

Kellercrest Loni makes breeder dream come true

Via two different branches, the L family generated the proven sires Les and Langdon. Today, a third branch of the family is attracting a lot of attention, via mega bull-dam Kellercrest Shottle Loni. She is the mother of many young bull-dams and of the high-ranking genomic bull Super Layne.

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As a young teenager I dreamt about owning a cow everybody wanted something out of. And I talked with my father about how great it would be if ever we would be able to sell a calf at the World Classic Sale... The now 49-year-old Tim Keller illustrates this story with a big smile. For he and his brother Mark now actually own such a dream cow. Kellercrest Shottle Loni gloriously meets all the criteria the Kellers have set for their model cow. 'She has very sound production and type potential, flushes like a chicken and breeds back quickly. Loni exemplifies precisely what we have in mind with our breeding program: a trouble-free cow that makes farm work a pleasure,' says Keller as he comments about the cow that produced 136,330 lb. (61,800 kg) in three lactations with a top record of 5.02 2x 365d 47,868 lb. (21,700 kg) 4.2% 3.0%. In addition, she was classified EX-90 and produced a large number of high-



The impressive Kellercrest Shottle Loni EX-90 made a top record of 5-02 2x 305d 47,868lb. (21,700kg) 4.2% 3.0%, already has 10 bulls in AI, and still has contracts to fill.



One of the first milking Loni daughters in the Keller herd is the high-producing Kellercrest Planet Lynch VG-85.

quality embryos. Tim Keller: 'In her second lactation alone she produced 132 good embryos from six different flushes!' Already 10 bulls from Loni have gone to American AIs, including the current Nr.5 of the genomic list: Kellercrest Super Layne (2476 gTPI). 'In addition, embryos from her have been exported to AIs in Germany, France, and Japan.'

L-FAMILY WITH THREE BRANCHES

The story of the L-family at Kellercrest started in 1985, when they purchased Con-Inv Lindsay at the Club Sale of the University of Wisconsin. The VG-87 Ace daughter of Keystone Starlet Lass EX-91 became the foundation dam from which three prominent family branches now originate. Besides the "Loni branch", a second branch leads to the bull dam Kellercrest Toystory Lady VG-87, who recently died, and her much sought-after Man-O-Man daughter (2434 gTPI) owned by Mark Butz, as well as to the fitness specialist Kellercrest Bret Les (Formation Bret x Manfred). Branch number three features the much used bull dam Kellercrest Latavia VG-87 (Shottle x Amateur) as its important current exponent, whose sons by Man-O-Man, Nifty and Super have already gone to AI. Proven sire Kellercrest Langdon (Forbidden x Manfred) and his full sister Kellercrest Forbidden Love EX-90 also come from this line. Love clearly demonstrates the strength and the longevity of the L-family; she completes three generations of homebred EX cows with lifetime totals of 200,000lb. or more.

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In total, the Kellers are milking 58 members of the L-family, while another 66 family members can be found in the young stock pens. They make up a quarter of the herd in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. How does Tim Keller explain the success of his cow family? 'Making the right combinations is key. For many years already we have been using the same breeding plan, and we stick to it as consistently as possible. We select in particular for sound feet & legs, good udders and high percentages.' The powerful and highly productive Loni comes from the combination of Shottle x Rudolph. 'We

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♀ **Con-Inv Lindsay VG-87**
(Knolltop Reckers Ace)



♀ **Kellercrest Winken Lusty EX-90**
(Stardell Valiant Winken)



♀ **Kellercrest Factor Lori VG-86**
(Renown Factor RC)



♀ **Kellercrest Judge Love EX-90**
(Windcrest Leadman Judge)



♀ **Kellercrest Rudolph Loney VG-88**
(Startmore Rudolph)



♀ **Kellercrest Shottle Loni EX-90**
(Picston Shottle)

couldn't get Loni's dam back in calf again, or she would have certainly gone EX-92,' Tim reports. Already he is milking four daughters from Loni: two by Active and two by Planet. 'The best is probably yet to come,' Keller expects, referring to the 12 heifers and calves in his barn. For instance, he foresees a great future for the only Man-O-Man out of Loni. 'She has the same strong type and the same style as her dam. We named her "Loni" for good reason. There also is a lot of attention for the three Super daughters from Shottle Loni, and therefore full sisters to the bull Super Layne. The top indexing sister, Kellercrest Super Liesl, was sold for \$38,000 ... at the 2011 World Classic Sale. Tim wraps up by saying that 'We have already sold progeny from Loni totaling more than \$200,000. Our dream really has come true; several of the breeders we have always looked up to, have now purchased daughters from our cow!' ●



Loni is flanked here by her daughter Kellercrest Super Liesl, a full sister to Kellercrest Super Layne - America's Nr.5 genomic bull. Liesl was sold to Welcome Stock Farm at the 2011 World Classic Sale.