

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Genus Breeding**



### **MORE UK BREEDING PROGRAMME SUCCESS FOR GENUS ABS**

**Genus ABS' UK progeny testing programme, the Cornerstone Breeding Club has produced another two graduates this August.**

Andrew Rutter, Breeding Programme Manager explains, "Coldsprings Hatley was born in America but only sampled in the UK as a young sire. He joins Reunion and strengthens our line up of Comestar Outside sons. Hatley offers a fantastic blend of type, production and management traits with a pedigree and sire stack which all denote customer satisfaction and profitability. At +1.79 Mammary and +1.28 legs and feet, daughters are balanced yet not extreme, with good production of £125 PLI and a long life stamp of +0.4 lifespan and -13% somatic cell count score.

History has also been made this August, with the first graduate from the UK Grassland Cornerstone programme. "ABS Topnotch was sampled in grass based herds across the UK and graduates with flying colours. Offering all the traits our customers are asking for, Topnotch daughters are moderate size with below average angularity. They have super udders and are proving easy to get back in calf with a fertility index of 2.5 points, above the national average. Topnotch also offers an unusual yet essential trait for grass based bulls of +357kg of milk with positive components," says Andrew.

Another UK success story in the August proofs is Ards Reunion. "Reunion confirmed his status as our top UK Outside son. His daughters display high, wide rear udders with great legs and steep foot angle. Now Rock Solid with 121 daughters in 81 herds, Reunion remains close to 2 points on overall type and mammary, with +1.09 for legs and feet, no small feat when adding so many daughters to his proof! He also saw a lift in milk to +390kg and gained a Lifespan point to +0.3, showing his daughters last in the herd."

The star performer from April's proof run, Burlane Tennyson is now the only UK proven bull to offer +800kg milk with over 1 point on type and positive daughter fertility. Tennyson daughters will really impact on farm profitability giving lots of milk low somatic cell count and most importantly, get back in calf.

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His linear remains stable and he continues to breed clean boned cattle with excellent udders and wide rumps. His daughters are also showing legs which are clean through the hock but tend to show more flex and curve. Tennyson also saw improvements in Australia moving up 16 APR points and in the USA, up 20 TPI points so will remain a key bull for global customers.