



The English Guernsey Cattle Society Newsletter

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Spring 2014

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2014 which includes all the items of news together with the latest semen available from the Society.

Hopefully by now you will all have dried out enough to get on the land and get on with the Spring ground work, except for the most severely effected on the Somerset levels. Some of our members are farming very close to this area and our thoughts go out to them and their neighbours.

Our Levy members will have received our Breeding Questionnaire back in March prior to the Breeding Seminar held on the 25th March when we discussed the new formula being introduced by Dairyco to calculate PLI – Profitable Lifetime Index – the financial improvement an animal is predicted to pass on to its daughters in its lifetime. It is from PLI that our GMI – Guernsey Merit Index – has been calculated with slightly different emphasis to address the improvements that were felt necessary in the Guernsey breed.

Of the 50 questionnaires that were sent out I would like to thank those 23 members who completed and returned them and the handful of members who were able to attend the Meeting on the 25th March. The results have been converted into these easy to follow graphs prepared by Sue Staples. The additional comments from the members helped us to come to the following conclusions.

Production — The promise of milk will always sell semen but it is evident that constituent values are and will become increasingly important with the new pricing structure emphasis on solids being introduced by Arla Milklink in 2015, which the major milk buyers will probably follow. With many of our members on cheese contracts, Protein % also needs to be addressed.

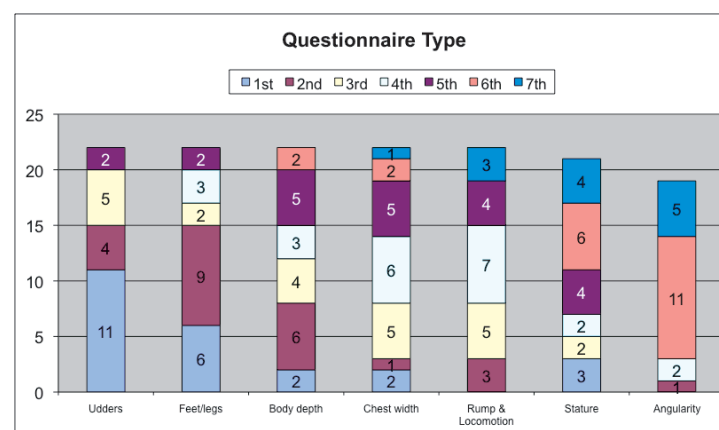
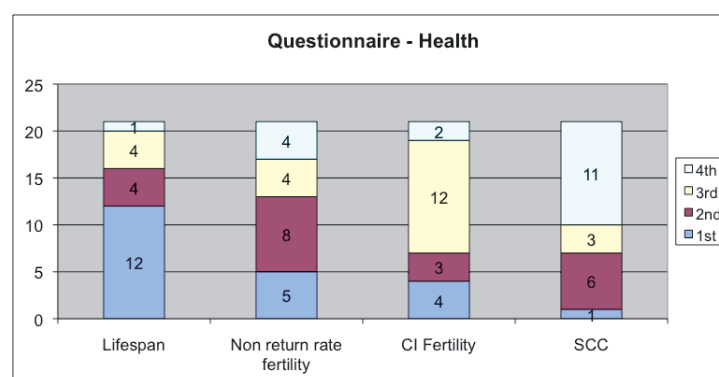
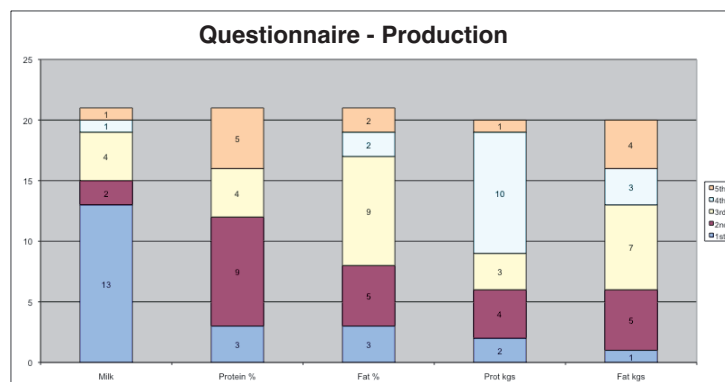
Health — There were no health traits included in the original GMI because the information was not available – Life Span and Fertility need to be addressed now.

