## **Top Five Active AI Sires - April 2024**

- 1. With little movement on the Active list this time, Dairyman Logo Profit remained the top bull in April, although he did see a nice increase to +74PTI. He remains a health trait specialist without sacrificing production or functional type, as he is in the top five bulls for Somatic Cell Score (SCS), Daughter Pregnancy Rate (DPR), Productive Life (PL) as well as Milk, Fat and Protein pounds. He also ranks #5 for Udder Composite (UDC) with great scores for udder attachments, while improving Strength and Rump Width without adding stature. As a Logo from a VG-89 91MS Lewis, Profit also has a low Inbreeding (EFI%) score and is strong for livability and Net Merit (NM\$). His dam has over 232,000M lifetime and the next dam is also EX-90 with records to 25,000M. As of this writing, Profit has 27 appraised daughters, with four scored Excellent and all but five scored GP-80 or better. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
- 2. Two bulls remain tied for #2 in April, with the first being **Beechgroves Excalibur** at +58 PTI. Excalibur is a component and type specialist, ranking in the top five Active sires for Fat pounds and percent while also being the #1 Active sire for Foot and Leg Composite (FLC) at +3.3 and #3 for UDC. Excalibur is also the leading Active sire for Strength, Foot Angle, Rear Legs Rear View, close Teat Placement and Rear Udder Height and Width. He is also positive for Protein traits and the #1 Active Type sire overall. Excalibur is an Aarons Levi son from a VG-86-UK daughter of popular UK sire Ezekiel. His next dam is an EX-93-2E-UK Royal Oak daughter. Excalibur now has 21 daughters scored in the United States with all but one GP-82 or higher, and one now Excellent giving his daughters an average Final Score of 84. This UK-bred sire is sold by ST Genetics.
  - 2. **Ripley Farms Networth C Theo** stays neck and neck for #2 in April, although offering a different lineup of traits than Excalibur. Theo will give a big boost to health traits, ranking in the top five Active sires for SCS, DPR, PL and Livability. He is also the #3 bull for Fat % which helps him rank #2 for CM\$ and NM\$. Theo certainly isn't lacking for type, ranking #4 for both FLC and UDC with strong Foot Angle, Rear Legs Rear View and Udder Depth. Theo is also positive for Protein % and will reduce frame size for a more modern-looking Guernsey. Theo is a rare Net Worth son from a VG-88 Gold Star Dam Double L with records to 22,000M 4.8%F 3.4%P. The next dam is an EX-90 Gold Star Dam Aaron daughter of notable brood cow, Low Brook Goldfoot Conny EX-90. Over half of Theo's 46 appraised daughters are GP-80 or higher, including two who were Nominated All-American in 2023. He was bred by Kyle Ripley of Moravia, New York, and semen is available through Guernsey Gold Sires.
  - 4. **Dairyman Dawson Jordy-ET** rose significantly in PTI in April and now sits at #4 with +51. This extreme health trait bull is the #1 Active sire for SCS with an impressive 2.56, PL with +5.4 and Livability at +5.0. He is also #2 for Fat Pounds and percent as well as Protein percent, which helps secure his #1 spot for CM\$ at a whopping +510 and NM\$ at +493. He is also the top Active choice for low inbreeding. Jordy will reduce Stature significantly while also lowering pins, which can be a unique combination. He will also sire an ideal set to the leg and reduce teat length. Jordy is a Dawson son from a VG Alstar with a 1-08 record of 22,000M 4.8%F 3.6%P, then a GP-83 Bingo. About half of Jordy's 41 appraised daughters are

scored GP-80 or higher. Jordy was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

5. **Dairyman Legend Richard** remained at #5 in April thanks to strong production with complementary type traits. At +791, Richard is the #2 Active sire for Milk, and is #1 for Protein with +25. He is also in the top five for Strength at +0.9 with only a modest increase to Stature for a moderate-sized cow. Richard is also positive for udder attachments and will sire shallow, youthful udders with centrally placed, moderate-length teats. Richard is a Legend son from an Dairyman Spider Roseoil EX-90, with over 160,000M lifetime production with an average 5.0%F and 3.6%P. The next dam was a Good Plus, Gold Star Dam with over 173,000M lifetime. Richard now has 45 appraised daughters, with 80% scored GP-80 or higher. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

