

Lining up for Fidelity

Delta Fidelity is the star for red & white. He proudly tops the ranking after the August index release. Dairymen with black & white Holsteins are lining up, too, for this Kian son. In the index ranking the Canvas son Lowlands Faas makes a strong debut.

Delta Fidelity is in a class of his own. With the August index release he added another 15 NVI points to his already high score. At 222 NVI he is the absolute leader of the list. His +0.24% protein (converted to the black & white base this even is +0.32%) and tremendous feet & legs composite (112) make Fidelity extremely popular with dairy farmers. Also abroad, this star is discovered more and more, both for use on red & white and black & white. His daughters are doing very well in the field. They persevere and improve with every lactation. But red & white has more to offer. The two Lightning sons Heihoeve Delta Spencer (mgs. Spektrum) and Heihoeve

Arnold (mgs. Farm Rens) hold their ground nicely in the top ranking. Spencer, with almost 5,000 daughters in his proof, excels for protein (+0.29%), cell count (106), and fertility (107). Arnold is a real percentage bull (+0.23% fat, +0.14% protein) with very high longevity (+609 days), outstanding functional traits (all over 100), and outstanding udder (106) and feet & legs composites (107).

Faas strong newcomer

With Lowlands Faas, the index release welcomed a strong newcomer. Faas (mgs. Andries) is a tremendous component bull. He sires no less than 0.63% fat and 0.37% protein which he inherited from his dam Florina, a

10,000kg fat and protein cow with 5% fat and 4% protein in her milk. Add to this 110 calving ease, 102 cell count, and 104 for udders and it will be clear that this Canvas son is heading for a promising future. Lowlands Faas makes his debut in the upper echelons at 170 NVI points.

Another Canvas son, Lowlands Leola (mgs. Lightning) moved up ten points to 157 NVI. He ensures lots of extra milk (+1537kg) and also transmits very good feet & legs (109). Another bull moving up strongly is Maniac van de Peul (Royalist x Kian), who added 23 points and now stands at 150 NVI. He excels for cell count (107), udder (110), and legs (no less than 113).

Talent sons

Beukenhof 346 Ideal (Talent x Lightning) made a big leap ahead in the index list. He added 33 NVI points and with a total of 190 NVI he captured a place in the top of the ranking. He mostly improved for production traits. Ideal transmits high percentages (+0.08% fat, +0.20% protein) and owes his excellent udder composite (111) to his sire. The same goes for other Talent sons like Aalhorst Pleasure (mgs. Merlon), who in addition has a nice rating for cell count (104), and Lowlands Lambiek (mgs. Kibo), who stands out with high longevity (+717 days) and calving ease (107). Another remarkable newcomer is Molenkamp Farfan (Classic x Jocko), interesting for outcross breeding. He combines lots of milk (+1362kg) with high longevity (+557 days), calving ease (107), and outstanding total type (112). |

Table 1 • The top 10 of the August indexes of available Red-and-White sires sampled in the Netherlands (source NVO, August 2011)

| name | sire | NVI |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Delta Fidelity | Kian | 222 |
| Heihoeve Delta Spencer | Lightning | 211 |
| Heihoeve Arnold | Lightning | 209 |
| Beukenhof 346 Ideal | Talent | 190 |
| Topspeed Kodak | Kevin | 189 |
| Nieuw-Huinink Dittmar | Kian | 176 |
| Van De Peul Kylian | Kian | 172 |
| Lowlands Fender | Ts Gogo | 172 |
| Aalhorst Pleasure | Talent | 171 |
| Lowlands Faas | Canvas | 170 |

PICTURE 1

Table 2 • The top 5 available Red-and-White sires ranked on kg milk (NVO, August 2011)

| name | sire | kg milk+ |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Delta Lilac | Canvas | 2251 |
| Lowlands Leola | Canvas | 1537 |
| Heide Henson | Atlas | 1533 |
| Lowlands Leopard | Canvas | 1472 |
| Heihoeve 107 Marcello | Canvas | 1366 |

Table 3 • The top 5 available Red-and-White sires ranked on total score (NVO, August 2011)

| name | sire | total score |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Poos Stadel Classic | Stadel | 114 |
| Delta Lilac | Canvas | 113 |
| Maniac Vd Peul | Royalist | 111 |
| Hs Twister | Lightning | 111 |
| Lowlands Lambiek | Talent | 111 |

Table 4 • The top 5 available ranked on longevity (NVO, August 2011)

| name | sire | longevity |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Topspeed Kodak | Kevin | 724 |
| Lowlands Lambiek | Talent | 717 |
| Heihoeve Arnold | Lightning | 609 |
| Aalhorst Pleasure | Talent | 581 |
| Heihoeve 107 Marcello | Canvas | 515 |

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 Astrid 51 (s. Fidelity): 3.02 in 303 days, 9,633kg milk, 4.82% fat, 4.01% protein



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