

Sire short-listing

Use this pro forma to manually prepare your sire short-list (Section 4).

1. Set out the average £PLI of the bulls used last year (Worksheet 4) as your initial requirement.
2. Set out your 3 or 4 key production, fitness and type improvement trait priorities and the specific bull proof level you need to achieve improvement in each.
3. List all the bulls you are considering with £PLI's higher than the average of those used last year and their most up-to-date proofs for each of your priority improvement traits (from DairyCo Breeding+ at www.dairyco.org.uk).

4. Tick in the shortlist column only bulls that meet the required minimum proof levels

5. If this leaves less than 5 individuals, lower the minimum proof level for your least important priority trait.

6. If it leaves more than 10 bulls, increase the minimum proof level for your most important priority trait.

Using a copy of this sheet will allow repeated re-use

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| Average £PLI of bulls used last year | |
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| Herd improvement priorities | Key production traits | | Key type traits | | Key fitness traits | |
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| Minimum bull proof required | | | | | | |

| Bull name | Current proof for key traits | | | | Shortlist |
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