

Windy-Knoll-View Promis:

Breeding Miracle from Pennsylvania with 23 EX daughters

With 23 EX daughters in Holstein USA's data base, Windy-Knoll-View Promis is one of the absolute phenomenon of the Holstein breed. An unprecedented performance, which at the same time makes it impossible to cover all of the family lines within a single article. As such, we provide a brief overview of all the EX daughters (in table) and a sampling of the numerous highlights provided by Promis offspring during the past two decades.

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Atwood descendant Windy-Knoll-View Parfait EX-94 is the youngest excellent daughter of Promis and is one of the Burdette's herd favourites.

Before focusing on Promis' 23 EX daughters, we will pause for a moment to consider Promis' dam, Pala. Because this EX-94 daughter of Quality Ultimate from the Windy-Knoll-View farm owned by the Burdette family in the southern part of the American state of Pennsylvania, was flushed frequently, which resulted in no less than 17 EX daughters. From an ET with Rudolph, Promis was born in September 1997. This provided another tremendous boost to the P family – in 2019, the 125-head dairy herd at WKV consists for 65% of the P family. Promis proved to be very productive on several fronts. She completed a highest record of 4.08 2x 365d 44,120 lb. (20,000 kg) 3.7% 3.2%, and in her long life provided 65 female descendants, with 35% scoring EX. 'Members of the P family are aggressive eaters with a strong will to compete. They move on outstanding feet & legs, and display capacity and strength through their frame. Everything that is needed for a long and productive life,' says Justin Burdette.

SMASH HIT

Early on already, Promis displayed her breeding qualities in both the female and male lines. Her first daughter, Prom (<Encore), right away scored excellent (EX-92), while the next combination with Rubens resulted in the bull WKV Rubens Pro (born 2001) at St.Jacobs, who based on 2836 daughters, still scores 1.10 PTAT for type. Subsequently, came the combination with Outside, which is considered the "best crossing ever with Promis" according to the Burdette family. Truly a smash hit, as was often the case with the mating Outside-Rudolph. Three Outside sons left for AI (see textbox), and three EX daughters demonstrated their breeding achievements at the Burdettes. Among them is the very influential WKV Pledge, who later in this article receives her very own paragraph. Of the full sisters, also Policy (together with Pledge, Pammy and Parfait) is among the most influential Promis daughters. Influence, which in the case of Policy, is also felt in Europe. Especially via her Planet daughter FG Policy, the dam of Snowman daughter FG Feline, who in turn

provided the outstanding Supershot daughters: K&L-SH Fina & Fleur. Via a different branch, Policy is the foundation dam of the Froukje family at Drouner Holsteins in the Netherlands.

DURHAM

The combination of Promis with Durham provided no less than six excellent daughters, including Pamela EX-93 and Pam EX-94. The highest scoring of the six, Pammy EX-95, is also the most influential. 'Pammy showed extremely well, and many of her granddaughters have now developed into excellent cows,' tells Justin. In her home herd, the influence comes especially from Pammy's EX-93 Shottle daughter Posy, from whom the Burdettes are milking a splendid Goldsun daughter. Among Pammy's immediate descendants is also Willsbro Baxter Pammy in Great Britain. In the Willsbro herd, she provided three EX and eight VG daughters and is also the dam of K&L MOM Pam, who blossomed in the Rovers herd (Netherlands). Out of her descending Supersire son RH Superman and full sister

♀ Windy-Knoll-View
Pauline VG-88
(Creek-Bluff Elevation
Lester)

♀ Windy-Knoll-View
Pala EX-94
(Quality Ultimate)

♀ Windy-Knoll-View
Promis EX-95
(Startmore Rudolph)

EXCELLENT OUTSIDE SONS

The combination of Promis with Outside worked fantastically in the female line, as evident from the EX-95, and two EX-93 daughters. But also in the male line, Outside x Promis provided superb results. The highest scoring Promis descendant anyhow was Outside son WKV Power, who scored EX-96 at Foundation Sires in Canada. Power has 681 classified daughters with Holstein Canada, with 24 EX. The most popular Outside son of Promis is WKV Pronto EX-95, who based on 19,158 daughters, still reaches 0.78 PTAT type and 0.98 udder. His full brother WKV Promote EX-92 scores 0.66 PTAT with 1920 daughters. Take note: the Outside brothers date back to 2002.



