

In addition to the usual annual update of the genetic base and the Pro\$ formula, more variation in genetic evaluations is experienced this round due to the implementation of composite indexes for the four major scorecard traits and Conformation, which also affects LPI and Pro\$ values. The LPI formula was also modified in accordance with the request from Ayrshire Canada.

“Artist” Achieves Top 10 Status with #6 Ranking for Both National Indexes

This April release sees the top two sires and cows remain unchanged from last round for both LPI and Pro\$. Even though the stability of breed leaders is positive news, its Ruisseau Clair Artist-ET that makes headlines with his debut as the highest newly proven sire this round, grabbing the #6 position for both LPI and Pro\$ (#6 Milk, tied #5 Fat, tied #9 Protein, dam is Duo Star Athena-ET, by Oblique). Artist is the first proven son in Canada of his sire, Sammatin Valpas, who maintains his stronghold at #1 for LPI, Pro\$, Fat and Protein (#2 Milk). He is still followed by Guimond Yale-ET (Orraryd x Reality) at #2 for both LPI and Pro\$ (#9 Milk, #7 Fat, #5 Protein). Orraryd moves around a bit this round but stays among Top 10 for both indexes at #3 LPI and #10 Pro\$ (#7 Milk, #8 Fat, tied #3 Protein). Next on the LPI list are Des Coteaux Revolution-ET (Orraryd x Poker) in #4 LPI (#5 Pro\$, tied #5 Fat, #6 Protein) and Kamouraska Rebellion (Revolver x Orraryd) follows at #5 LPI but switches ranking for Pro\$ in #4 spot (#1 Milk, #3 Fat, tied #3 Protein). One notch ahead of Rebellion on the Pro\$ list is Des Fleurs Parrain-ET (Rockstar x Orraryd), who climbs from #6 to #3 Pro\$ (#7 LPI, #4 Fat). After experiencing some slippage, Kamouraska Vision-ET (R Facet x Orraryd) manages to hold on to the elite Top 10 status for both indexes, landing in #7 Pro\$ and #10 LPI positions (#10 Milk, #2 Protein). Des Coteaux Amazing (Revolution x Percy) also loses some ground but maintains Top 10 status, now occupying the #8 ranking for both LPI and Pro\$ (tied #10 Fat). Visserdale Sittler (Orraryd x Rockstar) completes the Top 10 LPI list this round in #9 spot (#18 Pro\$) while La Sapiniere Chelyote holds the remaining spot on the Top 10 Pro\$ list, in #9 position (#50 LPI, #2 Fat, tied #9 Protein).

The Ayrshire breed also welcomes four other newly proven sires that achieve Top 25 status for at least one national index. The highest of these is Ruisseau Clair Tuxedo-ET, who is a Volvo son out of Duo Star Amicale-ET, by Reality, that arrives at #11 Pro\$ and #20 LPI but also takes #2 for Conformation with +13. Getting a good start on the LPI list is Des Cretes Durango-ET, who is a Revolution son out of Des Cretes Alleuse, by Rockstar, who makes his debut at #14 LPI (#34 Pro\$). The two remaining newcomers achieving Top 25 status for Pro\$ include De La Plaine B-King at #20 Pro\$ (#36 LPI), who is the first proven Virgile son (dam is De la Plaine Burdette Bling-ET), and Sereine Madmax-ET (Volvo son out of Hautpre Reality Madystar) at #22 Pro\$ (#32 LPI).

On the cow side, cemented in the first two positions for both GLPI and Pro\$ are the full-sister pair of Kamouraska Diva-ET (#1 for GLPI and Pro\$, tied #1 Milk, #1 Fat, #1 Protein) and Kamouraska Dounia-ET (#2 for GLPI and Pro\$, tied #1 Milk, #2 Fat, #2 Protein). Their dam, Kamouraska Orra Xuby, also stays firm in her rankings at #3 GLPI and #4 Pro\$, #4 Milk and #3 Protein. Challenging these members of this elite cow family is the highest newly indexed cow this round, namely Des Mesanges Athenos Delphi-ET (dam is Des Mesanges Bigstar Delphine), who makes an impressive

start at #3 Pro\$ and #4 GLPI (#7 Milk, #7 Fat, #9 Protein). Next on the GLPI list are La Sapiniere Facyriss in #5 GLPI position (#6 Pro\$, #5 Fat, #10 Protein) and Kamouraska Fifa who keeps her #6 GLPI spot from last round (#10 Pro\$, tied #7 Protein). The second highest newly indexed cow this round is also successful at achieving Top 10 status for both indexes. As the highest of three maternal sisters newly indexed this round that all achieve Top 50 status for both GLPI and Pro\$, De Fraserville Kitani-ET (Vision daughter out of De Fraserville Kita-ET) makes her debut at #7 Pro\$ and #8 GLPI (#4 Protein). Kamouraska Divanne-ET (Diva daughter by Amazing) is the eighth cow that makes Top 10 status for both indexes this round as she lands at #8 Pro\$ and #9 GLPI (tied #7 Protein). A third newly indexed cow this round, namely Kamouraska Foya, arrives at #5 Pro\$ and #12 GLPI and is a daughter of Ruisseau Clair Athenos (full brother to Artist) out of Kamouraska Zoya-ET. The Top 10 Pro\$ list this April is completed by Des Fleurs Valpas Parapluie-ET (dam is Des Fleurs Rockstar Parellie-ET) as she maintains her #9 position (#13 GLPI). Two well-known cows complete the Top 10 GLPI list this round, namely Visserdale Selena 33 (Yrite daughter out of Visserdale Selena 5-ET, by Reality) at #7 GLPI (#12 Pro\$) and Kamouraska Erica-ET (Bigstar daughter of Xuby, maternal sister to Diva and Dounia) at #10 GLPI (#19 Pro\$).