



**“Ladies of Wisconsin”
Krull Broker Elegance,
EX-96 2E GMD DOM**

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Excellent 96-2E, EEEEE
Gold Medal Dam & Dam of Merit
5-07 365d 40,953 3.7 1522 3.3 1350
Lifetime: 183,714 3.7 6,878 3.3 6,140

While every breeder dreams of breeding a legendary cow, there is also something to be said about helping to develop one. The Cull family and Joel Kietzman made the decision to invest in Elegance as a just-fresh three year old cow, and have helped to develop a legacy in Elegance and her descendants.

Lomira, Wis., is home to Budjon Farms and the John and Mary, Tom and Kelli Cull families. The Culls relocated to Lomira in 1998 after residing in the Pewaukee area, where John’s family ran their dairy farm for several generations. Joel Kietzman is a long-time family friend and has been involved in the Budjon-JK partnership since its foundation in 1996.

Joel was the first to lay eyes on Elegance a few months after she freshened. He remembered the Broker daughter as a “big, raw heifer” that he liked, but was not in love with. However, the cow

family made a lasting impression on him. “I can still remember right before I left Krull’s farm, that day I first saw Elegance. We were looking at pictures of about a dozen Excellent cows they had bred, and about ten of them were from this cow family. I was pretty amazed at that,” Kietzman remembers.

Tom admits, “The decision to invest in Elegance was very appealing. She was a potential fifth generation Excellent and her sire stack was one that intrigued us. With Elegance’s own amazing type traits to be complemented by the previous generations of well-bred excellents, we felt the potential was there not only for her to succeed, but also for her to shine as a brood cow.”

The partnership of Budjon Farms and Joel Kietzman was formed, and the purchase made in November of 1996.

From December of 1996 until May of 1998, Elegance was on an extensive flush program and flushed 10 times. These flushes resulted in 136 viable embryos, eventually yielding 23 heifer calves. Perhaps the most intriguing part of Elegance’s story is how she improved each year. The partnership admits they weren’t “in love” with Elegance early on, but their patience certainly paid off in the end. They waited to market the family in order to see how early daughters would develop and to build a nucleus of offspring to continue to market from.

In fact, because of their patience, Joel and Tom were able to decipher which bulls worked best on Elegance and in the long run,

Elegance daughters (left to right):

Krull Skychief Easter-ET EX-90

Krull Elegant Rose-ET EX-91

Budjon-JK Integrity Elite-ET EX-91

Budjon-JK Star Esther-ET EX-91

Budjon-JK Linjet Evalyn-ET EX-91

Budjon-JK Jed Excellency-ET EX-92

Budjon-JK Lee Esperanza-ET EX-92



photos: Evalyn by Schmidt, Rose by Sarbacker (reversed), all others by Fisher

this was one of the smarter moves they made. "Elegance was such a big, strong, powerful cow - people thought we were insane using bulls such as Linjet, Encore, or Milan on her. So far, her best daughters have been by bulls like those because she transmits such dairyness, femininity and soundness of feet and legs. It was a great combination," admits Tom.

Budjon Farms currently has 109 cows on test, of which 44 are descendants of the Elegance family. Out of 181 heifers and calves, 73 can be traced back to Elegance. A total of 117 head (or 40%) are Elegance offspring. Included in those numbers are offspring from an original Elegance daughter, Budjon-JK Linjet Eileen, EX-96 GMD DOM, who will turn 11 years old this November. Budjon-JK Storm Emily, an EX-92 daughter of Eileen will be eight years old in September.

Of all the Elegance daughters to grace the alley at Budjon, the two that sort themselves to the top are Linjet Eileen and Budjon-JK Encore Electra, EX-95 2E GMD DOM. These two individuals have had an astounding impact on breeding, showing and marketing programs at Budjon, and their daughters and granddaughters will continue to allow this family to shine for generations to come. The heifer pens at Budjon are flooded with Eileen daughters that are proving to "have the look" of being something very special. Eileen's oldest second crop daughters (due to IVF work) are spring yearling-age Durhams, Fortunes, and summer yearling Jaspers. The Cull's feel strongly that they will have their mark in the herd as well. Eileen's Excellent daughters to date include Storm Emily (EX-92), Gibson Enjoy (EX-91), Stormatic East (EX-91), Nobel Elly Mae (EX-91), and Lee Evalie (EX-90).

Electra adds four Excellent Durham daughters to the herd -

Durham Embrace (EX-95), Dur Esquisite (EX-92 GMD DOM), Elizabethette (EX-91), Exclamation (EX-90), and one Very Good, Exhilarate (VG-88 CAN). Electra still has one Durham bred heifer left to calve and she looks the part with her massive length of frame and udder promise thus far. The Culls recently calved in a Talent from Electra as a first calf heifer and each day she improves. Electra's full sisters continue this outstanding family - Encore Expose (EX-95 2E GMD DOM), Express (EX-95 EX-94MS), and Etiquette (EX-90).

