

NEW SIRES RELEASED BY GENUS ABS PROMISE LONG LIFE COWS

Four new graduates from the Genus ABS Cornerstone Breeding Programme all bring a promise of long life cows due to their exciting combination of superb PLI and impressive health traits.

All four of the new bulls score over £150 for PLI, more than 0.1 for lifespan and all improve somatic cell counts. All of the bulls were tested by members of the Cornerstone Breeding Programme and graduate with a large number of milking daughters. On top of this solid foundation, the individual bulls bring something different for UK farmers.

Andrew Rutter, Genus ABS Breeding Programme Manager comments, "Sired by the UK Cornerstone legend, MOET Lookout, Kings-Ransom **Donairo** is out of Pen-Col Mtoto Dima VG88 from the famous Pen-Col herd in the US. Like his sire, he offers high milk (863kgs), exceptional feet and legs (+2.49), superb udders (+1.89) and massive somatic cell count improvement (-25). His daughters are balanced, moderated sized and not extreme. They are cows that will work very well in all systems, and are already thriving in large herds in the US."

UFM-DUBS **Ellrod** is the highest ranking newcomer for PLI following the August sire proof. "He is an Oman out of a Lynch, both of which are outstanding bulls for longevity, daughter fertility and calving ease. These traits are present in Ellrod in abundance, with a daughter fertility score of +4.8 and 5% for calving Ease. He combines this with fantastic components of fat 0.18% and protein of 0.07%," added Mr Rutter.

"Schillview **Garrett** is already being used as a sire of son's internationally. He combines exceptional production PLI (£188) and Type (+2.18). Daughters are strongly made, robust cattle that carry good levels of condition. With a somatic cell count score of -15 and fertility index of +2.9, these will be cattle that are a pleasure to have in the herd.

Bidlea **Padbury**, is a Sinatra son who is the latest bull to graduate from the UK Cornerstone programme and is a massive component sire at +0.11% Protein and +0.12% fat. "He transmits picture perfect udders that are well attached and have optimum teat position. And at £152 PLI he ranks in the top ten for UK bred bulls," concludes Mr Rutter.