

Top 5 Active AI Sires – December 2024

1. **Coulee Crest Richard Checkmate** remains the top Active AI Sire in December with +80PTI, offering a great balance of production and health traits with solid improvements on several correlated type traits. He is the top proven sire for Heifer Conception Rate (HCR), one of the two new traits being added to the PTI/CPI formula this coming April, and is in the top five proven sires for Productive Life (PL), Milk and Protein pounds, and Net Merit and Cheese Merit \$. Checkmate also offers a boost to Strength without drastically increasing Stature and a strong +1.7 for Fore Udder attachments. Checkmate should also sire ideal set to the leg and slightly widen too-close teats. Checkmate is a son of #4 Active sire, Richard, out of a GP-83 Logo with over 23,600M and 5.2%F at 1-11. At the time of this writing, Checkmate has 14 appraised daughters in the United States, with half scored GP-80 or higher. Checkmate was bred by Coulee Crest LLC of Cashton, Wisconsin, and semen is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.
2. **Ripley Farms Networth C Theo** regained significant ground in December, rising to #2 Active Sire with +72PTI. Theo remains a high-ranking sire for many health, component and type traits, including ranking #1 for Fat % with an exceptional +0.20. This ranks him in the top five Fat pounds and combines with a strong Protein % to be the #2 proven sire for NM\$ and CM\$. He also ranks well for Somatic Cell Score (SCS), Daughter Pregnancy Rate (DPR), Livability, Cow Conception Rate (CCR) and HCR. Theo will sire modern functionality in feet and legs and mammary systems, ranking amongst the top proven sires for Foot Angle, Rear Legs Rear View, Fore Udder and Udder Depth. Multiple Theo daughters have also achieved All-American recognition after strong show seasons. Theo is a Net Worth son from a VG-88 Gold Star Dam Double L with records to 22,000M 4.8%F 3.4%P, tracing back to the legendary Conny G family. Theo now has 67 appraised daughters, with nearly three-quarters scored GP-80 or higher, including one Excellent to date. He was bred by Kyle Ripley of Moravia, New York, and semen is available through Guernsey Gold Sires.
3. **Dairyman Logo Profit** lost a spot in December but remains a strong veteran on the Active list thanks to exceptional health trait improvement paired with solid type and production numbers. Profit ranks in the top five Active AI sires for all major health and reproduction traits, including: SCS, DPR, HCR, CCR, PL and Livability, all while siring a solid improvement to Milk at +357 with positive Fat and Protein pounds. He also offers strong improvements to Rump Width and Rear Udder Height, two target traits for breed improvement. Profit also offers the unique combination of -1.4 Stature while improving Strength at +0.4. Profit is sired by Logo from a VG-89-91MS Lewis with over 232,000M Lifetime production. Profit has 28 appraised daughters, with four Excellent and all but five GP-80 or higher. Profit was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
4. Despite other shuffling, **Dairyman Legend Richard** held his spot as the #4 Active sire in December with +62 PTI. This Active AI veteran achieves his high ranking thanks to extreme production improvements combined with solid type. He is the #1 proven sire for Milk with +1,052, uniquely combined with a +2.0 HCR, meaning his daughters will enter the herd and

start adding milk to the tank sooner than their herdmates! This also ranks him #1 for Protein pounds at +36. Richard shows strong improvement for Strength with +1.2 and should sire youthful mammary systems and lower pins. Richard is a Legend son from an EX-90 Spider with over 160,000M lifetime production with a 5.0%F and 3.6%P and is also the sire of the #1 Active bull, Checkmate. There are 51 appraised Richard daughters, with over 80% scored GP-80 or better. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm, and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

5. **Dairyman Novak Pride** rose to the top five in December with +50 PTI thanks to strong production and health traits with correlating improvements in type. He ranks amongst the top Active sires for SCS and Livability, paired with being the #3 proven sire for Milk with +648. He is also a high-ranking bull for Rear Udder Height and Width, matching his production prowess. Pride will also straighten rear legs and reduce Stature without greatly impacting Strength. Sired by Novak, Pride is a maternal brother to #3 Active sire, Profit, being out of Dairyman Lewis Petals VG-89. He has 19 appraised daughters, with all but four being Good Plus or Very Good. Pride was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from ST Genetics.

