

Fidelity improves again

Kian son Delta Fidelity makes his presence felt again. The most-used red & white bull in the Netherlands improves his figures and thus remains in the top. Canvas sons are throwing their weight about as milk transmitters.

Fidelity (mgs. Lightning) is extremely popular for both red & white and black & white. He owes this to good production figures (+850kg) with a plus of 48kg protein (+0.28%) and a score of no less than 112 for feet & legs. Heihoeve Delta Spencer (Lightning x Spektrum) does rank just ahead of Fidelity in the bull ranking thanks to outstanding fertility. The top bull Spencer comes from the same herd as the no 3 bull, Heihoeve Arnold (Lightning x Farm Rens). He is a typical grassland bull (+0.23% fat and +0.13% protein) who sires outstanding functional traits (with +613 days longevity) and very good type.

Black & white

Apart from Fidelity, also Kian son Van de Peul Kylian (mgs.

Lightning) is popular among dairy farmers with black & white cattle. Lots of milk (+1207kg) and a top rating of 113 for legs, as well as super conception are his strengths. Topspeed Kodak (Kevin x Stadel) improves also and holds his place in the top ranking. He is an all-round calving ease bull in particular (111 calving ease). Kodak, who is backed by the famous bull Tops Monitor, excels for longevity. He transmits a longevity that is almost 672 days above average.

Lots of milk

Canvas sons manifest themselves with lots of milk and lots of protein. Delta Lilac (mgs. Stadel) is the frontrunner with +2261kg milk and +54kg protein. He inherited this from his black & white sire Canvas,

who still is the highest protein sire in the world, and whose daughters continue to produce that high protein in later lactations too.

Lilac combines this with outstanding type with 109 for udders and 108 for legs. Also the Canvas sons Lowlands Leopard (+1609kg milk), Lowlands Leola (+1525kg milk), and Heihoeve 107 Marcello (+1460kg milk) are showing strong figures for milk production.

Canvas, who has the red factor, continues to be very popular with red & white thanks to his high milk and protein proof. His black & white son Delta Nearby (mgs. Ramos) also has the red factor and therefore is very interesting for red & white too. He is strong for cell count (108), longevity (+531 days), and type (106).

Nice ascent

Aalhorst Pleasure (Talent x Merton) is making a nice ascent in the index list. He adds another 19 points to his NVI score. He does well across the board with 109 for udders and nice functional traits. He produces daughters which don't require much attention from the dairy farmer.

The great type bull Poos Stadel Classic (by Stadel) also makes his mark as a sire of sons. His son Lowlands Norton (mgs. Spirando), too, transmits outstanding type (total score 108) and in addition is an exceptional component bull with +0.29% protein. TS Gogo son Lowlands Fender (mgs. Lightning) with his second index release emerges in the upper regions (+176 NVI points). He owes this amongst others to a high longevity (+565 days extra) and 106 for legs (see also Spotlight on page 11). |

Table 1 • The top 10 of the April indexes of available red & white sires sampled in the Netherlands (source NVO, April 2011)

name	sire	NVI
Heihoeve Delta Spencer	Lightning	215
Delta Fidelity	Kian	207
Heihoeve Arnold	Lightning	205
Topspeed Kodak	Kevin	200
Van de Peul Kylian	Kian	193
Lowlands Fender	TS Gogo	176
Lowlands Klimmer	Taco	168
Lowlands Bonfire	Stadel	162
Aalhorst Pleasure	Talent	162
Beukenhof 346 Ideal	Talent	157

PICTURE 1

Table 2 • The top 5 available red & white sires ranked on kg milk (NVO, April 2011)

name	sire	kg milk+
Delta Lilac	Canvas	2261
Tomba	Canvas	1950
Lowlands Leopard	Canvas	1609
Lowlands Leola	Canvas	1525
Heihoeve 107 Marcello	Canvas	1460

Table 3 • The top 5 available red & white sires ranked on total score (NVO, April 2011)

name	sire	total score
Poos Stadel Classic	Stadel	114
Hs Twister	Lightning	113
Delta Lilac	Canvas	112
Lowlands Clarity	Classic	112
Starship	Classic	112

Table 4 • The top 5 available red & white sires ranked on longevity (NVO, April 2011)

name	sire	longevity
Topspeed Kodak	Kevin	672
Lowlands Lambiek	Talent	646
Heihoeve Arnold	Lightning	613
Lowlands Fender	TS Gogo	565
Aalhorst Pleasure	Talent	565

The sires listed in the tables are owned by AI-organizations that participate in Veepro Holland (CRV/Holland Genetics, AI Kampen). Sires whose semen is not available for export are not listed.

PICTURE 1 Nellie 58 (s. Van de Peul Kylian): 3.05 in 305 days, 11,309kg milk, 3.34% fat, 3.13% protein



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