Members of the family that the Culls are currently working with include Rolling-Spring G Escence, Rolling-Spring Shottle Embrace, Budjon-JK Durham Embrace and Budjon-JK Fallen Embers. Escence is being IVF'd to Damion and will soon be bred back to calve as a five year old. Shottle Embrace has sons headed to AI and is expected to see the colored shavings this fall. Durham Embrace has been IVF'd and bred back to Sanchez, and Fallen Embers is expected to have her place in the show ring and reproductively.

The Culls have several cow families they work with on a daily basis, and although each of them are unique in their own right, the Elegance family truly stands out

for several reasons. First and foremost, these individuals show a tremendous ability to transmit "true to themselves." Not only Elegance, but each of the original daughters can be seen in their progeny. For example, the Eileen branch has by far the strongest udder traits. As visitors stroll through the herd today, young Dundeeds from Storm Emily and Eileen are cows that stick out with exceptional fore udder attachments, strong creases and high, wide rear udder attachments. These daughters also have Eileen and Emily's disposition that is unmatched at the feed bunk or in the middle of the pasture - no one messes with those girls! The

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Elegance... it's all about the numbers!

- 505 ~ Total Viable embryos produced
- 6 ~ Times that Elegance was shown, including a 1st place finish as a 125,000 lb. cow at the 2000 International Holstein Show, fresh 19 months.
- 54 ~ Elegance sons were registered
- 76 ~ Elegance daughters were registered
- 84% ~ of Elegance daughters scored VG as 2 year olds (none below GP)
- 78% ~ of Elegance grand daughters scored VG as 2 year olds (none below GP)
- 34 ~ Excellent & 33 Very Good Daughters
- 42 ~ Excellent & 126 Very Good Granddaughters
- 44 ~ All-American Nominations to date resulting in 5 All-Americans & 11 Reserve All-Americans
- 6 ~ Premier Breeder Banners at World Dairy Expo solely from the progeny of Elegance
- First ~ Family to produce a 3rd generation EX-95 that were all also Nominated All-American!

Budjon-JK Milan Eleven-ET EX-93

Budjon-JK Milan Eclipse-ET EX-94

Budjon-JK Ecore Express-ET EX-95

Budjon-JK Encore Expose-ET EX-95

Budjon-JK Encore Electra-ET EX-95

Budjon-JK Linjet Eileen-ET EX-96



Electra branch has the ability to transmit outstanding frames and show-ring style. Lee Esperanza has a few daughters that the Culls utilized for outstanding CTPI, breeding true to her willingness to milk with ease and maintain width and capacity throughout.

The Elegance family has been compared to "winemakers making great wine" - they just get better with age. Patience continues to be the Elegance syndicate's virtue as progeny continues to calve and shines as they get older and mature. As long as all the parts are there, it's just a matter of time before these offspring "wow you" as four-year-old cows. In fact, the Cull's strongest class of show cows for 2010 is in the four-year-old group and is highlighted by Rolling-Spring G Escence (Goldwyn x Durham Esquisite x Encore Electra),

Budjon-JK Fallen Embers (Dundee x Storm Emily x Eileen) and Rolling-Spring Shottle Embrace (maternal sister to Escence).

Through the years of Elegance, Tom says the year that Elegance won at World Dairy Expo and then went to the Royal Winter Fair and stood third to Acme Star Lily and Rainyridge Tony Beauty still stands out in his mind as the highlight of Elegance's career. In addition, having three daughters score

EX-95 and one at EX-96 remains high on the list. The fact that this family also produced the first third generation EX-95 cows that were also Nominated All-American is an impressive stat in itself.

As one of the people who feel it's been a great honor to be a part of and work with this family every day, Kelli Cull refers to Elegance's family members as "the gentle giants." Their indescribable appetite and the fact that they are some of the largest animals Kelli has ever laid eyes on make them all the more exciting to work with (Shottle Embrace was measured at 66 inches at the shoulder, Electra was 64.5 inches and Elegance 64 inches). For as large as they are, though, rarely will visitors find a coarseness or lack of dairy character. Elegance offspring have an

overwhelming femininity and style that leads to outstanding individuals, and the family is based on its unique ability to produce amazing frames, quality udders and undeniable feet and legs no matter what bull they are sired by.



Left to right: John & Mary Cull, Melissa & Joel Kietzman with daughters Hannah, Ava & Rachel, and Tom & Kelli Cull

An Elite Opportunity



Krull Outside Elite-ET EX-90

5-04 365 29,793 3.4 1003 2.8 820

Dam: Krull Elegant Rose-ET EX-93 GMD DOM

Granddam: Krull Broker Elegance
EX-96 3E GMD DOM

Next dams: EX-90 GMD DOM, EX-90 DOM,
EX-92 2E GMD DOM, EX-92 4E GMD

Central Wisconsin Summer Event

Thursday, July 22 • Marathon, WI

Selling at the Central WI Summer Event sale is Elite's October 2009 Baxter, Eloise - PTPI +1687. Elite already has two VG-88 Durham 3-year-olds and is still very youthful and productive herself at 7 1/2 years old.

Selling later this fall at our complete herd dispersal are four other Baxters from Elite and two Laurins. Also selling are four Baxters (two will be fresh) from a VG-87 EX-MS 2nd calf Zenith. Her granddam is Sikkema Star W Elt Macy VG-88. Look for her photo in the future - she is a super young cow!

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