations for selecting dams for tomorrow's A.I. sires.

The highlights of the top 10 CPI cows in the breed were provided by the American Guernsey Association.

Myrtledales Able Hope

Myrtledales Able Hope, a Rozelyn D M Ernie's Able daughter, moves from fourth place to top the January 1993 CPI list for the first time for her owner Perry Hamm of Newberry, S.C. This 90 point gold star cow has PTA totals of +1,742M +88F +\$236 +\$4P +\$233P and a PTAT of +2.3. She has records to 23,130M and has three daughters also ranking in the top 300 CPI list. Her 90 point Kellogg Minnie's Choice dam ranks number 38 on the January CPI list and has records to 21,340M. Hope has three daughters also ranking in the top 300 for CPI.

Valley Oaks Ideal Foe

Sliding from first into second on the January 1993 high CPI list is Valley Oaks Ideal Foe. An 82 point Wooded View Admirals Ideal daughter, Foe has PTA totals of +1,556M +90F +\$220 +\$2P +\$223P and a PTAT of +2.6. At 2-02 in 305 days she had 19,330M 5.7% 1,102F 3.3% 637P. Her 90 point dam, a gold star cow sired by Maurana Wis Telestar, has records to 27,410M 5.4% 1,487F 3.4% 933P. Foe, whose two maternal sisters also rank in the top 10, is owned by Raymond Orisio Jr. of Woodburn, Oregon.

Spring Walk Victory's Streak moved from second to third to

remain in the top 10 on the January 1993 high CPI list. An 89 point Bettwards Telestar Victory daughter, she made 17,230M at 2-01 in 305 days and has PTA totals of +1,706M +86F +\$231 +\$2P +\$227P and a PTAT of +2.6. Her dam, an 87 point gold star cow sired by Welcome Choice Admiral, made over 27,000M. Streak is owned by the Streak Syndicate, West Salem, Ohio.

Valley Oaks Foxies Fonda-ET

Ranking fourth is an 85 point Clearbranch Jeans N P King-ET daughter, Valley Oaks Foxie Fonda-ET, owned by Raymond Orisio Jr. of Woodburn, Oregon. Fonda, who has one full sister and one maternal sister in the top 10, has PTA totals of +1,510M +89F +\$214 +\$1P +\$218P and a PTAT of +2.1. At 1-11 in 305 days she had 19,310M 5.8% 1,119F 3.5% 677P. Her dam, a 90 point gold star cow sired by Maurana Wis Telestar, has records to 27,410M 5.4% 1,487F 3.4% 933P in 305 days.

Jensgolden Volanco Helen

Moving up one ranking to her current status in fifth place on the January 1993 high CPI list is Jensgolden Volcano Helen. This 87 point gold star cow is sired by Harmony Quantity Volcano. She made over 22,000M at 4-07 and has PTA totals of +1,452M +73F +\$196 +\$5P +\$208P and a PTAT of +2.3. Her 83 point Kellogg E Choice Pender dam has 3-08 334D 18,280M 4.1% 753F 3.4% 622P. Helen is owned by Dale Jensen of Amery, Wis.

Valley Oaks Foxies Fancy-ET

Moving up one notch from seventh to sixth on the January 1993 high CPI list is Valley Oaks Foxies Fancy-ET, an 84 point Clearbranch Jeans N P King-ET daughter, Fancy, who has one full sister and one maternal sister in the top 10, has PTA totals of +1,543M +80F +\$210 +\$2P

+ \$214P and a PTAT of +2.0. At 1-11 in 305 days she had 15,640M 4.8% 746F 3.4% 532P. Her gold star cow dam, a 90 point Maurana Wis Telestar daughter, has records to 27,410M 5.4% 1,487F 3.4% 933P in 305 days. Fancy is owned by Raymond Orisio Jr.

