



Askew REECE-ET*TV

By Scott Bentley

REECE is the Rock Solid Genetics Mtoto grandson of Markwell Bstar E Raven EX-95 EEEEE 3E. Mark and Marvin Van Mersbergen have worked with the Raven family since 1983 when they purchased their second Registered Holstein. Using their keen eye for great cattle, Mark and his dad acquired Mars Emily, the grandam of Raven and the real matriarch behind the cow family. Emily classified EX-94 and lived to the ripe old age of 20 years! Her greatest daughter was Markwell Mark Elite, EX-92 and the dam of Raven. Elite's Excellent Aerostar daughter was the dam of Genus/ABS favorite RENEGADE. Typical of the now growing family, Elite lived to the ripe old age of 18 1/2 years!

Scott Bentley, Western USA Sire Analyst in the late 1990's, was a frequent visitor at Markwell and fell in love with the consistent breeding pattern of the Ravens. "They are long lasting cows that mature into fantastic dairy machines," states Bentley. "They are wide from muzzle to tail and have that unique ability to inhale forage. My favorite memory of Mark's dairy was seeing Raven and Elite lurching their way around the lush green pastures of Whatcom County".



**Costa View Reece 13288-Grade
Costa View Dairy, Madera, CA**

Long-time Genus employee Bill Foster also fell in love with REECE's cow family. In fact, to date Genus has imported over 100 embryos to the UK resulting in many satisfied customers and several young bulls for the Genus Progeny Test Program. "They simply get better with age and that's quite an accomplishment with the longevity they demonstrate," notes Mark and Bill. "Today we just can't satisfy the overwhelming international interest in Ravens time tested genetics".

How prolific is the 13 1/2 year old Raven? She has to date bred 30 EX and 7 VG progeny. REECE is from VG-86 Markwell Rudolph Rhonda, which blends the terrific longevity and SCC improvement of Mtoto with the fertility expert Rudolph

Count on REECE to sire long lasting, easy moving cows with superior udders. They exhibit the strength and power required for coping with today's demands and develop beautifully from one lactation to the next."



**Sugar Creek REECE 1722-Grade
Sugar Creek Dairy, Elkhorn, WI**

REECE has 140 classified daughters and over 200 production daughters in his proof. Reliable, Consistent, Long Living, and Impressive are a few of the adjectives used to describe REECE and his many daughters. World Class Frames, Udders, and Cow Family are ideally suited to meet the needs of today's discriminating global dairy producer. REECE: The sweet taste of success specially blended from only the world's finest ingredients. REECE is the word.



Mating Information

ROY, Kendall, S-MAN, LANTZ, DIE-HARD, Aaron.