

The Caps MAIRY Family

Genomics shifted the Mairys into the next gear

Of course, the Jo-Wal Cleitus Macey family became world famous in the last century. Four generations later, the best of her offspring can be found in the Netherlands where Caps Mairy is working on an even more impressive and influential maternal line. A new foundation cow which will have -without a doubt- a lot of impact on the international Holstein breed.

Say the name Macey and every breeder will know that we are talking about the world famous Jo-Wal Cleitus Macey. The VG-87 Cleitus daughter achieved a high cow index, thanks to the enormous transmission power of her cow family, and because of the performance of Macey herself. She proved herself to be a 'true type' production cow, not only for the North American farmers but also for the European market as components are even more important for dairy farmers in the EU, and high protein is a trait which has never left the family.

Family of Metro

Macey was contracted heavily by AI stations without any hesitation, as confidence in the family was huge. Her mother, Jo-Wal Bel May was already decorated with the titles Gold Medal Dam and Dam of Merit. This Bell daughter scored VG-85, as did her mother, Jo-Wal Valiant Millie. Macey would follow in the footsteps of her maternal line as she also became GMD and DOM! And -even more important- she put bulls on the ground who helped spread the Macey genes worldwide, such as Leadman son Mac Man, Wister son Myriad and more influential: Jo-Wal Cubby Metro EX-94. Born in 1992, this Cubby son

would still make a lot of farmers happy up to the year 2013, as the performance of almost 36.000 milking daughters worldwide. Metro daughters are cows with size, capacity, body condition and enormous will to milk! His index still shows a big plus in kilos milk. At that time strong cow families were recognized without any knowledge of genomics.

In the meantime Macey's breeder, Joseph Waldvogel, passed away. Today his son George, (at 74 years old) manages the farm, however, there is no trace of Macey's genetics on the farm anymore "Her calves were selling so well that I just continued to sell them when I got a heifer calf. They were bringing 20.000 to 30.000 dollars." Macey was flushed until the end of her life, until she broke a stifle and had to be put down.

One of the most successful family members marketed at the time was Jo-Wal Mascot Meg. She sold as a young heifer for 15.000 dollars to Sikkema-Star Holsteins and they managed to create their own special Macey line that resulted in another bull named Metro - he also left his mark in the breed: Sikkema-Star Hi Metro EX-96, a Highlight son out of Sikkema Star El Maycy VG-88, daughter of Mascot Meg and granddaughter of Jo-Wal Cleitus Macey. Elton Maycy not only impressed with her strong conformation, but also with a first lactation record of 16.363 kilos milk and -not surprisingly- high components. In her time she had the same status as brood cows like Dellia and Southwind Kaye. Maycy topped the CTPI ranking and sent over 50 sons to AI's all over the world. Metro wrote history as an extreme udder improver. "The Metro daughters remind me of Elton Maycy, they have exceptional high and wide rear udders with strong ligaments and correct teat placement. They also have Maycy's flat clean dairy bone", says Wayne Glaeser who worked with the Sikkema's on developing this line of the Macey tree.

Durham daughter Caps Mairy

Its a long, but interesting prologue to come to the subject of this article: Caps Mairy! She was born in the geographic heart of the Netherlands on the farm of Ton Captein. "When I visited the US", Ton remembers, I saw a lot of Durham daughters, and I was very impressed by the dairy strength of his daughters but couldn't get Durham genes through semen." Back in the Netherlands he decided to buy Durham embryos in order to secure the genetics of this unique Bell Elton son for his farm.

Ton bought embryos out of Agriprize Muffin, a daughter of the earlier mentioned Jo-Wal Mascot Meg. The embryos resulted in Caps Mairy, born in October 2000 and as a two-year-old, Ton was rewarded with a score of VG-87, including VG-89 for her mammary. "She also had super production in her first lactation", says an enthusiastic Ton. With 10.107 kilos of milk in 305 days, she was one of the most productive first calvers of that year. Mairy was about to calve for the second time, when she was unfortunately lost. "She would have been an excellent cow easily", Ton says with regret. "She died too early."

The good news was that she already had daughters in the Caps barn



Evelien and Sakia Captein with Caps Mairy 14
Mairy 14 is the current star of the family and No. 1 GTPJ Jeeves Worldwide



Caps Mairy 4 VG-85-NL 2yr.
Foundation cow of the current Mairys



Caps Mairy 5 VG-NL 2yr.
Duplex sister to Caps Mairy 4



Caps Mairy 14
The No. 1 GTPI Jeeves Worldwide



Vekis Xaco Melody VG-NL 2yr.
Her Sudan dtr scores RZG +155 (12/12)

including Caps Mairy 1 VG-85. This O-Man daughter impressed in her first lactation by scoring 25% above herd average. She made a production of 10.474 kilos milk with 3,7% fat and 3,6% protein. "A trouble free, strong cow with high protein, exactly the way I like them." In three lactations she produced over 40.000 kilos of milk and AI organization CRV tested a few sons from her, for example Caps Mario. But the best thing Mairy 1 left behind were her daughters. Caps Mairy 5 for example, her Duplex daughter, made a first lactation with almost 12.000 kilos milk, at 3,9% fat and 3,7% protein. Her Million daughters now score 86 and 87, a Ramos is VG-85 and her RF Fidelity is just fresh: "all extreme good cows with super production." And there is Caps Mairy 13, a VG-85 Glen daughter out of Mairy 1, Mairy 7 (s. Goldwyn) who died too early, but left on Cap farms a VG-86 Virzil daughter: Caps Mairy 12. With the number of Mairys on Caps Farms increasing rapidly, it's impossible to write down all their achievements.