Myrtledales B Most Heather

Holding her own in seventh is Myrtledales B Most Heather. Owned by Perry Hamm of Newberry, S.C., this 89 point high CPI cow is sired by Lincrest Telestar Buttermost. Heather has PTA totals of +1,534M +85F +\$213 +\$5P +\$207P and a PTAT of +3.3. She made 16,800M 4.9% 817F 3.1% 526P at 1-11 in 305 days. Her dam, the 90 point Rozelyn D M Ernie's Able daughter ranking first on the January 1993 high CPI list, has 23,130M 4.9% 1,133F 3.6% 827P at 4-05 in 365 days. Heather has three other family members on the high CPI list as well.

Twin L Farms Fayette Farrah

Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette is the sire of the 90 point Twin L Farms Fayette Farrah ranking 8th on the January 1993 high CPI list. Farrah, a gold star cow, made over 27,000M at 3-02 in 365 days and has PTA totals of +1,663M +59F +\$213 +\$1P +\$210P and a PTAT of +2.8. Her dam, a Harmony Quantity Volcano daughter also ranking on the high CPI list, has 22,580M 4.3% 979F 3.2% 727P at 5-0 in 365 days. Farrah is owned by Jack Krull of Bonduel, Wis.

Myrtledales Andy Hannah-ET

Remaining in ninth place for the second consecutive time is Myrtledales Andy Hannah-ET owned by Perry Hamm. This 90 point Olympic View Prince Andy-Twin daughter has PTA totals of +2,033M +58F +\$237 +\$1P +\$218P and a PTAT of +3.9. Hannah has 23,970M 4.1% +972F 3.2% +778P at 2-05 in 365 days. Her dam, a 90 point Idle Nerr Rondas Hornet daughter, has

24,350M 4.3% 1,051F 3.2% 769P at 4-02 in 365 days. Hannah is from the same cow family as the first and seventh ranking high CPI cows.

Valley Oaks Perfect Angel

Rounding out the top 10 on the January 1993 high CPI list is Valley Oaks Perfect Angel. This 91 point Lily Lane Penny Perfecto-ET daughter has PTA totals of +1,638M +65F \$208 +\$1P +\$205 and a PTAT of +3.0. She made 22,360M 3.8% 841F 3.2% 710P at 2-08 in 305 days. Her dam, an 86 point Rozelyn D M Ernie's Able daughter, has records to 16,690M 5.6% 931F 3.6% 600P in 305 days. Angel is owned by Raymond Orisio Jr.

One of the best indicators that Guernsey breeders have of a cow's genetic transmitting ability and the performance of subsequent generations is the Cow Performance Index (CPI). The CPI

formula combines the Predicted Transmitting Abilities (PTA) for pounds of protein, pounds of butterfat and type on a 4:2:1 ratio. The resulting number is divided by a standard deviation that adjusts the final CPI number differences among breeds and changing milk prices.

To qualify for the high CPI list, cows must have calved on or after October 1. Animals must be alive according to the most recent United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) information, and must have an appraisal score assigned by an American Guernsey Association appraiser. CPI information is calculated bi-annually by the USDA.

The American Guernsey Association is the national organization for the registration and promotion of Guernsey cattle and is headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Resource Helps Deere Dealers Convey Safety Message

MOLINE, Ill. — Farmers and their families are the ultimate beneficiaries of a new John Deere safety resource manual designed to help John Deere dealers promote farm safety in their marketing areas.

The manual contains up-to-date safety information plus suggestions and examples from nearly 40 John Deere dealers who recently test marketed a "Safety Day" in their communities.

"The purpose of the manual is to provide John Deere dealers with a single resource they can use to find current safety information, plan and conduct safety activities, and help farm families and local

communities become more actively involved in farm safety," said Neil Christenson, Deere & Company vice president of farm equipment marketing for the U.S. and Canada.

Christenson notes that some dealers will promote safety with a stand-alone event, such as a John Deere Safety Day. Others will make safety an important part of other events.

"The message John Deere and its dealers want to communicate to farmers and their families is that we are concerned about their safety," said Christenson. "By all of us working together, we can help save lives and prevent injuries on the farm."

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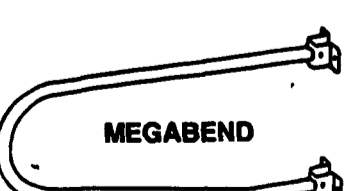
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