Top Five Genomic Young Sires – December 2024

1. **Dairyman Audrey Othello-ET** increased his lead as the top young sire in December with a whopping +128GPTI. Othello is also the #1 young sire for several health and production traits, including DPR, PL, Fat pounds, CM\$ and NM\$ - and is the only sire available with over 600 CM\$ and NM\$. He also ranks highly for Fat %, HCR and CCR. Few bulls have ever offered his level of Milk (+600) combined with DPR (+2.3), and he combines these with positive Type with solid Udder Composite and Feet and Leg Composite. Othello is an Audrey son from an EX-90-2E Logo who is a Gold Star Dam with over 124,000M lifetime production (including 4.9%F and 3.6%P lifetime averages). Released in April 2024, Othello calves should start hitting the ground in early 2025. Othello was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and semen is available from ST Genetics.
2. **Dairyman Checkmate Olaf** remains the #2 young sire in December with +118GPTI, thanks to very strong production and components with solid health and reproduction traits. He is also the #2 young sire for NM\$ and CM\$ and ranks in the top five for SCS and HCR as well as Milk, Fat and Protein pounds. Olaf should sire youthful udders with strong fore and rear udder attachments and shortened teats. He is the son of #1 Active sire, Checkmate, from an EX-91 Cordell who is a second-generation Gold Star Dam with over 140,000M lifetime production. He hails from the same cow family as the #1 and #3(T) young sires (Othello and Optimus), tracing back to Jens Gold Farm. Early Olaf calves are now dotting the CPI Heifer List, including two of the top 10. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
- 3(T). **Dairyman Phonze Jumpstart-ET** remained at #3 in December, although now tied, with +103GPTI. While not extreme in many traits, Jumpstart shines with components with +37 Fat and +31 Protein, both ranking in the top five young sires. This is thanks to +0.10% for both traits combined with +414M, all while being +0.0DPR and 2.91 SCS. Jumpstart will improve Strength,

Body Depth and Rumpy Width with only a slight increase to Stature for a modern, strong and productive cow. He will also sire high, wide rear udders with centrally placed teats. Jumpstart is the highest ranked of several sons of Dairyman Profit 3825 Japan EX-90 GSD, and the only one sired by Phonze. His first daughters were born in December 2024, so look for them to start ranking in April. Jumpstart was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

3(T). **Dairyman Audrey Optimus-ET** gained ground in December, now tied for #3 with +103GPTI. A full brother to #1 young sire, Othello, Optimus is less extreme but does offer similar improvements to production and health traits with an advantage in type traits over his brother. He is the #3 young sire for PL with +5.3 and is positive for production across the board with a quality 2.75 SCS and +1.1DPR. He also offers a notable +1.1 for Type with +2.5 FLC and +1.4 UDC, including good improvements to Rear Legs – Rear View, Foot Angle, Fore Udder and Rear Udder Height. Like Othello, Optimus is an Audrey from an Excellent Logo with exceptional lifetime production from the deep "O" family tracing back to Jens Gold Farm. His first daughters should also start hitting the ground in early 2025. Optimus was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.

5. **Dairyman Theo Rocket** rose in December and rounds out a top five list entirely composed of Hoard's Dairyman bred bulls! His +102GPTI stems from a promise to sire quality health traits and superior mammary systems without sacrificing production. He is the #5 young sire for SCS and PL combined with other strong health and reproduction traits and a +339M with positive Fat and Protein. Rocket also boasts a +1.4 UDC, assisted by top-five numbers for Fore Udder and Udder Depth along with centrally placed teats and strong Rear Udder Height. This helps give Rocket a +1.3 PTAT, also combined with a strong +2.2 FLC. Rocket is sired by #2 Active sire, Theo, out of a VG-88 Logo with a best record over 21,000M with a 4.6%F and 3.7%P. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.

Top Five CPI Cows – December 2024

1. **GR-Kadence Sherlock Spiced Latte EX-94-2E** returned to the spotlight in style after calving over the summer, reclaiming her #1 CPI spot with an incredible +155 CPI, achieving a new score, being the Total Performance Cow at NGS-Madison and now an All-American Nomination to add to her credentials. Latte's most notable traits include +1,029M, +44P and 2.75SCS, paired with positive Livability. She is also #10(T) on the PTAT Cow list with +1.9 type, including +2.2 UDC and a striking +4.4 FLC. Her last record at 3-03 was over 30,000M with a 4.7%F and 3.8%P in 365 days. Latte is the dam of popular polled young sire Sparta-P at Guernsey Gold Sires, with more sons in the AI pipeline. She is sired by Sherlock from an EX-93 Caesar with records to 28,000M. Her best daughter is a Java in the top 25 CPI Heifers as well as the #2 Polled CPI heifer. Latte is bred and owned by Kadence Farm of New Glarus, Wisconsin.

