

Most popular German bulls in 2012

The German Cattle Breeders Federation (ADR) published the list of the most used German bulls in 2012. Among Holstein, there is a new No.1: Gunnar. In the category Red Holsteins, Tableau is, as in 2011, on top.



Gunnar daughter Guanita (2nd lac.)

Holstein

Among Holsteins, there are even two new bulls on No.1 and No.2. Gunnar is clearly the leader due to 58,024 first inseminations. Gunnar is a Goldwyn son whose highlight is conformation. Gunnar's excellent transmission for udder stands out especially. Production figures are great, too. Having a production of more than 1,200 kg, the daughters have the desired components percentages. The positive transmission of the fitness and fertility traits makes Gunnar one of the most interesting sires in Germany.

Guarini made it 2nd as second newcomer in the list. This bull is a true all-rounder. His daughters known for longevity are characterized by udder health and positive protein percentages coupled with good milk yield. The daughters' conformation especially excels regarding udders. There are virtually none faults in this bull's transmission.

The long-term favourite of the most used bulls is ranking On No.3., longevity specialist Lonar has been in the top list for the fourth year now, therefore proving that German breeding is focused on longevity. Lonar's cow family features excellent conformation and longevity. He sires these characteristics to his daughters as well.



Guarini daughter Gonneke



Lonar daughter MGK Loraya

Last year's winner, Samburu, has to accept a great rank 4 this time. His numerous qualities make this son of the Blackrose family an all-round sire. Semen of Samburu is available.

There is another newcomer on No.6. Goldday firstly became famous by his promising genomic breeding values, but after the break through with his first daughter proven breeding value, interest increased enormously. Goldday has become now one of the most popular bulls in Germany and abroad. The reason for this is the stunning transmission for conformation, production and functionality so that he justifies his name as an exceptional sire.

Stylist is still in the list, too, in his seventh year of service. The protein specialist has almost 30,000 milking daughters yet, but this number keeps increasing daily and the breeders' interest does not appear to be diminishing. This is up to the fact that the Stylist daughters, with their good rumps, outstanding udders and the desired combination of strength and dairy character, reflect what the dairy farmer is looking for. Semen stock of Stylist is good and sexed semen is also available.

	Holstein	HB No.	Number of first inseminations
1.	Gunnar	804049	58,024
2.	Guarini	811141	36,032
3.	Lonar	811067	35,013
4.	Samburu	811107	31,111

Red Holstein

Among the Red Holsteins, the Top-10 barely changed. Tableau remains the leader. With almost 25,000 inseminations in 2012, Tableau is the clear No.1 in Germany and, therefore, was able to achieve the level of the past year. Show wins and positive news of his daughters point out that he is one of the best Red Holstein sires in the world. His daughters shine with exceptional udders as well as feet and legs. Good longevity and positive milkability transmission still make Tableau a top seller. Conventional and sexed semen of Tableau are available.

Taurus was able to gain some ranks on No.2. This protein sire (+0.27 %) classified EX is out of the legendary Glenridge Citation Roxy EX 97 and transmits perfect feet and legs combined with good functional traits. Semen of Taurus is available.

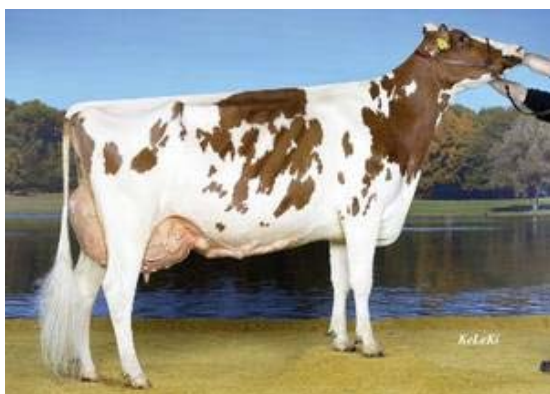


Tableau daughter Arabella (3rd lac.)



Taurus daughter Tamara

Outcross bull Jerudo improved by one rank: Jerudo is known for his correct daughters having good milk production and excellent components. Jerudo's very good results for fertility, cell score and longevity complete the portfolio of an outstanding Red Holstein sire. Sexed semen of Jerudo will be available soon.



Jerudo daughter Carola

Even two Red Holstein bulls entered the Top-10 this year, having only genomic breeding values so far. Desk and Dertour, ranking on No.7 and No.8.

Desk is especially characterized by his enormously high transmission for components and a very good transmission for udders as well as feet & legs. The breeding value for longevity of 119 should definitely be mentioned.

Dertour can be considered an outcross bull and stands out due to one of the highest udder breeding values and very good feet & legs. Moreover, the positive protein percentages make the bull interesting for breeders.

Semen of both Dertour and Desk is available, but sexed semen of Desk is in stock as well.

	Red Holstein	HB No.	Number of first inseminations
1.	Tableau	916966	24,995
2.	Taurus	802687	13,107
3.	Jerudo	922393	9,752
4.	Malvoy	916301	9,040
5.	Kairo	922475	8,514
6.	Carmano	915758	8,226
7.	Desk	917337	7,587
8.	Dertour	599474	7,560
9.	Selayo	917153	6,969
10.	Tonikum	597197	5,396