Windy-Knoll-View Promis EX-95 (Rudolph-Ultimate).

RH Supersire Pam, the dam of RH Powerball Pam-P, among others.

PLEDGE

The Promis daughter with the most excellent daughters at Holstein USA is the earlier mentioned Pledge – her total is 14. The oldest, Freelance daughter Precious EX-94, was born in 2004. And the youngest, Dundee daughter Priss EX-91, in 2012. The fourteen also includes two Advent daughters: the EX-94 Plenty RC and Profile RC, the dam of Contender son WKV Pep-Red at Triple-Hil Sires. Also worthy of mention is Shottle daughter Prairie EX-92, who for owners Rauen/Simon provided a foursome of EX Atwood daughters. The highest classified Pledge daughter is Panini. This Goldwyn daughter completes three generations of EX-95. The Burdettes are currently working with Panini's daughters Peep (<Windbrook) and Ponyup (<Aftershock). Panini's full brothers WKV Pley and Phoenix left for AI Taurus and today score 1.57 and 1.32 PTAT type respectively. While a full sister also accounts for the international success of the P family. We are referring to Watermolen Princess, who at Watermolen Holsteins in the Netherlands, provided more than 30 direct descendants, while more than 140 embryos were exported. The combination with Damion resulted in various strong breeding daughters, includ-

ing Eclipse Princess, who built up her very own empire at Eclipse Holsteins in Australia. Via nine Atwood daughters, various sky high type animals were bred, including Emilio son Eclipse Milio, the former nr.1 gPTAT bull in the world. An EX Pledge daughter outside of the US with tremendous impact is ALH Polly EX-92, the Titanic descendant who provided no less than 30 breeding stars for Holmland/Absolute in Great Britain. At Holstein UK, 31 VG and 11 EX daughters are registered. Seven EX Polly daughters are sired by Damion. Among them are Shawdale Damion Pledge EX-93 and Pledge 2 EX-94. Another EX-94 daughter of Polly is Absolute Polly Pursuit, by Lavanguard.

ALIVE AND WELL

The only still living EX Promis daughter is Parfait. The EX-94 Atwood daughter is part of the

flushing program of Dr. Matt Iager – the Iagers are part owners of Parfait. 'We hope that she can still contribute to the creation of the next generation for a while,' says Justin Burdette. 'She has a special place in our heart, as the last Promis daughter in our herd.' Windy-Knoll-View Promis. In September 2016, at the exceptional age of 19. They bid her farewell. But via the descendants of her 23 EX daughters, the story of the breeding legend from Pennsylvania is still alive and well. World-wide. ●

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Table – Excellent daughters of Windy-Knoll-View Promis in the US, all with the prefix Windy-Knoll-View.

SCORE	NAME	SIRE	OWNER
95	Pledge	Outside	Burdette, PA
95	Pammy	Durham	Burdette, PA
94	Pam	Durham	Burdette, PA
94	Parfait	Atwood	Burdette & Iager, PA
93	Punkin	Outside	Burdette, PA
93	Policy	Outside	Burdette, PA
93	Pamela	Durham	Liddle & Eastman, NY
93	Pimlico	Dundee	Troy Yoder, GA
92	Prom	Encore	Burdette, PA
92	Pokadot	Eland	De&R Sunrise, PA
92	Peconos	Goldwyn	Burdette, PA
91	Prevent RC	Advent	Coblentz & Schrock, NJ
91	Prozzi	Atwood	Burdette, PA
90	Pewter	Cousteau	Cessa Bros, PA
90	Potent	Magical	Burdette, PA
90	Protege	Goldwyn	Oakland View, MD
90	Petites	Goldwyn	Burdette, PA
90	Proxy	Jasper	Burdette, PA
90	Prompt	Durham	Burdette, PA
90	Polina	Lightning	Burdette, PA
90	Palette	Durham	Burdette, PA
90	Palmyra	Durham	Schuler, PA
90	Prolexa	Sanchez	Burdette, PA