

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2015



Sahara Baloo's dam raised to VG88

At a figure of +3.11, Mogul son Sahara Baloo is Cogent's highest available ExcelGen sire for Mammary. With a Type Merit of +3.58 he is also the second highest overall Type sire in the line-up. His dam Sahara Sky was recently raised to VG88 in her second lactation.



Sahara Sky VG88-3yr, dam of Mogul son Sahara Baloo

Sahara Baloo's dam, Man-o-man daughter Sahara Sky, shows all the signs of growing into a fantastic brood cow. As a two-year-old she was classified VG86 and completed a lactation of 9,232kgs of milk at 4.40% fat and 3.63% protein in 305 days. Last month she was raised to VG88 as a three-year-old with a score of VG89 for Legs & Feet and VG87 for Mammary.

Sky's dam is the former #4 CTPI cow of the breed, UFM-Dubs Sheray EX90 USA (EX MS), who produced nearly 12,000kgs of milk at exceptional fat and protein levels as a heifer. Her granddam UFM-Dubs Eroy VG87, was also a tremendous producer, and has bred over 20 VG or EX daughters in the US alone.

KI Samen has a first with a Twist progeny group in Venray

At the Dairy and Machinery Event in Venray, The Netherlands, Cogent's distributor KI Samen presented a progeny group of Cogent Twist. Around 10,000 visitors inspected the six second crop daughters on their stand.

In the December proof run Twist received his first proof in the Netherlands based on 97 second crop daughters milking in the country. With an NVI of 251 he ranks in the top 25 of bulls with Dutch proofs.



Six second crop Twist daughters on display in The Netherlands

The **TWIST** daughters on display not only impressed with phenomenal productions but were also pleasing on the eye. With correctness in frames and wide, sloping rumps, the udders were of a desired shape, square and with a strong ligament and correct teat placement. Their legs that were clean in bone stood parallel when viewed from the rear and locomotion is another strong point that could be seen in the Twist daughters.

Solid conformation, excellent health traits, super productions and his very interesting aAa numbers are making Twist the best Shottle son in the world! The pleasing temperament of the Twist daughters which is praised by their owners completes the picture .

Freddy conquers the competition for eye muscle area

Charolais leader, **Vexour Freddy**, has topped the table as the number one bull for eye muscle area in the UK.

The figures published by ABRI Breedplan confirm **Freddy's** unique combination of conformation and growth with +9.4 eye muscle area and +4.3 for retail beef yield (making him the number two in the breed for this trait). Freddy's supreme success in eye muscle area and retail beef yield make him an ideal bull to produce suckler bred calves for the beef supply chain. He has a good level of fat cover meaning excellent finishing and carcass weights can be achieved at a young age.

Cogent's Beef Sire Analyst, Boomer Birch: "We always believed **Vexour Freddy** would perform well and with a great pedigree plus exceptional figures behind him, it seems that he will continue to rise above the competition. His first progeny are displaying outstanding loins with quality, cleanness and definition. With 37 pedigree progeny registered to date, his figures have shot up and we are more than impressed. It is clear to see that **Freddy** will not only breed top terminal index bulls but he will be at the forefront in producing prime cattle."



Bull calf by Freddy, Lakelady Jasper

Click [here](#) for detailed EBV information on Vexour Freddy.

Inch Number One, what's in a name?

British Friesian Inch Number One has stayed strong in December's proof run and certainly lived up to his name. He remains the number one available young sire by over 100 points on PLI as well as for fat and protein kgs.



Dam Inch Blackisle Daphne 2 EX91-2E

dam has produced 50,450kgs of milk in 5 lactations at an average of 5.34% fat and 3.33% protein. Number One's third dam, Inch Jed Daphne EX91 is in fact a 23* brood cow with countless bulls in AI. Top this with the fact that a PLI of £391 puts him at the top of the available bull list this bull is surely one to watch.

Like all our young British Friesian sires Number One is available sexed. Click [here](#) for more information on Inch Number One.

Number One comes straight from one of Northern Ireland's flagship families, the Daphnes at Jim Morrisons' Inch herd based at Downpatrick, County Down.

This high PLI sire is a result of the fantastic mating of Inch Blackisle Daphne EX91 with the high profile PLI sire Deangate Osbert. Number One has been one of our most popular British Friesian bulls in recent times and is really proving to be a bull that farmers like the look of. The bull himself is a wide strong individual with phenomenal feet and legs and a correct rump structure.

On the production side Number One is positive for milk at +201kgs and has high weights for components! Number One's pedigree is steeped with cows that have bred and produced at consistent levels. His

Show-winning Comber progeny

Kilbride Farm Comber progeny have been excelling in the show ring recently.



Popes Foreman, who is sired by Cogent's Simmental [Kilbride Farm Comber](#), was the Reserve Junior and Reserve Overall Champion at the Agri Expo Simmental Calf Show. Next stop for Foreman was the English National Pedigree Calf Show at the English Winter Fair, where he was the Reserve Male Champion calf out of 18 elite calves.

Comber is doing a fantastic job for both pedigree and commercial beef producers. His calves exhibit width, length, growth and breed character with good locomotion. We have not seen the best from this bull yet. There are some very exciting calves that will be hitting the show circuit in 2015 and we look forward to seeing these.

Hannah Wood with Comber son Popes Foreman, the Reserve Male Simmental Champion at the English Winter Fair.