

Cow with most EX daughters worldwide

# *Tri-Day Ashlyn:* 72 Excellent Daughters and Counting!

A rare double dominated the show results from the year 2001: Grand Champion at both the World Dairy Expo and the Royal went to the 4-year-old Encore daughter Tri-Day Ashlyn. She also became World Champion that year too, though her greatest achievement would not really emerge till almost two decades later. Ashlyn currently has 72 daughters classified EX... and that number will continue to grow!

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If we are measuring a cow's brood-cow performance by her ability to produce daughters that classify EX then Ashlyn is in a class of her own. No other cow in history has come remotely close to Ashlyn's total of 72 EX daughters. In the US she has 219 classified daughters, including 60 that are scored EX and 107 VG! The closest to Ashlyn in the US is MS Kingstead Chief Adeen with 37 EX daughters, followed by KHW Regiment Apple and Krull Broker Elegance with 34 each. In addition, Ashlyn has 9 EX daughters in Canada and 3 more in the UK for a total of 72.

## BACKGROUND

Ashlyn came by her "Excellent" transmitting ability honestly: Her 92-point dam Bendy-Brook Odyssey Favorite produced 21 classified daughters, including 15 that scored EX. Most of those daughters were sired by the Starbuck son Encore and so were full sisters to Ashlyn. Favorite was sired by Dreamstreet Odyssey, an impressive

syndicate-proven Valiant son out of the great brood cow Sher-Mar Lee Mitzi. A prominent daughter from Mitzi was Sher-Mar Highmark Hiawatha EX-94, who developed a great family line and is the 3rd dam of former production record-holder Golden-Oaks Mark Prudence EX-95. Further back in the pedigree the cows are not particularly high scoring individuals, but just listen to the sire stack; a Glen-Valley Star backed by Astronaut-Elevation-Kingpin, the illustrious sires of their generation.

## REPLACEMENT

Ashlyn was bred by David Day, son of Curtis and Ann Day from the Tri-Day herd in Pennsylvania. David had purchased Bendy-Brook Odyssey Favorite as a milking 2-year-old. When the powerful, snug-uddered Favorite calved for the third time she produced an outstanding heifer sired by Marcrest Encore. This was Tri-Day Adeen, who sold to Christi Crutch and

her daughter Adrienne of Oseeana Holsteins of West Virginia. Adeen had a lot of size and was a little more dairy and stylish than a lot of Encore's and went on to be named All-American as a calf, yearling, 2-year-old and 3-year-old, quite a sensational achievement. Because of Adeen, Favorite was flushed to Encore a number of times. Adeen died after calving as a 4-year-old, however, the Crutch's found a suitable replacement when they purchased her younger full-sister, Tri-Day Ashlyn, as a 9-month-old calf. Ernie Kueffner from Maryland recognized the potential in Ashlyn as a heifer and bought into her ownership before guiding her through most of her successful show career. Her next home was at Kingsmill where she proved to be a highly prolific flush cow before she sold to St Jacobs-ABC. After a year or so in their ownership, Ashlyn completed her career at Siemers Holsteins in Wisconsin.

Ashlyn's highest scored daughter, EO-Siemers Ashlyn Angel at Arethusa Farm in Connecticut: Angel has records to over 40,000lb (18,000kg) and has 33 classified daughters – 12 EX, 12 VG and 9 GP.





♀ **Skyline Kingpin Francy GP-82**  
(Whirlhill Kingpin)



♀ **Skyline Elevation Firsty GP-80**  
(Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation)



♀ **Bendy-Brook Astro Fifi GP-80**  
(Paclamar Astronaut)



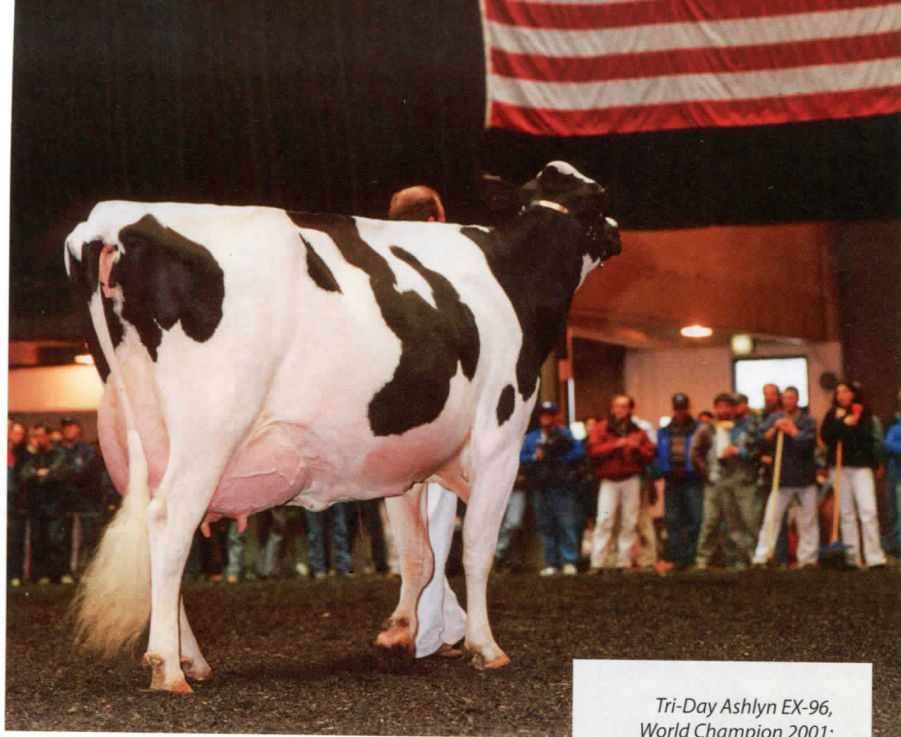
♀ **Bendy-Brook Star Fonda VG-86**  
(Glen-Valley Star <Penstate)