## **Top Five Genomic Young Sires – April 2024**

- 1. Despite the genomic young sire list seeing a huge growth of new bulls in April, **Dairyman**Checkmate Olaf remained the #1 PTI young sire at a strong +133. He is the #1 young sire for Fat pounds at +46 and #2 for Protein at +35 thanks to a strong +897 Milk and positive component percentages. This also helps him rank #1(T) for CM\$ at +613 and narrowly #2 for NM\$ at +604. On the Olaf has respectable health traits at +4.1 PL, 2.76 SCS and positive DPR. For type, he is a leading bull for centralizing teat placement and will also sire improvements to feet and leg traits with high, wide and youthful mammary systems. Olaf is the first Checkmate son to be released, out of an EX-91 GSD Cordell with over 120,000M lifetime production with a 5.6%F and 3.7%P. The next dam is a VG-88 Double L, also a Gold Star Dam with over 169,000M lifetime production; all hailing back to the same cow family that gave us Royal Oak, Option and other notable animals over the years. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
- 2. Dairyman Audrey Othello-ET is one of two full brothers from Olaf's maternal family making their debut in the top 5 in April! Othello provides the elusive combination of being the #1 DPR young sire at +6.1 with an impressive +641 pounds of Milk, combined with good components to rank him in the top five young sires for Fat and Protein pounds. This ranks him #1 for CM\$ and NM\$ as well with +613 and +608, respectively. He is also a top five young sire for Livability. Othello shows respectable type numbers as well, being positive for PTAT, UDC and FLC; siring moderately-sized cows with strong fore udder attachments and centrally placed teats. Othello is the #1 A2A2 young sire, and is sired by Audrey from an EX-90-2E GSD Logo with over 105,000M lifetime, then a VG-88 Alstar also with 101,000M life. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from ST Genetics.
- 3. **Dairyman Phonze Jumpstart-ET** splits the two brothers, premiering at #3 in April with +105 PTI thanks to excellent production paired with respectable health and type. Jumpstart is possibly your top overall component specialist, ranking in the top five young sires for Fat and Protein pounds as well as Protein percent. He is also positive for

- DPR and PTAT with a strong +3.7 PL. Jumpstart will sire a sizeable increase in Strength with near-breakeven Stature for a modern Guernsey frame with ideal Rump Angle and plenty of width throughout. He looks to also sire impressive rear udders with centrally placed teats. Jumpstart is the latest offering from dam Dairyman Profit 3825 Japan EX-90 GSD, the #6 CPI cow in April with many sons and daughters near the top of the index lists. The next dam is a GP, GSD V I P with over 109,000M lifetime production. Jumpstart is sired by an older, yet still quality bull, Phonze, and was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
- 4. **Dairyman Audrey Optimus-ET** is the full brother to #2 sire, Othello, and comes in tied for #4 with a more moderate approach to overall traits. He is a well-rounded bull who only ranks in the top five young sires for DPR (+1.2) and PL (+5.2), but does so with still strong Milk, Fat and Protein and a quality SCS. He is also higher for PTAT than Othello with +1.1, and should sire moderate-sized cows without sacrificing strength and width. He also should give solid improvement to Foot Angle and Rear Legs Rear View, with very youthful mammary systems and moderate-length teats. Optimus is sired by Audrey from the same EX-90 Logo as Othello, who is also the #11 CPI cow in April. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman and is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.
  - **4. RHG Villa Vigor-ET** breaks up the Hoard's Dairyman domination, coming in tied for #4 with +102 PTI in April. He is also making his debut and is now the top son of Rozelyn Aaron Villa EX-94-2E, currently one of the breed's premier brood cows. Vigor is an extreme component bull with a +.31% Fat that easily ranks him as the #1 young sire in this category, and carries him to #2 for Fat pounds with +45. He is also handily the #1 young sire for Protein percent at +.14%. These traits combined with a quality SCS of 2.71 helps rank him #3 for both CM\$ and NM\$. He is also a strong Livability (+1.4) and PL (+4.8) choice. Vigor has a quality UDC of +1.6 thanks to strong Fore and Rear Udder attachments and very shallow udders, and will correct teat size, shape and placement. He is a Tsunami son from Villa EX-94, who has over 163,000M lifetime, then an EX-91 Samson with over 185,000M lifetime. He was bred by RHG of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and is available from Semex.

