

Top Five Active A.I. Sires – August 2024

1. **Coulee Crest Richard Checkmate** makes his debut on the Active A.I. list in style, easily taking the top spot with +90PTI, thanks to an exceptional combination of production and health traits. Checkmate ranks in the top three Active sires for both Milk and Productive Life (PL) and is the #2 Active sire for Protein with +28P. This combined with a strong +1.1 Daughter Pregnancy Rate (DPR) and quality Somatic Cell Score (SCS) also put him at #3 for Net Merit \$ (NM\$) and Cheese Merit \$ (CM\$). Checkmate also shows promise for quality, youthful udders; ranking high for both Fore Udder Attachment with +1.7 and Udder Depth with S1.4. He also offers a unique combination of negative Stature with positive Strength and should give modest improvement to feet and legs. Checkmate is a son of the #4 Active sire, Richard, out of a Logo who scored GP-83 and produced over 23,000M with a 5.2%F in her first lactation. The next dam is a VG-87 Yogibear with over 169,000M lifetime production. At the time of this writing, Checkmate has eight classified daughters, with five scored Good Plus. Checkmate was bred by Coulee Crest LLC of Cashton, Wisconsin, and semen is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.

2(T). **Dairyman Logo Profit** was taken down a spot by the newcomer, but still holds strong tied for #2 with +75PTI. Similar to Checkmate, Profit offers a desirable combination of production and health traits with modern, functional type. Profit ranks in the top five Active sires for three major health traits (SCS, DPR & PL) with a respectable +422M and positive Fat and Protein pounds. This also puts him #4 for NM\$ and CM\$. He also offers a unique pedigree, ranking as one of the lowest Expected Future Inbreeding (EFI%) bulls. Profit daughters are also putting on great mammary systems, helping him rank highly for Fore and Rear Udder attachments, and they have plenty of width from chest through rump while also being shorter in stature. Profit is sired by Logo from a VG-89-91MS Lewis with over 232,000M Lifetime production. The next dam is EX-90 with records to 25,000M 4.5%F. Profit now has 27 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.

2(T). **Beechgroves Excalibur** rose significantly in August to tie with Profit for the #2 Active spot at +75PTI. Excalibur does so with extremely high components combined with breed-leading type traits. Excalibur is the #1 Active sire for Fat Pounds with +34 and #2 for percent with +0.19%F. He is also positive for Protein pounds and percent. Excalibur shines on the type side, being the #1 Active sire for Foot and Leg Composite (FLC) with a whopping +3.3, and #1 for Strength, Rump Width, Foot Angle, Rear Udder

Height and Rear Udder Width. He also has high rankings for Rear Legs Rear View, Udder Cleft and Teat Placement. 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. In the US, Excalibur has 23 appraised daughters, with one Excellent and all but one GP-82 or higher! This UK-bred sire is available from ST Genetics.

4. Dairyman Legend Richard also shot up in August to rank #4 with a +72PTI. This veteran sire excels in total production while offering some unique type improvements. Richard is the #1 Active sire for Milk with +1,060M and Protein with +37P, and also ranks in the top five for Fat with +21F. He is #3 for Strength at +1.3 while maintaining a small Stature increase. Richard should strengthen Fore Udder attachments while also siring shallow, youthful udders, a rare combination for a bull with over 1,000M. He will also slightly widen teats that may be too close for certain systems, and will lower pins, making him a solid cross on other high-index bulls such as Profit or Theo. 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. The next dam is GP with over 173,000M lifetime, also with a 5.0%F. There are now 51 appraised Richard daughters, with 40 of them GP-80 or higher, including the #3 and #4 CPI Cows in August. He is also the sire of the #1 Active sire, Checkmate. Richard was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and semen is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

5. Ripley Farms Networth C Theo remains in the top group of Active sires with +65PTI, an increase from April. Theo remains a strong choice for component and health trait improvement with quality type. His combination of top-five rankings for SCS, PL, Fat % and Livability help rank him #2 for both CM\$ and NM\$ in August. He is also positive for DPR. He is also tied for #4 Udder Composite (UDC) with +1.0, boosted especially by strong Fore Udder and Udder Depth traits. He is also a solid Foot and Leg improver, ranking well for Foot Angle and Rear Legs Rear View. 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. Forty-one of Theo's 57 appraised daughters are now scored GP-80 or better, including the #1 CPI cow and two more fetching All-American Nominations in 2023. He was bred by Kyle Ripley of Moravia, New York, and semen is available through Guernsey Gold Sires.