Mairy 4: big star!

But by far the big star from the family is Caps Mairy 4 VG-85. Almost seven years old now, this Goldwyn daughter from Mairy 1 is still alive and working on more sons and daughters. "After she calved in as such a nice individual we had her tested and she came back as the #1 GTPI Goldwyn daughter in Europe. From that moment things moved quickly and she attracted global interest. Nowadays you will find exciting Mairy progeny all over the world, even at Braedale Holsteins in Canada." Snowman, Epic, Explode...and pregnancies from Parma PP, Super-sire.....Mairy 4 still puts exciting sons and daughters on the ground. "Her first sons will have daughter proven indexes within one or two years. They all have a remarkable score for fertility, a strong family characteristic."

Ton describes Mairy 4 as a long, heavy and wide Goldwyn. "A barrel of a cow. Although she is flushed for a long time, she still has super feet and legs and great claws." Mairy 4 has several bulls in AI. For example Caps Sunset at CRV, a young high potential InSire bull who is widely available thanks to his high all-round scores for milk, conformation, health and lifetime production. A Niagra son is high in Germany and Semex has a Xacobeo and, recently acquired a high GTPI Fernand son. Another Fernand son will go to Cogent, UK. Caps Mairy 4's genetics -exactly like Jo-Wal Cleitus Macey- went all over the world. History repeats itself. The good ones are where you find them!

Top record prices

After the first genomics came back on the sons and daughters, the popularity surrounding Mairy's name intensified and the search widened to include her daughters. For example her Roumare daughter, Mairy 10 VG-86. As a two-year old she produced 9171 kilos milk, 4,28% fat and 3,63% protein in the NOG herd in Germany where she tested as the #1 RZG Roumare daughter on the German base. Incredibly, her Jeeves, Niagra, Magna P and Xacobeo offspring are all ranked as their fathers' best. The marketability of the family has also been proved through sales, where they make it to top sellers: her Niagra daughter was top seller at the Luxemburg Classic Sale 2011 with € 22.000. Another example of impressive offspring is Mairy 14. She is the number one GTPI Jeeves in the world and she sold for € 58.000 to Diamond Genetics, Cormdale Genetics (CAN), Al-Be-Ro (IT) and Ponderosa Holsteins (ES). Her full brother Caps Marbach now has a very healthy career at AI Total.

At the latest Holland Masters Sale in June 2012, Mairy 14 went back to her roots at Caps Farms when she was purchased for € 25.000. She calved in November 2012 and looks awesome (see picture). Although she is producing more than 50 kilos of milk per day (highest two-year-old in the herd ever), she is in an IVF program and her Epic daughter will sell at the European Sale in Fribourg on March 1.

Another impressive daughter from Mairy 4 is Vekis Xaco Melody VG-85. She is the No. 2 GTPI Xacobeo in the world. At the Holland Master Sale her Sudan daughter sold for € 20.500 to Nosbisch Holsteins in Germany and she is one of the highest Sudan's in the world for GTPI. Her actual gRZG of +155 also makes her the new #1 RZG heifer in Germany! Being a Sudan x Xacobeo makes her interesting for every breeding program, including those that look for outcross bloodlines.

All types of management

"The cow family outshines others for protein, lifetime production, fertility, cell count and udders", states Ton, while he mentions that in addition, the Mairy's easily adapt to different management systems "We changed to robot milking and are feeding hay and concentrates. The Mairy's are still the best cows in the barn. They have the character and the mobility for robot milking." And the change to a ration of hay and (lots of) concentrate, a few years ago, didn't bother them at all either. "The Mairys work well in every barn."

Current top ranking females from the Mairys

Name	Sire	Dam	Index	Details
Caps Mairy 4	Goldwyn	Caps Mairy 1	GTPI +2147	#2 GTPI Goldwyn in Europe
Caps Mairy 14	Jeeves	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2273	#1 GTPI Jeeves Worldwide
Caps Mairy 25	Epic	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2339	Top ranking heifer
Own Lo Macey	Lonar	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2063	#4 GTPI Lonar in Europe
PG Mylady	Niagra	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2220	#4 GTPI Niagra in Europe
Mairy	Snowball P	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +1923	#1 GTPI Snowbal Worldwide
Vekis Xaco Melody	Xacobeo	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2116	#2 GTPI Xacobeo in Europe
Delta Mairy *RC	Magna P	Caps Mairy 4	GTPI +2369	1 Red Carrier GTPI in Europe
Vekis Sudan Mellow	Sudan	Vekis Xac Melody	RZG +155	#1 RZG heifer in Germany

