

# The Batke Outside Kora cow family

## A once in a lifetime cow

She is 12 years old and a living legend: Batke Outside Kora. The excellent cow, scored with 94 points, won the European Championships title in 2006 as a young cow, produced over 100.000 kilo milk and is blessed with high genomics as well. The cow who has it all spreads her genes widely thanks to high testing offspring. A story about the fuse of show en genomics.

The huge amount of € 95.000 was offered to the German breeder Heinrich Batke for his home bred Batke Outside Kora after she won the Young Milking Cow title at the European Championship in Oldenburg in 2006. 'Yes, it was a lot of money', admits the retired breeder. 'But I realized that we could only sell her once', he remembers, while his daughter Judith adds that they have been thinking about it seriously. 'We knew that we would never have a cow like her again.' Kora stayed at the farm in Visbek (half an hour southeast from Bremen) and the breeders are still happy about that decision. 'She has brought us so much joy, that is priceless.' Not only by winning the European championship, Kora also became Grand Champion at the Weser Ems Konvent in 2008 and brought the Batke family fame and fun. 'My grand children sit on her back, Kora is part of our family', says Heinrich. In the meantime she produced over 100.000 kilo milk in a bit more than 5 lactations. 'She milks a lot, between 15.000-16.000 every lactation.' Heinrich remembers that Kora produced over 70 liters milk in her third lactation. 'She can handle it', refers Heinrich Kora's good condition score. It's a family trademark the Batke breeder confirms. 'When she went to the European show in 2006, she had to loose 50 kilo. 'We couldn't do it', Heinrich remembers. 'She went to another farm were they were more 'cold blooded' to let her loose weight.'

About 6 daughters are milking on the family farm with 55 cows (180 head), all with an easy VG-score. 'Big, framy and strong cows with a very high production, a lot of width in the chest, a strong fundament and the ability of late maturing. They keep growing as they get older', describes Judith the typical traits of the family. 'Exactly the characteristics farmer are looking for these days.'

### Special

Batke Outside Kora was born in 2002 and straight from the start a 'special one', Heinrich remembers. 'She was tall, strong with dairy type and extreme good feet and legs.' As a young calf Kora went to Heinrich's brother, Josef Batke. He raised her and as time gone by the brothers realized that Kora would be the 'Zahnstuck', as they say in Germany. After 50 years of breeding cows, Kora was the cow every farmers dreams to breed once in his career. 'We never thought she was going to be so special and influential.'

Kora wasn't a coincidence. With Outside x Lee x Leader x Raider x Jubilant x Astro Jet, she has an intriguing and well balanced sire stack. A high lifetime production and strong type are 'baked' into her pedigree. In combination with her EX-94 conformation and her impressive lifetime production it would be enough for eternal glory. But Kora made it even better. As genomics entered the Holstein industry in 2009, also Kora's offspring donated hair samples and they turn out to be sky high. This complete package makes the Kora's one of the most success full cow families in Germany.

### Lots of offspring sold

After Kora became Europe's finest young cow, the Batke's could sell a lot of her offspring. About 12 bulls ended up in AI, for example Coral

*'Kora won the European Championship, produced >100.000 kg of milk and currently has 6 family members in the European GTPI Top 50 calves'*



Kora as a 9 year old cow  
Picture: Christine Massfeller



**Batke Outside Kora in the show ring**  
Kora was European 2yr. Old Champion in 2006



**CCC Goldwyn Konny VG-87-DE 2yr.**  
Kora's Goldwyn dtr, left a great legacy



**CCC Goldwyn Kira VG-87-NL 2yr.**  
Snowman from Goldwyn Konny

SS Spamkiller, a Red Carrier son of September Storm. Heinrich remembers. 'We got over 50 calves in total and there are more to come. Last January we flushed Kora again', Heinrich says enthusiastic. The harvest was 12 embryo's by Missouri, that resulted in 8 pregnancy's. Judith adds that there is still demand for her bulls. 'On private farms. Lately we sold a few, all over € 2000.' All together Kora even made more money for her breeders then the exiting bid they got after the European contest. 'But it was a risk off course, she could have died the next day after the offer, then you end up with nothing.' At first investors bought Kora's calves because of her great pedigree and show results. It was a bonus that her offspring turns out to have sky high genomic numbers and became popular bull mothers. Amazingly if you look at Kora's pedigree, notices Judith.

