

At Ståme Holsteins, the C Family is among the Big Favourites

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At the beginning of this century, breeder Jan Bengtsson from the Swedish dairy farm Ståme Holsteins purchased embryos from the well-known Danish breeder Sören Ernst Madsen. The name of the foundation dam of the donor cows will be familiar to many: Tirsvad Luke Classic. Originating from Vir-Clar's Classy family, which has been successful in many parts of Europe. That also happened for the Bengtsson family at Ståme: here the embryo purchase from the Classy family resulted in more

than 10% of the current herd and three different lines, tells Jan's son Pierre Bengtsson: the Classy, Claires and Claudias. Of the latter mentioned line, you see Ståme Claudia 3269 pictured here: on the main picture with Pierre's girlfriend Malin Knutsson, and on the smaller picture with Pierre and Malin together. Claudia 3269 is a daughter of the type transmitter Pen-Col Merrick (Mogul-MOM-Shottle) out of a Gold Chip dam. Although Claudia 3269 also participated in shows, her full sister Claudia 3105 VG-88 was more succes-

CURRENT SIRES AT STÅME:

NAME	SIRE
Black & white:	
Croteau Lesp Unix	Uno
Peak Tropic	Hotline
Schreur Shimmer-RC	Salvatore
Toc-Farm Fitz	Doorman
Red & white:	
Blondin Luxor-Red	Unstopabull
Blondin Willows-P-Red	Mirand
Riverdown Unstopabull-Red	Avalanche



Claudia 3269 together with Malin and Pierre.

- ♀ Tirsvad Luke Classic EX-90 (Norriela Cleitus Luke)
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- ♀ Tirsvad Fatal Claudia EX-90 (Fatal <Ugela Bell)
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- ♀ Tirsvad Glenwood Crispy VG-85 (Mar-Bil Oscar Glenwood)
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- ♀ Tirsvad Hershel Claudia GP-82 (Lexvold Luke Hershel)
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- ♀ Ståme Ramos Claudia VG-85 (Ramos <Rudolph)
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- ♀ Ståme Potter Claudia VG-85 (Keystone Potter <Manfred)
- ▼
- ♀ Ståme Gold Chip Claudia VG-87 (Mr Chassity Gold Chip)
- ▼
- ♀ Ståme Merrick Claudia 3269 VG-87 (Pen-Col Merrick <Mogul)

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ful; in 2018, she became Intermediate Champion and HM Grand Champion at the Swedish National Show! Both full sisters breed splendidly: from Claudia 3269, a VG-85 Unix two-year-old is in production, from Claudia 3105 a VG-87 Capital Gain second lactation cow and a VG-85 Solomon two-year-old. When we ask Pierre about his absolute herd favourite from Ståme's 320 milking and dry cows, then without hesitation he mentions: 'The Capital Gain daughter of Claudia 3105! She produces well, gets pregnant easily, and has tremendous type... yes, she has everything!'

Sure, conformation plays an important role at Ståme, which you will notice again in a moment with sire selection. But: the Bengtssons also certainly want the cows to produce well – and that is happening! The current herd average is 11,900 kg/26,180 lb (3x) 3.9% 3.2% and that with entirely organic management. In addition, their Holsteins know how to stay around; currently the herd includes four that have already surpassed 100,000 kg/220,000 lb: Igniter Maja, EX, 12 years old, recently bred; Goldwyn Sassy, EX, 12 years old, >120,000 kg/264,000 lb and pregnant; Goldwyn Regina, 12 years old and EX; and Shottle Alicia, 10 years old and VG-86. 'Yes,

'Conformation is important, but they still need to milk.'

with sire selection, we clearly choose for conformation,' confirms Pierre. 'At the same time, we want to maintain sufficient milk, so we also use sires like Mogul and Montross: Right now among the milking two-year-olds at Ståme, there are several daughters of King Doc, Unix, Diamondback and Sidekick. 'We are very pleased with them,' tells Pierre. Due to organic management, Ståme can no longer use ET. Precisely for that reason, they make significant use of sexed semen, on approximately 20-25% of the herd. In addition, 20-25% of the animals are bred with Angus (beef-on-dairy). And Holstein sires currently being used at Ståme? Their names appear on the accompanying table. Clearly: new impulses for the powerful conformation level at Ståme! ●

Ståme Merrick Claudia 3269 VG-87 & Malin Knutsson