Top Five Genomic Young Sires – August 2024

1. In a small shake-up, **Dairyman Audrey Othello-ET** has emerged as the new #1 Genomic Young Sire for August, edging out his maternal family member with +127GPTI. Othello lands this with very strong production, positive components and excellent DPR combined with balanced type improvements. In a competitive group of 50 available young sires, Othello ranks \$1 for both DPR (+2.4) and PL (+6.1) and #3 for Fat with +40, securing him the #1 spot for both CM\$ (+604) and NM\$ (+599). He does this with over +600M and a 2.95SCS. He also shows improvements on FLC and UDC, especially with foot angle and fore udder improvements. Othello is an Audrey son from an EX-90-2E GSD Logo with over 122,000M lifetime production, then a VG-88 Alstar also with 101,000M lifetime. Just released in April, he has yet to see calves on the ground. Othello was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from ST Genetics.
2. **Dairyman Checkmate Olaf** is now just one point behind Othello with +126GPTI but remains an exceptional choice for extreme production with quality SCS. Olaf is the #3 Milk young sire with +902M and ranks in the top five for SCS and Fat and Protein pounds. This puts him at #2 for both CM\$ and NM\$. On the type side, Olaf shows strong improvement in mammary systems, looking to sire youthful, well-attached udders. He should also sire strong feet and legs. Olaf is the son of new #1 Active sire, Checkmate, from an EX-91-GSD Cordell with over 149,000M lifetime with a 5.5%F and 3.7%P average. The next dam is a VG-88-GSD Double L with over 169,000M lifetime. Early Olaf calves are genotyping exceptionally well, including the new #2 and #4 CPI Heifers. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.
3. **Dairyman Phonze Jumpstart-ET** kept his #3 position with +117GPTI, edging out both a full brother to the #1 young sire and his own maternal brother. Jumpstart offers exceptional components, especially Protein, with respectable health and type traits. He is now the #1 Fat pounds young sire with +43F and #2(T) for Protein with +35P. He also offers an exceptional +0.10%P which ranks him #3(T) amongst young sires. He does this with a positive DPR, +3.9PL and 2.92SCS. Jumpstart should greatly improve Strength, Body Depth, Rump Width and Dairy Form while only slightly increasing stature, a modern combination of frame traits. He will also improve Rear Udder Width while shortening teat length and placing teats centrally on the udder floor. Jumpstart is one of two sons of Dairyman Profit 3825 Japan EX-90-GSD in the top five young sires. Another April release, Jumpstart does not yet have calves on the ground. He was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Hoard's or Guernsey Marketing Service.

4. Maternal brother to Jumpstart, **Dairyman Tsunami Jed-ET** took a nice jump into the #4 spot in August with +114GPTI thanks to well-balanced production and health traits combined with strong mammary system improvement. While not particularly extreme in any trait, Jed does rank #2 for Productive Life with +5.5 and is a top-five young sire for Livability (+2.5), CM\$ and NM\$. He offers a solid +505M with positive Fat and Protein percents and a quality 2.80SCS. Jed also shows a strong +1.2UDC thanks to solid Fore Udder strength and Rear Udder Height and Width. He should also sire very good Strength and Rump Width improvement while lowering Stature. Jed is also out of Dairyman Profit 3825 Japan EX-90-GSD, who produced over 23,000M with a 5.5%F and 3.6%P at 4-03 in 365 days. The next dam is a GP, GSD V I P daughter with over 109,000M lifetime production. Jed was also released in April by breeder Hoard's Dairyman Farm, and semen is also available from Guernsey Marketing Service.
5. **Dairyman Audrey Optimus-ET** remains in the top five for August, behind his full brother Othello but still an exceptional bull for production, health and type traits combined. Optimus is the #4 young sire for Productive Life at +5.2, with +335M combined with a +1.1DPR and 2.86SCS. He also ranks in the top five for Fore Udders at +2.6, combining with solid Rear Udder traits and Udder Depth for a strong +1.5UDC. He also offers very good Feet and Leg improvement with +2.6FLC thanks to especially strong Foot Angle and Rear Legs – Rear View. Optimus is another Audrey son from Jens Gold Logo Opal EX-90-2E-GSD, dam of #1 young sire Optimus. Another relatively new release, Othello was bred by Hoard's Dairyman Farm and is available from Guernsey Gold Sires.