Type — The quality of udders had improved dramatically during the lifetime of GMI but there was no place for complacency. The consensus of opinion was that we should “breed for type and manage for health and production”.

It was felt that neither New PLI or GMI+F, which had been adopted by the Island herds some time ago, addressed the changes that were needed and we should therefore adapt our current GMI in the following way;

Production — Increase the weighting of Protein and hold the current weightings of Milk and Fat.

Health — Drop the weighting for Somatic Cell Count, where there is no problem within the Guernsey breed, in favour



of including Life Span and Fertility.

Type — Decrease the weighting of stature and leave Udders, Feet and Legs, Body Depth and Chest Width unchanged.

The results of the Society Questionnaire will be collated and discussed at the next Council Meeting on the 15th July. If you have not already done so, please continue to return you completed forms to the Office. It is important that Council know how you would like to see the Society and the Guernsey Breed progress into the 21st century. You all have a stake holding in the Society, here is your chance to have your say. Society questionnaire enclosed, please return to the Office by 01.07.14 if you have not already done so.

As you will see from the pedigrees included in this Newsletter, the Bulls we are offering to our membership are of a consistent standard which will further enhance the improvement made by our previous GGBP bulls. All have tested A2/A2 and are available for delivery now, please contact Caroline on 01822 870727 or Digby on 07971 415664.

Aber Jupiter from Merion Jones in Wales is an outstanding son of Meadow Court Elly's Eric out of the VG87 Aber Yogibear Duchess with 2 generations of VG behind her. His GMI of 346 reflects a milk figure of 394 kgs and he is plus on both Fat and Protein

Our American import is Lang Haven Alstar Navajo, GMI 319. A combination of the excellent fertility figure (+3.5) of the Sire, Sniders Ronalds Alstar and the promise of milk and improved udders from the Dam, Lang Haven Les Nicolette make this a very enticing purchase. This bull is also available in Sexed semen @ £30.00 per straw.

The proven bull we are promoting at this time is Springhill Jackpot. Any

member looking for stature and scope will not be disappointed with the heifers from this bull with the added bonus of Mammary improvement from both sides of his pedigree.

2014 SHOW SEASON

As we approach the new Show season when many of our members will be promoting the Guernsey breed around the country beginning with North Somerset and Devon County Shows in May. The Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations in conjunction with the British Veterinary Association have announced the following additions to their rules under the heading of

Malpractices

a. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the stewards or Show that an exhibitor or competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect certificate, or knowingly given an incorrect pedigree of any animal, or brought forward an animal whose ear number does not correspond to that on the entry form, or has attempted to enter any animal or other exhibit or to obtain a prize by any other unfair means

at this or any other Agricultural Society's Shows, or is under exclusion from any Breed Society for fraudulent practice, the Show may in its absolute discretion cancel all awards made to such exhibitor or competitor, to disqualify him or her from exhibiting or competing at future Shows of the Company, and to inform other Agricultural Associations of their action in this respect.

b. The Show will not tolerate the administration to exhibits (entered either for competition or sale/ demonstration) of tranquilisers or other drugs which may in any way affect the performance of the animals in question to have the effect of making it behave in the Show ring in a manner that is not natural. The Show reserves the right to take any necessary samples. Any person or exhibitor (or his representative) who is found to have administered or permitted the administration of any such tranquiliser or drugs to any Show exhibit will be reported to the Show, and dealt with at their discretion. In addition the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