2. **Dairyman Theo 4928 Dia-ETV VG-87** lost her top spot in December but remains one of the most notable cows of the breed with +142 CPI, thanks to exceptional component production, solid health traits and strong type. Her record at 2-01 of over 20,000M with 5.2%F and 3.5%P in 305 days gave her exceptional Yield Deviations that pair well with a 2.78 SCS, +1.5 Livability and +3.5 PL. Scored Very Good in her first lactation, she also has a +1.4 PTAT with an exceptional +3.0 UDC and +3.9 FLC. Dia is sired by #2 Active sire, Theo, out of a GP-84 Novak with over 26,000M in her first lactation. She has several notable milking sisters and has entered her own extensive flush program. Dia is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
3. A pair of full sister herdmates are hot on Dia's heels at #3 and #4 in December, starting with **Dairyman Richard 5058 Jimena-ET GP-83** with +141 CPI. In just 288 days at 1-10, Jimena produced over 23,000M, boosting her exceptional Yield Deviations and leading to her evaluation of +1,751M, +53F and +51P. She is also positive for Type, including FLC and UDC, and is +1.4 PL. Jimena is sired by #4 Active sire, Richard, out of a VG-86 Ernie who is a Gold Star Dam with over 124,000M lifetime. Jimena has two daughters, with the youngest being the #2 CPI Heifer in December. She is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
4. **Dairyman Richard 5057 Justice-ET GP-83** sits just one point behind her full sister with +140 CPI. Similarly, though, she produced over 23,000M in 305 days at 2-00, giving her extreme Yield Deviations and an evaluation of +1,958M, +52F and +54P. She is slightly higher than her sister for Type, FLC and SCS, although outmatched for UDC and DPR. Her sole daughter by Newton ranks in the top 70 CPI Heifers in December. Justice is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
5. **GR-Dairyman Toby 4324 Eloise VG-88** rounds out the Wisconsin-dominated CPI list with +128 CPI, following the pattern of extreme production with solid type. Her best record at 3-00 was nearly 27,000M with 5.7%F and 3.5%P in 356 days at 3-00. This gives her an evaluation of +907M, +42F and +33P, paired with 2.93 SCS and a +1.4 PTAT. Eloise is sired by Toby from a GP-83 Geo with over 111,000M lifetime production. She is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.

Top Five CPI Heifers – December 2024

1. **Springhill Torpedo Jyro-ETV** remained the top CPI heifer in December, increasing her GCPI to an incredible +149, over 40 points higher than her parent average! Her strong evaluation includes +807M with solid Fat and Protein percentages, and she also ranks in the top 30 PTAT heifers with +1.6. Jyro is sired by popular young sire, Torpedo, out of Springhill Cordell Joanna EX-90 GSD, who has over 152,000M lifetime to date; thus tracing back to Dix Lee Tiller Joke EX-93. Jyro was born in June 2024 and is bred and owned by Springhill, Big Prairie, Ohio.
2. **Dairyman Olaf 5634 Josefina** also kept her #2 spot with +139 GCPI. Josefina has a great combination of +1,097M with +0.6 DPR and +1.1 PTAT, all rounding out to a +541 CM\$. Josefina was set up for success, being sired by the #2 young sire, Olaf, and out of #3 CPI Cow, Dairyman Richard 5058 Jimena-ET GP-83. However, she still beat her parent average by nearly 10 points

with her genomic evaluation! Josefina was born in July 2024 and is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.

3. **RHG PT Villa Coin 3174-ETV** rose in December to re-enter the top five with +116 GCPI, thanks to exceptional genomic predictions for components and type with solid health traits. She has a GPTA of +0.19%F +48F, along with a 2.88 SCS, positive Livability and +1.4 PTAT. This genomic evaluation helps her beat her parent average by 32 points! Coin 3174 is sired by Collector out of Rozelyn Aaron Villa EX-94-2E GSD, who is establishing herself as a dominant brood cow with several Excellent daughters and sons in AI. Born in September 2023, she is bred and owned by RHG of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

4(T). **GR-Dairyman Jrue 5371 Heidi** gained a spot in December with +114 GCPI, an eight-point increase over her parent average. She has strong production figures paired with solid type and health traits, including +725M, +34F, +27P, +1.1 Livability and +0.9 PTAT. Heidi is sired by Jrue and out of a VG-88 Lakoda with 160,000M lifetime, starting with a class-leading Protein record as a milking yearling. She was born in March 2023 and is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman farm.

4(T). **Coulee Crest Drymn Aud Lavish-ETV** fell slightly in December but remains in the top five with +114 GCPI, a nearly 20-point gain over her parent average. Lavish pairs +756M with positive Fat and Protein and +2.1 PL, +0.7 Livability and +1.0 PTAT. She is sired by Audrey out of Coulee Crest Pilot Lava-ET EX-90-2E, one of the most prominent brood cows in the modern age and still the #12 CPI Cow. Lavish was born in July 2023. She was bred by Coulee Crest LLC and is owned by Dawson Yurs of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and Brian Schnebly of Hagerstown, Maryland.

4(T). **Dairyman Olaf 5578 Ducky** is the final heifer tied at +114 GCPI, which is 25 points higher than her parent average would place her! She offers a notable +603M with +1.0 DPR, as well as positive Fat and Protein, a strong +2.0 Livability, and quality 2.73 SCS. She is also strong at +0.9 PTAT with +1.4 UDC. Ducky is another daughter of #2 young sire, Olaf, and is out of a VG-85 Dairyman Sherman Rowdy daughter with over 105,000M lifetime (with a 5.3%F and 3.8%P average). Born in March 2024, Ducky is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.