## Surprisingly with high genomics

It is exactly what happened to the Canadian Cattle Club, a syndicate of ten German breeders. Chairman Heiko Andresen is still impressed with the story. 'We bought Goldwyn Konny at the age of 6 months for € 8000 at an auction. That day we heard that Goldwyn passed away.' It made the cow friends even more eager to buy Konny. 'We wanted to invest in show cows and I liked the cow family with great sires and Laurie Sheik three times in the pedigree. It was the best thinkable base for Goldwyn', Heiko analyses, mentioning that Konny doesn't look like a typical Goldwyn. 'She has much more width, strength and very good feed and legs.'

'We didn't think of genomics at all', Heiko continues. Luck was on their side. Konny genomics were very high and that resulted in a melt between show and genomics for the cow family. And -even more important- Konny transmits it to her offspring resulting in genomics up to 2600 GTPI and 160 RZG. After two lactations Konny is in a flushing program, but all eyes are focused on the next generations. Her Snowman daughter Karat for example, one of Heiko's favorites. 'She is 5 months in her second lactation and producing 55 kilo milk per day, easily. She still has meat on her bud.' Typical Outside, he says. 'And the big, wide

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head also.' Konny's daughters by Niagra, Snowman and AltaIota were sold for top prices at different auctions. For example her Snowmandaughter CCC Snowman Kate brought in € 15.200. A Numero Uno daughter at Hermann Meyer is one which really is able to transmit the high ones, her Commander daughter HMO Ko-

bra with 4/15 GTPI +2583 and 12/14 RZG 162 sold for € 25.000 in the Schau der Besten Sale 2015 and she has another sister by Supershot in the European GTPI Top 25.

## PP out of Kora?

Konny wasn't the only Goldwyn from Kora. A full sister to Konny, Kansas was bought by Georg Geuecke en Walter Weber as an in calf heifer, she was the first born daughter of Batke Outside Kora. Her Snowman son Snowflake and Bedford (s. Beacon) were the most used genomic bulls of their year. In the meantime Kansas' daughters fulfill their expectations: most of them score VG and are healthy, easy producing cows. And there was a full brother to Konny and Kansas: Gokart already has his second crop daughters: high in type and with a lot of fitness.

At the time Konny got her genomic test, Norbert Holtkamp decided to buy Snowman embryo's. 'I liked the cow family very much, the mother and the grandmother from Konny were really nice show cows.' It was an extra bonus that her at Wilder farm born -very easy milking- Snowman daughter had a high genomic score. Norbert is going to milk a few daughters from 'his' Wilder Kora the next months. One of them is a Saloon daughter and a full sister to Wilder Hira, the #1 GTPI Saloon daughter in the breed with 4/15 GTPI

*'Konny's genomics resulted in a melt between show and genomics for the cow family'*

+2470. Hira's Modena son with almost 2600 GTPI sold on the On-line Elite Bull Sale for € 27.000, this bull has 2 full sisters in the European Top 25 GTPI! And there is more to come in the Wilder barn. A Parker P daughter from Wilder Kora delivered recently several Powerball P offspring. 'In the hope to breed a homozygous polled one.'

## Shottle daughter at DHV show

Although the high genomics offspring of Kora is in the picture, at the Batke farm it's quiet with AI interest. 'Our Kora's score between 120 and 136 RZG', Judith says. But she and her father Heinrich have the privilege to work with the special brood cow Kora. 'We enjoy her presence every day. Since the last time we flushed her, we are trying to get her in calf again', Judith says. Kora is not going to be in the showing anymore, although she's yet 100% 'showable' with her strong udder and feet and legs. All eyes are on her Shottle daughter, scored EX-91. 'She will go to the DHV show in June', Heinrich says. 'And we hope she will show as good as her mother.' Continuing. 'But that's almost impossible, Kora is a once in a lifetime cow.'

# The KORA cow family (04/15)