Top 5 CPI Cows – August 2024

1. **Dairyman Theo 4928 Dia-ETV VG-87** remains the #1 CPI Cow in August with a slight increase to +142GCPI. This genetically gifted young cow made a record at 2-01 in 305 days of 20,460M 5.2% 1,057F 3.5% 707P, giving her over +2,000M +110F and +70P herdmate yield deviations. Also looking the part, she scored VG-87 at 2-09 with a VG-88 mammary system. Although she is yet to have registered offspring of her own, we are sure to see them dotting the CPI lists soon. Dia is sired by #5 Active A.I. Sire, Theo, from a GP-84 Novak with over 26,000M in her first lactation. She has three sisters scored GP-80 or higher, including the #76(T) CPI cow, and two more sisters rank in the top 100 CPI Heifers. Dia is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.

2. **Coulee Crest Pilot Lava-ET EX-90-2E** has made a striking comeback in August after falling out of the top five CPI cows in April, now following just behind Dia with +141GCPI. Now a veteran of the CPI game, Lava has four sons in AI (Tsunami, Hurricane, Simon and Savage) and 13 appraised daughters, not one of which is scored below GP-80, and one now EX-90 in her second lactation. Lava herself offers a staggering +1,130M with positive Fat and Protein thanks to high yield deviations and a lifetime to date of 136,240M 5.6% 7,621F 3.7% 5,079P in four lactations. Her highest record to date is over 33,000M 1,800F 1,200P in 365 days. Lava was also Nominated Junior All-American in 2019 and has a whopping 20 daughters by nine different sires in the top 150 CPI Heifers in August. Lava is a Pilot daughter from a GP-84 Laredo with over 153,000M lifetime production, then Flambeau Manor Decision Lori-ET EX-90-GSD, known as a tremendous brood cow in her own right. Lava is bred and owned by Coulee Crest LLC.
3. **Dairyman Richard 5057 Justice-ET GP-82** is the first of two full sisters separated by only a couple points at the top of the list, with +137GCPI. In her first lactation at 2-00, Justice produced 23,950M 3.8% 913F 3.0% 729P in just 305 days, giving her incredible yield deviations of over +6,900M +180F and +200P. This gives her a PTA of +1,963M and +54 each of Fat and Protein. She also has a positive PTAT with a strong +2.0FLC. Justice is sired by #4 Active sire, Richard, out of a VG-86-GSD Ernie with over 124,000M lifetime production, then a GP-82-GSD Geo with over 138,000M lifetime. Justice's September 2023 Newtown daughter ranks #118(T) on the August CPI Heifer list. She is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
4. **Dairyman Richard 5058 Jimena-ET GP-83** sits just behind her full sister with +135GCPI. At 1-10 in only 288 days, Jimena produced 23,040M 4.0% 930F 3.2% 739P, giving her yield deviations of over +5,600M +210F and +190P. Like her sister, Jimena is also positive for PTAT and FLC. Jimena's July 2024 Olaf daughter is the #2 CPI heifer in August. She also has a daughter by Toby Keith. The sisters are out of Dairyman Ernie 3436 Jumbo VG-86-GSD, who has three additional daughters scored GP or VG. She is also bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
5. **Skoda Grove Legend Roxy VG-89** may have lost some ground in the August rankings, but still improved her GCPI for +128 this run. Her record at 2-06 in 305 days of 26,000M 1,300F and 900P give her incredible yield deviations of over +6,300M +370F and +250P, boosting her +1,082M PTA with positive Fat and Protein percents. Obviously also a high-type cow, she scored VG-89 at just 2-09 with an Excellent mammary system, giving her a +1.3PTAT, +1.9UDC and +1.9FLC. She was Nominated Junior All-American Winter Calf in 2021 and won her class at the Guernsey Gold Showcase in 2023. All three of Roxy's daughters (by Hurricane and Design) rank in the top 60 CPI heifers in August. She is sired by Legend from an EX-