## Top 5 CPI Cows - April 2024

1. **Dairyman Theo 4928 Dia-ETV VG-87** has taken the top spot on the CPI list in April at +140 CPI as she finishes a great first lactation for Hoard's Dairyman Farm, her breeder and owner. At 2-01, she made 20,460M 5.2% 1,057F 3.5% 707P which gives her Yield Deviations of +2,202M +135F and +85P. This gives Dia strong Milk and component traits while also maintaining breakeven DPR and Livability and quality SCS. She is also obviously strong for Type with +1.2 and an impressive +2.8 UDR and +4.3 FLC. Dia is sired by Theo, the #2(T) Active sire, and out of a GP-84 Novak who made 26,000M at 2-08. Although she has yet to have a heifer of her own, she has been flushed and has several maternal sisters by different bulls who rank highly with her.

- 2. Smithfield Jordy Moody VG-85 also rises through the ranks, now with +134 CPI after finishing a strong second lactation of 23,200M 6.5% 1,507F 3.4% 785P in 308 days. Moody closely mirrors the traits of her sire, Jordy, with +.23%F, +2.2DPR and +5.0PL. She also has a very strong +4.3 Livability and quality SCS, while maintaining positive PTAT with a +0.8 UDC. Moody is the dam of popular health trait young sire Maverick at GGS and her first daughter, a full sister to Maverick, scored GP-83 at 2-08. Moody is out of a VG-85 GSD Double L with over 106,000M lifetime, then a VG-88 GSD Marksman with three records at 5.8%F and over 3.6%P. She is bred and owned by Coon Brothers Farm, LLC, of Amenia, New York.
- 3. Also hailing from Eastern New York is the new #3 CPI cow, **Skoda Grove Legend Roxy VG-89**, another young cow who rose significantly to +123 CPI in April. This lovely Legend daughter catches your eye with her style and Excellent mammary system, certainly, but her powerful production and pedigree keep your attention! Still in her first lactation, Roxy is making astounding Yield Deviations of +6,318M +367F and +245P, paired with her max VG-89 score that gives her a +1.9 UDC, +1.6 FLC and +1.2 PTAT. She also sports a respectable +304CM\$. Roxy was Nominated Jr. All-American in 2021 and was a class winner at the Guernsey Gold Showcase in 2023. She is out of an EX-90 Cordell with over 105,000M lifetime, then a VG-88 Yogibear with records to 28,000M. She is bred and owned by Ryan and Crystil Lee Skoda of Craryville, New York.
- 4. Dairyman Richard 5057 Justice-ET GP-81 is one of two full sisters who round out the top five CPI cows in April coming in narrowly at #4 with +122 CPI. Also still working on her first lactation, Justice has Yield Devations so far of +7,122M +316F and +226P, giving her a +1,677M PTA! She combines this with +0.7PTAT and strong FLC and has a +401NM\$. Justice's first calf is a September '23 Newton who ranks in the top 70 CPI heifers. She is sired by Richard from a VG-86 Ernie who just achieved Gold Star Dam status this year, and has over 124,000M lifetime. The next dam is a GP Geo who is also a Gold Star Dam with over 138,000M lifetime. Justice is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
- 5. **Dairyman Richard 5058 Jimena-ET GP-83** is hot on her full sister's heels at +121 CPI, with also incredible Yield Deviations of +5,201M +220F and +184P. Similar to her sister, she is +1,490 for Milk with a +1.3 PL and +432 NM\$, as well as positive PTAT and strong FLC. So far she has one August '23 daughter by Toby Keith. She is also bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and has the same pedigree as Justice above.