♀ **Bendy-Brook Odyssey Favorite EX-92**  
(Dreamstreet Odyssey <Valiant)



♀ **Tri-Day Ashlyn EX-96**  
(Marcrest Encore <Starbuck)



*Tri-Day Ashlyn EX-96,  
World Champion 2001:  
A highly prolific flush  
cow, she holds the  
record for the most EX  
daughters all-time.*

## *‘Hard tops and really good rumps’*

**Table – Ashlyn daughters scored EX-92 or higher.**

SCORE	NAME	SIRE	OWNER
EX-96	EO-Siemers Ashlyns Angel	(Stormatic)	Arethusa, CT
EX-95	EK-Oseeana Ambrosia	(Stormatic)	Jenavieve Kisst, CA
EX-95	Ernest-Anthony Aphrodite	(Stormatic)	Caleb Norton, IA
EX-94	Kingsmill Ashlyn Ashore	(Goldwyn)	E Kueffner, F&S Caverly, MD
EX-94	Kingsmill Ashlyns Amanda	(Goldwyn)	Nelson Dairy, OH
EX-94	Ernest Anthony Alaina	(Outside)	L&D Pease, PA
EX-94	Kingsmill Ashlyns Aisha	(Jasper)	Bruce Witmer
EX-94	Kingsmill Ashlyns Audrey	(Stormatic)	Mitchell Hockett, NC
EX-93	Kingsmill Titan Angel	(Titan)	Adam Liddle, NY
EX-93	Kingsmill Arabesque	(Titan)	Douglas Post, SD
EX-93	Kingsmill Ashlyns Avery	(Jasper)	Sarah Campbell, PA
EX-93	Kingsmill Ashlyns Anona	(Goldwyn)	Flashy Holsteins & Milky-Way, SD
EX-93	St-Jacobs Destry Anya	(Destry)	Ryan & Robert Morrill, NH
EX-93	St-Jacobs Stormatic Adel	(Stormatic)	John & Sara Carpenter, VT
EX-93	Smiddiehill Durham Ashlyn	(Durham)	Glasson & Kilverglen, UK
EX-92	EK-Oseeana Amber Sky	(Skychief)	Norm Nabholz, IA
EX-92	Kingsmill Talent Alpine	(Talent)	Cole Beaty, TN
EX-92	Kingsmill Goldwyn Aussie	(Goldwyn)	Steve & Bruce Witmer
EX-92	Kingsmill Ashlyns Arcila	(Advent-Red)	Clark Woodmansee, CT
EX-92	Kingsmill Ashlyns Annisa	(Destry)	Chelsea & Caitlyn Abbott, CT
EX-92	St Jacobs Atwood Alaura	(Atwood)	L, D & M Pease, PA
EX-92	Kingsmill Ashlyns Anais	(Destry)	Dalton Faris, ON

### **SONS**

Best known of Ashlyn's sons was Oseeana Astronomical, sired by Integrity. Astronomical now has 10,600 daughters and built his reputation as a sire of show-winning heifers with massive, deep-ribbed frames and stylish front ends. However, they did not live up to expectation when it came to udders and fitness traits. Another son was EK-Oseeana Aspen, sired by Lee. He now has over 10,000 daughters too. In Germany, a Storm son, EK-Oseeana Storm Alert, also has just over 10,000 daughters that are characterized by their massive deep frames.

### **GOLDEN CROSS**

Out of the total of 72 EX Ashlyn daughters, 22 went on to score 92 points or higher and are listed in the table. Significantly, the 22 have 21 different owners so these top daughters have developed out in a variety of herds spread across different countries. And there is clearly a “golden cross” with Ashlyn, the very logical mating to Stormatic. The three highest scoring daughters – Angel at 96, Ambrosia at 95 and Aphrodite at 95 – are all products of this golden cross. At one point all three sisters were herd-mates in the Arethusa barn in Connecticut. With his somewhat tighter frame and snug udders, Stormatic was the ideal mating for the massive rib and size of Ashlyn. And when it comes to producing EX daughters, these Ashlyn offspring have been pretty successful in their own right: Angel has 12 EX daughters, Ambrosia 10 and Aphrodite 12 – clearly the ability to transmit EX runs in the family. Incidentally, Ashlyn was also cloned with 4 replicas resulting. The only one to be classified was Tri-Day Alias Ashlyn 3 VG-85, owned by B&S Dairy and Dr Ronnie Thomas of Georgia. This clone produced 6 EX daughters, including How-We-Roll Atwood Amy EX-93 at Ferme Lolisee in Quebec, and How-We-Roll Ctndr Allie EX-92, a Contender still in Georgia.