BULLS FOR SALE

Kenprest Edmund of Troy – Tested A2/A2 GMI 262

As far as I am aware this is the only son of Les Jaonnets Twinkles Troy on the Mainland, as the bull was withdrawn from sale because of a reported umbilical hernia while he was on Centre at Cogent. The Society has a signed vet's certificate which states that there is no sign of such a hernia in Edmund. As well as having Pine Ridge Double L as the Sire there is a double dose of Tiresford Pedro in the pedigree with both the Paternal Grandam and the Maternal Grandsire. The dam of the bull is Kenprest Dollar Princess H83 (Pedro x Bickfield Dolly 35 (Slindon Posies Ambionic) has produced 6872 kgs in 299 days 4.73 Fat, 3.43 Protein Cell Count 47 on a fairly low input system. The bull, born in June 2013 is working and available for sale @ £500. Please contact Ken Prestidge on 07774 878134.



Shoelands Peter Pan – Born 01.04.13, Tested A2/A2

Sired by Shalford Yette, this is probably the last chance to purchase a bull by Yette. The Dam, Shoelands Saffron is by Shalford Pacific out of Hampton May 174 VG85. TB Tested in November 2013 in the TB free area of Surrey. Contact Diana Thompson on 01483 810686 or 07936 814504.

Date issued: March 2014
Breeder: M R JONES, ABER
& Owner: LLANGYNIN
ST. CLEARS

ABER JUPITER 43825

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
37	394	21.0	14.3	0.04	0.00	35.3	0.5	1.0	-2	-4.5	346	1.2	£113

Born: 13 Jun 2012

GMI: 346



SNIDERS OPTION AARON 604670

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
96	586	29.7	16.0	0.03	-0.08	45.7	1.3	1.9	-3	-12.8	415	1.5	106

MEADOW COURT HUNTERS ELLY 20030198

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	248	16.9	8.1	0.08	-0.02	25.0	-0.2	0.7	7	1.6	225	0.9	59
1	2/7	7293	305	5.97	435	3.53	257	142					

MEADOW COURT ELLYS ERIC 20085003

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
28.3	11.3	0.12	-0.08	39.6	-0.4	0.3	-4	80	447	-3.4	307	0.7	93

ABER YOGIBEAR DUCHESS 5 444064 VG87(5YR) 2gensVG

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
68	341	13.7	17.2	-0.05	0.08	30.9	1.4	1.6	0	-5.7	385	1.6	137
Lac	Age	M	D	BF%	Bf	PT%	Pt	Pi					
1	2/3	5723	305	4.50	258	3.57	204	110					
2	3/5	6586	305	4.66	307	3.70	243	122					
3	4/9	8604	305	4.72	406	3.57	307	129					
4	6/6	8546	305	4.88	417	3.62	310	137					

ABER JUPITER A2/A2

Semen available £11.00 per straw
£10.00 Levy paying members for composite order of more than 20 straws
£1 discount for composite orders of 30 straws and over.
Surcharge of £1 per straw for orders delivered to Genus.

TROTACRE LORAL TILLER 603341

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
83	484	17.5	10.9	-0.10	-0.11	28.4	1.1	1.2	15	-15.5	213	2.7	-4

EDGEWATER MEADOWS GOLIATH YOGI 3050104

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
61	71	10.8	2.9	0.14	0.01	13.7	0.3	2.2	-7	2.2	157	*	92

BROWN EDEN TRADITION 20221

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
98	253	12.1	11.1	0.00	0.04	23.2	-0.3	1.3	16	-4.6	248	0.3	40

STROXWORTHY GREGS DUCHESS 8 431231 GP80 CM

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
72	-74	-2.8	1.9	0.02	0.08	-0.9	*	*	2	1.7	24	*	37
3	5/1	3880	305	5.18	201	4.02	156	0					
6	8/6	7334	305	4.93	361	3.67	269	134					
9	11/9	5979	305	4.76	284	3.51	210	106					
Av	9Lac	6212	304	4.63	286	3.77	232	92					

EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR 604917

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	320	16.4	9.8	0.02	-0.03	26.2	1.5	3.1	0	-4.3	307	1.8	125

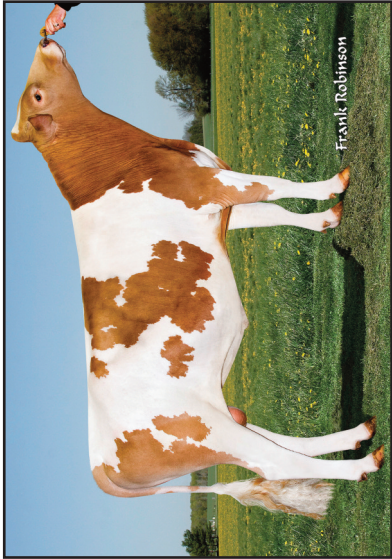
SHALFORD TRADITION DUCHESS 3 437457 VG85(4YR)

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
70	199	6.2	11.5	-0.06	0.07	17.7	0.5	0.3	8	-2.9	214	0.6	64
1	2/1	6314	305	4.13	261	3.55	224	128					
2	3/5	7476	305	3.94	294	3.59	269	131					
3	4/6	7315	305	3.99	292	3.86	282	119					

Date issued: April 2014
Breeder: Bred in USA

LANG HAVEN ALSTAR NAVAJO 68047854											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
33	547	24.3	14.0	-0.04	-0.10	38.2	0.9	1.3	2	-0.3	319 0.6 123

Born: 9 Jan 2012
GMI: 319

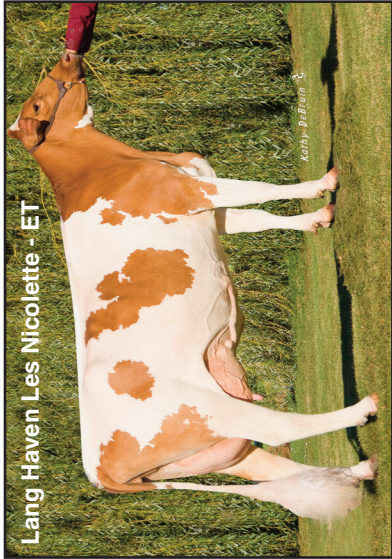


MARODORE GOLIATHS RONALD 603218											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
91	212	7.2	4.5	-0.05	-0.06	11.7	-0.2	1.1	6	4.9	91 0.3 49

CEDAR FRINGED ALTANN 3045188											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
71	411	18.2	8.4	-0.03	-0.11	26.6	0.5	1.7	-2	-4.6	193 * 40

SNIDERS RONALDS ALSTAR 604761											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
82	454	15.6	9.4	-0.11	-0.12	25.0	0.6	0.9	2	3.5	174 0.4 98

LANG HAVEN LES NICOLETTE - ET 68009177											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
51	640	32.9	18.5	0.04	-0.07	51.4	1.1	1.8	2	-4.2	464 * 147



FLAMBEAU MANOR TILLER LES 604826											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
75	223	11.1	4.9	0.01	-0.06	16.0	0.2	2.4	4	-5.5	167 0.4 42

LANG HAVEN DECISION NIAGARA - ET 3073421											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
50	628	28.8	17.3	-0.02	-0.09	46.1	0.4	0.3	5	-3.9	363 * 96

LANG HAVEN ALSTAR NAVAJO A2/A2
Semen available @ £11.00 per straw
£10.00 Levy paying members for composite order of more than 20 straws
£1 discount for composite orders of 30 straws and over.
Surcharge of £1 per straw for orders delivered to Genus.
Sexed semen is also available @ £30.00 per straw

ROZELYN PATMAR P GOLIATH 600974											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
85	73	8.0	2.1	0.08	-0.01	10.1	-1.4	0.2	-12	13.2	82 -0.4 129

MARODORE PENDERS RONETTE 3000058											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
70	363	6.2	8.5	-0.20	-0.08	14.7	-0.1	-0.4	14	-3.9	89 * -10

