

The World's Greatest Sire

Archie E. Vandercort of New York State, writing to Hoard's Dairyman in a recent issue, gives the following brief biography of the late Pontiac Korndyke:

Pontiac Korndyke, the most popular sire of the Holstein-Friesian breed, is dead. He was fourteen years of age, and retained his physical vigor to the last. Why is it that Pontiac Korndyke is the most popular sire of his breed today? He has produced "the goods." In no other case can success be achieved in any walk of life. His sons and daughters, both of life and in command high prices. The daughters of Pontiac Korndyke have made a showing which places him in a class by himself. Seventy-seven have made A. R. O. records, this number including the following great cows of the breed:

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56 others with records of 20 to 29.61 pounds. Many of his most promising daughters are still too young to freshen and all his daughters are in good hands which promise well for his future reputation. In fact, Pontiac Korndyke has just got started and it is a great loss to the farm. His great transmitting ability is reflected in his sons which I will now consider. Twenty-six of them have produced A. R. O. daughters. Perhaps the best known among these is King of the Pontiacs, whose daughters are surpassing all previous records for heifers of their age, showing up particularly strong in the semi-finished work. The first two-year-old to produce 100 pounds of butter in a year is one of his daughters, now in test, which will surpass the 1,000-pound mark. Not far below King of the Pontiacs, is Pontiac Aggie Korndyke, who has two four-year-old daughters with records over 32 pounds and a wonderful list of two and three-year-olds. Sons of Pontiac Korndyke head many of the greatest herds of the breed. Through both his sons and dams, Pontiac Korndyke is grand sire of:

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Besides these there is a long list of some of the sensational two-year-olds of the breed.

Pontiac Korndyke is a son of Belle Korndyke (25.77 pounds butter seven days), the foundation cow of the Korndyke family which is the most sought after strain of the present day. Her story is too well known to go into detail. Suffice to say that no more prepotent cow is known than Belle Korndyke. Pontiac Korndyke was sired by Manor Josephine De Kol, who was one of the greatest two-year-olds of Agnes De Kol Ellen and by a son of Mechlinda's Sir Henry of Maplewood and the famous prize winning cow, Empress Josephine 3rd (33 pounds butter seven days unofficial). Thus, Manor Josephine De Kol was strong in the blood of Mechlinda's Pterier 2nd and Empress Josephine 3rd, thus, the greatest of the early foundation cows.

Pontiac Korndyke was born at Leacona, N. Y., the farm of Henry Stevens & Sons and was sold to the Eastern Michigan Asylum. Here he stood in service for some years, being purchased by Mr. E. H. Doolittle of Havelton, N. Y., whose herd much of the present development of Pontiac Korndyke has taken place. This purchase was a very fortunate thing, both for Mr. Doolittle and Pontiac Korndyke as together they made an un- doubtedly the best of the ladder of success. About five years ago Mr. Harry B. Davis, of Chester, N. Y., secured half interest in him, and ever since that time Pontiac Korndyke has divided his time between the two establishments. To summarize a few of his achievements:

I give the following concerning Pontiac Korndyke: He has as many 30-pound daughters as any other 20 sires, and, barring Henderson De Kol, as many as any three. He is the only sire to have three daughters with records above 37 pounds each, four above 35 pounds each, and one who is the highest record priced A. R. O. cow, the first 37 pound cow, the

first 32-pound cow, the first cow to produce 100 pounds butterfat in a year, the only pair of full sisters with records averaging over 34 pounds, twenty-one cows with records averaging over 30 pounds. His grand-daughters have held over a dozen world records, etc., etc. Surely no one can dispute the claim of Pontiac Korndyke to the title of "The World's Greatest Sire."

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