## Top 5 CPI Heifers - April 2024

1. **GR-Dairyman Jrue 5371 Heidi** has reclaimed her top spot on the heifer CPI list with +124 GCPI, an increase that puts her over 15 points above parent average. She excels in production traits with +795M +36F and +29P while maintaining respectable health traits thanks to her sire, Jrue. She is also strong for Type with +0.9 PTAT, +1.0 UDC and +2.9 FLC; and has a CM%\$ of +390. Heidi is out of a VG-88 Lakoda with over 156,000M lifetime

- production, then a GP Superman with records to 23,000M 5.5%F. She was born in March 2023 and is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
- 2. RHG PT Villa Coin 3174-ETV swapped spots in April but remains a leading heifer of the breed at +120 GCPI, 23 points above her parent average. She has a balanced production resume with +346M and +.20%F, giving her +52 Fat pounds. She is also strong at +3.2PL and +0.8 Livability, with impressive +1.3 PTAT +1.7 UDC and +1.5 FLC. She comes by this all naturally, being a Coin Collector daughter from Rozelyn Aaron Villa EX-94-2E GSD, the current brood cow extraordinaire of the Guernsey breed who also has 163,000M lifetime production with excellent Fat and Protein. Villa is also the dam of #4(T) young sire Vigor at Semex, and #7(T) young sire Vernon at ABS. Coin 3174 was born in September 2023 and is bred and owned by RHG of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
- 3. Coulee Crest Dryman Aud Lavish-ETV kept her spot amongst the shuffle in April with +116GCPI, a 23-point increase over parent average. With her complementary pedigree as the #1 Audrey daughter and #1 daughter of Coulee Crest Pilot Lava-EX-90-2E, Lavish has a well-balanced evaluation of +839M with positive components, breakeven DPR, +2.1PL and +0.8 Livability. She also has a strong +1.1 PTAT with exceptional +1.8 UDC. Born in July 2023, Lavish's dam, Lava, is a household name for producing top CPI heifers, and now adding two All-American Nominated daughters in 2023 to her accomplishments. Lavish was bred by Coulee Crest LLC of Cashton, Wisconsin, and is owned by Dawson Yurs of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and Brian Schnebly of Hagerstown, Maryland.
- 4. **Coulee Crest Newton Secoya-ETV** follows her maternal sister to be one of three heifers tied at #4 in April with +107 GCPI. For Secoya, this is a 19-point increase over parent average. She offers a very similar profile to the #3 heifer with +817M and positive components, nearly breakeven DPR, and +2.2 PL. She also has a strong +359 CM\$ and +1.2 Livability, as well as +0.9 PTAT and an impressive +1.5 UDC. This Lava daughter is sired by Newton, a former #1 Active sire, and was born in July 2022. She was bred by Coulee Crest LLC and is owned by Sheryl and Glenn Taylor of Cassville, New York.
- 4. **GR-Dairyman Carver 5401 Nellie** brings a unique pedigree to the CPI heifer list with her +107 GCPI, an impressive 32-point leap over her parent average! She excels in component production with +572M combined with +.12%F and +.04%P for a +48F and +27P; giving her a +458CM\$. She combines this with +2.7PL and positive Livability, as well as a respectable +0.9 PTAT. Nellie is sired by Carver from a VG-85 Logo with records to 23,000M 4.9%F 3.5%P. The next dam is an EX-91 Grumpy with over 176,810M lifetime production. Nellie was born in April 2023 and is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
- 4. **RHG PT Villa Coin 3166-ETV** is a full sister to the #2 heifer and the final tied for #4 at +107 GCPI, 10 points higher than her parent average. She gets there with more moderate production, strong components and quality health traits. She has positive Milk, Fat and Protein pounds with +.18%F, breakeven DPR and an impressive +5.3PL. She also has a strong +475CM\$ and +1.8 Livability. She has a very impressive +1.4 PTAT and +1.8 UDC. She is another Collector from Rozelyn Aaron Villa EX-94-2E GSD. Born in September 2023, she was bred by RHG and recently purchased through the Buckeye Classic Sale by Jim van Patter of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.