SHERMA VICTORY ELLAS ENHANCER 600510											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
84	478	16.7	10.0	-0.11	-0.12	26.7	0.1	1.2	13	-1.6	181 0.9 47

CEDAR FRINGED AGGIE 2999724											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
54	225	8.7	4.2	-0.04	-0.07	12.9	*	*	0	-1.4	69 * 38

TROTACRE LORAL TILLER 603341											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
83	484	17.5	10.9	-0.10	-0.11	28.4	1.1	1.2	15	-15.5	213 2.7 -4

FLAMBEAU MANOR ENHANCER LANA 3043629											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
68	268	17.0	5.1	0.07	-0.08	22.1	0.0	2.0	-4	-3.6	152 * 27

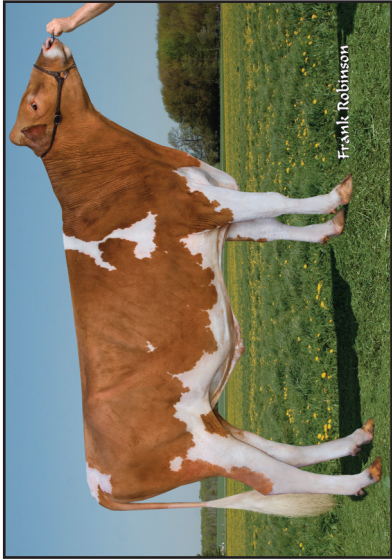
LANG HAVEN LORRY DECISION 603947											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
73	481	16.8	11.2	-0.11	-0.10	28.0	0.3	-0.1	9	-9.5	178 2.1 -5

LANG HAVEN PERFECTO NICOLE 3021234											
Rel Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS PLI
57	368	12.6	9.0	-0.09	-0.07	21.6	0.4	0.8	0	-4.0	167 * 82

Date issued: April 2014
Breeder: Bred in USA

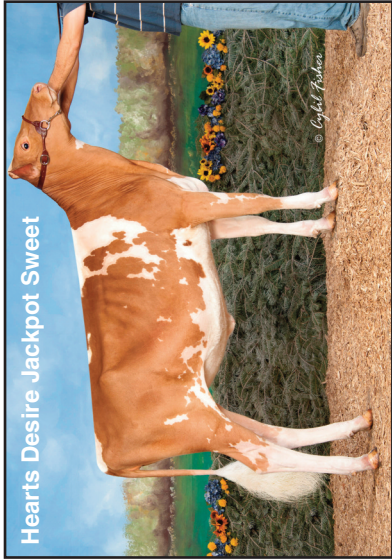
SPRINGHILL JACKPOT ET 68030404											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
66	189	14.0	6.4	0.09	-0.01	20.4	1.3	1.9	-4	-8.0	43

Born: 2 Sep 2008
GMI: 241



SNIDERS OPTION AARON 604670											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
96	586	29.7	16.0	0.03	-0.08	45.7	1.3	1.9	-3	-12.8	106

DIX LEE TILLER JOKE 68001932											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
60	403	19.3	10.4	0.00	-0.07	29.7	1.0	2.4	1	-4.9	92



TROTACRE LORAL TILLER 603341											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
83	484	17.5	10.9	-0.10	-0.11	28.4	1.1	1.2	15	-15.5	213

DIX LEE JIFFY JIPSY 3066162											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
48	331	14.6	9.7	-0.02	-0.04	24.3	0.4	1.1	4	-1.8	221

JENSGOLDEN BIONIC OPTION 602643											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
78	279	12.6	7.6	-0.01	-0.04	20.2	0.9	0.0	4	-12.4	161

CEDAR FRINGED ALTANN 3045188											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
71	411	18.2	8.4	-0.03	-0.11	26.6	0.5	1.7	-2	-4.6	193

