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FAMOUS UK COW FAMILIES DELIVER EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

Three British bred and proven sires are topping the rankings in the January UK proof run

Aintree Northside, an Outside son bred from the fabulous Nugget cow family in the Aintree herd, further strengthened his figures in this weeks proof run. "Northside is an exceptional Longevity and Fertility improver adding an extra four months to herd life and scoring +4.3 for fertility index. Northside daughters are thicker set, scoring -0.68 for angularity and +0.45 for body condition. They also significantly improve the key longevity traits of udders and legs and feet," comments Andrew Rutter, Genus ABS Breeding Programme Manager.

Bidlea Padbury was a new graduate in the August 2009 proof run and has since added an additional 11 milking daughters, taking him to 95 in his impressive UK proof. "Padbury was bred in the Bidlea herd of Ray Brown in Cheshire and goes back to an Excellent Jolt cow from the Papoose cow family. Padbury is an extreme component specialist, siring daughters who will produce milk with high fat and protein %. Like Northside, he ranks high for essential health and fitness traits, scoring +0.3 for lifespan, +4 for fertility index and plus -6 for somatic cell count. The Padbury daughters are average sized with adequate strength and will move easily around the cubicle shed as he is one of the best locomotion bulls available," adds Mr Rutter.

The newest UK sire to hit the headlines is Woodmarsh Talisman. Bred from the tremendous Melody cow family developed by the Gould's in Shropshire, Talisman is an early Talent son from an EX92 Mtoto dam. "We aim to have at least 60 daughters in a bulls proof before we launch them so that our customers can be confident that the bulls proof will remain stable over time. With 21 milking daughters in 18 herds it is still early days for Talisman so we will not be launching him this time. But we have had tremendous reports from farmers who are milking them and we are very excited about the daughters we have seen to date. As the highest ranking new UK proven bulls this proof run, at £148 PLI and 2.13 type merit, we are very excited about his future, concludes Mr Rutter."

Notes to editor

Photographs attached Litview Northside Sally, daughter of Aintree Northside

High res photograph available on request.

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