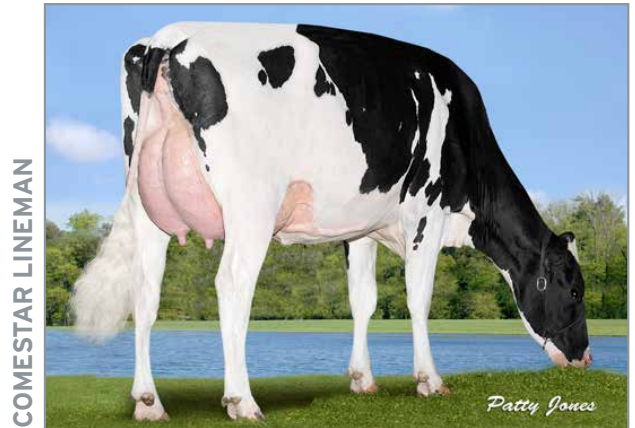


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SEMEX SECURES TOP PLACINGS IN LATEST PROOF RANKINGS

Semex has once again dominated the UK proof rankings with its sires taking the top spots for proven PLI and Type Merit as well as in the genomic type rankings.

Gen-I-Beq Lavaman maintains his podium place at the top of the proven Production listing with an impressive PLI score of £668, over £20 ahead of his nearest rival. This same list shows Semex sires securing all three top places for Type Merit [TM] with **OH-River-SYC Byway** scoring +3.38; **Croteau Lesperron Unix** at +3.14, and newly proven former genomic superstar **Comestar Lineman** at +3.08. All in all it has five sires in the top ten on this list and 12 in the top 50 for TM, which is more than any other company.

On the genomic type listings Semex has four sires in the top ten positions. Taking pride of place in the top spot is **Stantons Applicable** at +3.90 TM, followed by **Silverridge V Allclass** (+3.50) in second. **OConnors Classic** is placed at number eight with UK-bred **Willsbro Abbott** at number 10 and recent introduction, **Westcoast Lighthouse** at No. 11. On the genomic PLI listings the firm has three sires in the top six places including **Westcoast Perseus** (£779), Progenesis Padawan, Westcoast Guarantee and, at No. 14 equal, the brand-new sire **Westcoast Yamaska**.

One of the major features of the proof run is the number of former genomic young sires which now have daughter

proofs placing them high in the rankings. Apart from Byway and Lineman, **Gillette Caviar** is +3.03 TM with an ideal blend of milk volume and high fat and protein % for today's markets. **Stantons High Octane** (TM +2.98) follows his genomic young sire pattern, breeding very milky, strong, powerful cows with ideal rump angle and rear leg set. This joins established proven sires including the popular all-rounders and Immunity+™ sires **Swissbec Brekem RC**, and **Numero Uno**, who has improved his PLI to £508.

"We're delighted to have secured the top spot sires across most of the main ranking categories as well as having so many sires highly placed," says National Sales Manager, Michael Dennison.

*"Several of our established proven sires, like **Numero Uno**, are continuing to improve and the new genomic kids on the block are also coming through with very impressive class leading credentials. It all shows the strength in depth of the Semex stud, and the fact that we have sires suitable for all farmer tastes, budgets and production systems."*

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10 August 2017

Notes

OH-River-SC Byway and Comestar Lineman have daughter proofs with reliabilities that place them on the Production view of the (UK & Int) Top Daughter Proven Bulls Genetic Ranking List as compiled by Holstein UK. Re-ranking this list by Type Merit puts them in No. 1 and 3 places respectively.