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CEDAR FRINGED AGGIE 2999724											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
54	225	8.7	4.2	-0.04	-0.07	12.9	*	*	0	-1.4	69

SHERMA VICTORY ELLAS ENHANCER 600510											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
84	478	16.7	10.0	-0.11	-0.12	26.7	0.1	1.2	13	-1.6	181

0.9 47

LAESCHLAND CHOICE ADM BIONIC 599173											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
67	257	4.3	3.7	-0.14	-0.10	8.0	0.0	-0.2	-3	-4.1	8

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JENSGOLDEN FAYETTE ORIANNA 291354											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
71	201	10.5	6.5	0.02	-0.01	17.0	0.1	0.1	3	-11.5	158

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SPRINGHILL JACKPOT ET A2/A2

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TROTACRE MERCURY LORAL 602121											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
79	245	5.7	5.9	-0.11	-0.05	11.6	-0.1	0.3	7	-9.3	73

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GREENWOOD M TILLIE ET 3013942											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
68	268	17.0	5.1	0.07	-0.08	22.1	0.0	2.0	-4	-3.6	152

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DIX LEE PRINCE JIFFY 603478											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.8	*	*	*

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DIX LEE SMOKEY BEAR JIGGER 3036554											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
46	67	-4.0	-0.8	-0.13	-0.06	-4.8	0.0	0.6	12	-1.1	-72

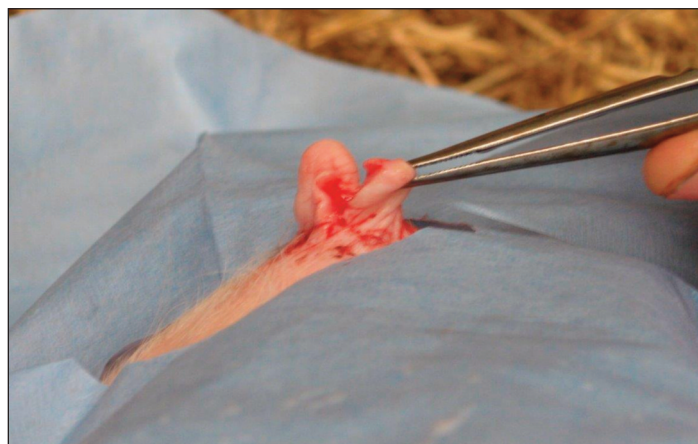
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Are “Spare” & “Webbed” teats becoming more common?

Normally we remove spare teats as soon as we can but webbed teats are a different case altogether.

We recently had a calf which had a webbed teat which ran the entire length of the normal teat. This would have been totally un-milkable so we asked our vet to remove the surplus teat.

The first step was to separate the webbed teat from the normal teat being careful not to damage the teat canal of the teat that we were keeping. (Below and top right)



Once the surplus had been cut away a flap of skin was wrapped around and stitched in place. (Right)

The result looks nice and clean and at best we will have a heifer that can milk on all four – at worst it will be a blind quarter.

Do you think that spare or webbed teats are be-

coming more prevalent within the Guernsey breed? The Future of Breed committee would like to hear your views, contact Caroline at the Office or email sue_staples@uk2.net

Herdbooks

As a consequence of an aging membership I am being offered more and more Society Herd Books by the families and friends of former members.

Please contact the following if you are interested:

Mr David Nicholson, London W14. Tel. 020 7381 5357.

Email mail@dapn6.plus.com

Herd Books 1924 – 1929 and 1944 and 1960, various Type and Production registers.

Mr C Woods, Shaftsbury, Dorset, SP7 8DX (Landsley Herd)

Email c.woods@ssesurf.co.uk

Herd Books 1951 – 1968, Production Registers 1959 – 1968.

Further details available from the Office on 01822 870727

Date for your Diary

Please note that the Annual General Meeting and Field Days will be held on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September 2014 by kind invitation of Mr John Berry in and around The Royal Agricultural University at Cirencester including accommodation at the University.

More details of the 2 days' events to follow.