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UK LEGEND PICSTON SHOTTLE HITS NUMBER ONE SPOT IN THE UK AND USA

The January 2008 proof run sees Genus ABS sire Picston Shottle accomplish Number one in the UK for Type Merit and Number one in the US on TPI.

Mark Smith, Genus ABS Global Product Development Director, says, "No other UK bull has ever achieved the accolade of being top in both countries before, in fact it's been nearly a decade since a non US bull topped the US charts. He is also number two in Canada, number four in Holland and number six in Germany".

A combination of changes to how UK Type Merit is calculated and the sheer quality of his second crop daughters has resulted in Shottle's type proof gaining impressively from +3.0 to +3.86! His mammary score is now +3.37 with feet and legs at +3.05, as he more than doubled the number of daughters in herd tally. At the same time, his production proof has held firm alongside his excellent management traits for longevity (+0.4), Somatic Cell Counts (-29%) and locomotion (+3.15).

Globally, he now has over 1000 milking daughters which means he receives the ABS Diamond sire status, given to Genus ABS sires who reach this milestone of reliability.

Picston Shottle is not only having a huge impact today, he will also have a large impact in the future as Genus ABS have already sampled over 100 sons in its global programme.

"Shottle is from the famous UK Sharon family at the Picston herd in Staffordshire. He was launched in May 2004, and has since consistently remained in the top rankings and drawn a lot of international interest, which was rewarded with his fabulous performance this proof run," concludes Mark Smith.