### **APPETITE**

Ernie Kueffner from Maryland played a central role in the Ashlyn story. ‘Ashlyn was a great cow

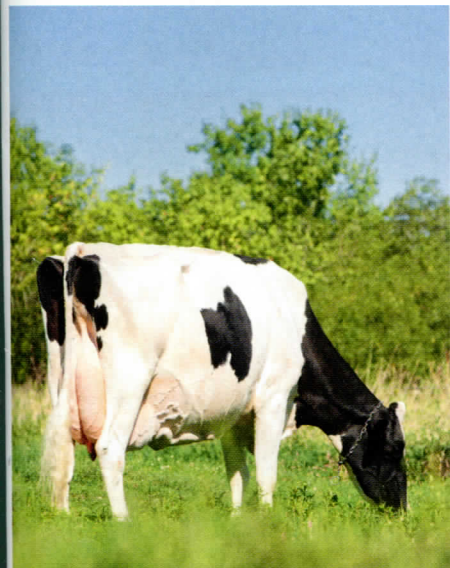
to work with, and she certainly had no lack of appetite! She had tremendous size and capacity, which she transmitted consistently, along with hard tops and really good rumps. And Ashlyn always had great feet and legs, especially for such a big cow.’ Did you ever imagine you were working with a cow that would produce more EX daughters than any other cow in history? ‘Well, she was always a great flush cow so we knew she was going to make a lot of daughters. Back in that era of 2000 to 2002, size was more

important than it is now, and she could certainly supply that. At the time there were quite a few bulls that made good udders so we had different options we could use over her. We always expected she would make a number of EX daughters but of course no one could have predicted this many.’ Ernie continues to work with Ashlyn descendants, most notably the flush cow Arethusa Fever Almira EX-94. She is a Fever out of a To-Mar D-Fortune and then Angel, the 96-point Stormatic from Ashlyn. ‘Almira was All-American



2-year-old and is a 4th generation All-American,' notes Kueffner. 'I've not done any research on it, but I don't imagine there have been many 4th generation All-Americans over the years. She's really grown out to be a big cow now, a big, well-balanced, all-black cow. There continues to be quite a bit of demand for embryos so we keep flushing her.'

*Ek-Oseeana Ambrosia EX-95 belongs to Ashlyn's highest scored daughters and became a valued brood cow.*



## **TWILIGHT YEARS**

Ashlyn completed her career at Siemers in Wisconsin. 'My sister Sherry purchased embryos early on to get a show calf for her daughter Crystal, so that is how Angel was born here. And it was the success of Angel that really got us back into the showing side of the business,' explains Dan Siemers. 'Then later on we had Ashlyn at the tail-end of her career, and she was a wonderful herd icon and visitors loved to get their picture taken with her. She continued to make embryos too, though as other breeders have found with cows in their twilight years, she didn't make her best daughters towards the end. Part of it is that the breed has passed them by. I think you need to judge a cow according to the time and expectations when she's in her prime. We did have an EX Outside from her that is a more modern cow, more moderate in frame, and she has quite a few EX daughters.'

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Quite a few Ashlyn daughters – almost 40 – moved north of the border to Canadian herds, including 9 that have gone EX in that country. Most of those – 8 of the 9 – carry the Kingsmill prefix, while the other one resulted from Ashlyn embryos that had been sold earlier in her career. The highest scoring of those at EX-92 is a Destry daughter Kingsmill Ashlyns Anais

at Farisview in Ontario. Ashlyn also had three Durham daughters that classified EX in the UK, including one at EX-93. Smiddiehill Durham Ashlyn EX-93 has three EX daughters in the Glasson and Kilverglen herds. Meanwhile, her sister Smiddiehill Durm Ashlyn EX-90 was Intermediate Champion at the National All Breeds Show in 2010 and is the dam of 10 EX daughters including Riverdane Talented Ashlyn EX-94, who was Supreme Champion of the Cheshire County Show in 2012. Her other daughters include Sterndale Ashlyns Gold EX-94 (by Goldwyn), Riverdane PS Ashlyn EX-94 (Shottle), Nobold Lauthority Ashlyn EX-93 and Riverdane Palermo Ashlyn EX-93. The third EX Durham in the UK is EK-Oseeana Ashlyns Allure EX-91, who is the dam of the Shottle son Woodmarsh Asterix (143 PLI).

## **LONG-STANDING RECORD**

When Ashlyn was in her prime back in 2001, it was her size and massive rib that helped propel her to the World Champion title. While those traits may not be as highly prized today, it was her ability to transmit that massive frame to her offspring that became the basis of her producing 72 EX daughters. One thing is clear; this is a record that is going to stand for a long time. In fact, will it ever be broken? ●