90 Cordell with a class-leading record in Milk and Fat and over 105,000M lifetime in just three lactations. The next dam is a VG-88 Yogibear with records to 28,000M. Roxy is bred and owned by Ryan and Crystil Lee Skoda of Craryville, New York.

Top 5 CPI Heifers – August 2024

1. The CPI Heifer List looks fairly different in August, with the new #1 heifer now **Springhill Torpedo Jyro-ETV**, just born in June 2024 and already making waves with a +136 GCPI, a full 38 points higher than her Parent Average! Jyro gets this high ranking with a +759M with +0.05%F and +0.04%P, boosting her +376CM\$. She also has exceptional type with +1.5PTAT, +1.8UDC and +3.1FLC. Jyro is sired by high-type young sire, Torpedo, out of #10(T) CPI cow, Springhill Cordell Joanna EX-90-GSD, who has over 152,000M lifetime with a 5.1%F and 3.6%P. The next dam is an EX-91-2E-GSD Laredo who traces back to famed bull mother and brood cow extraordinaire, Dix Lee Tiller Joke EX-93. Jyro is bred and owned by Springhill of Big Prairie, Ohio.
2. **Dairyman Olaf 5634 Josefina** is the #2 heifer with +131CPI, just a parent average this run as she was only born in July 2024. However, her parentage has certainly set her up for success, being a daughter of the #2 genomic young sire, Olaf, out of the #4 CPI cow, a GP-83 Richard who produced over 23,000M in just 288 days her first lactation. This gives Josefina parent averages of +1,305M +47F and +43P for exceptional NM\$ and CM\$ over +520 each. She is also +0.6 PTAT with strong FLC and just -0.2DPR. She is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.
3. **Coulee Crest Drymn Aud Lavish-ETV** held her #3 spot again in August with +127GCPI thanks to super high production and type traits with respectable health numbers. This July 2023 yearling has a 20 point increase over her parent average with +937M, +2.2PL and +396CM\$. She also boasts a +1.8UDC and FLC boosting her +1.2PTAT, and is positive for Livability. Lavish is sired by Audrey out of #2 CPI Cow and household name, Coulee Crest Pilot Lava-ET EX-90-2E-GSD. She was bred by Coulee Crest LLC and is owned by Dawson Yurs and Brian Schnebly, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.
4. **Dairyman Olaf 5578 Ducky** broke into the top five in August with a +123GCPI, over 30 points higher than her parent average! This March 2024 Olaf daughter offers very well-balanced production, type and health traits, including +663M with positive Fat and Protein, +0.9DPR, 2.74SCS and +1.6 Livability, also giving her a +568CM\$. She is also +0.9PTAT with a strong +1.5UDC and +1.1FLC. Ducky is out of a VG-85 Dairyman Sherman Rowdy daughter with over 105,000M lifetime production with a

5.3%F and 3.8%P. The next dam is a GP-82 Laredo daughter of Dairyman Tiller Daydream EX-90. Ducky is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.

- 5. GR-Dairyman Jrue 5371 Heidi** was displaced from the top spot by younger heifers, but remains in the top five with +122GCPI, 10 points higher than her parent average. Heidi has strong production PTAs with +815M +38F and +30P, giving her a +2.9PL and +386CM\$. She is also +0.9 for PTAT, including +0.9UDC and +2.6FLC. Heidi is also positive for Livability with a 2.95SCS. She is sired by Jrue from a VG-88 Lakoda with over 160,000M lifetime production and a class-leading Yearling record for Protein. The next dam is a GP Superman with records to 23,000M 1,200F. Heidi is bred and owned by Hoard's Dairyman Farm.