

Minor changes in conformation indices for RDC and Jersey

In NAV genetic evaluation 2nd November 2013 changes in weight factors and optimum for conformation traits were introduced for RDC (SRB, RDM and Finnish Ayrshire) and Jersey.

Weight factors in Udder changed for RDC

In RDC weight factors for five udder traits are adjusted in the sub-index for Udder.

The weight is increased for teat placement front, teat length and teat thickness. Weight is decreased for teat placement back and udder balance.

This means that in RDC more emphasis is now put on changing the breed in direction of closer front teats, longer teats and thicker teats. Changes will only have a little impact on ranking for bulls and cows.

Trait	Weight factor now	Weight factor before
Fore udder attachment	20	20
Rear udder width	5	5
Rear udder height	8	8
Central ligament	12	12
Udder depth	20	20
Udder balance	0	10
Teat length	10	5
Teat thickness	10	5
Fore teat placement	10	7
Rear teat placement	5	8

Optimum for one body trait changed for Jersey

Optimum for dairy form is adjusted from 7 to 6. This means that cows would be bred to be more coarse. The change has only limited effect for proven bulls