## **TOTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX**

Top TPI Bull Currently Available in US SEAGUL-BAY SUPERSIRE TPI 2613

## What is TPI?

Total performance index is a method of rank-ing sires cows according to a formula. It seeks to identify cows who excel in three categories: production, health and conformation. TPI se-lects elite animals who represent the best combination of desired traits.

## Is TPI right for your farm?

Q: How does TPI prioritize production, health and confirmation?

A: 46% production, 28% health, 26% confirmation

Q: How is TPI different from net merit?

A: Net merit places dollar values to traits in order to determine the expected life-time profit of a cow. TPI ranks the cow based on traits.



Holstein Association Top 100 TPI International Bulls—April 2015 [Online] Available from http://www.holsteinusa.com/genetic\_evaluations/internattop100.html?printable=true [Accessed May 12th 2015]. TPI Formula - April 2015. [Online] Available from: http://www.holsteinusa.com/genetic\_evaluations/ss\_tpi\_formula.html [Accessed May 4th 2015]



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PTAP = PTA Protein
PTAF = PTA Fat
FE = Feed Efficiency
PTAT = PTA Type
DF = STA Dairy Form
UDC = Udder Compo-site
FLC = Feet & Legs Composite
PL = Productive Life
SCS = PTA Somatic Cell Score
FI= Fertility Index
DSB = Daughter Still-birth

## **TPI Formula:**