

# Selection Values

Breeders usually want to select more than one trait at a time. However, it is difficult to identify the 'best' animal when there are many traits and consequently many breeding values involved. A selection value combines different weighted breeding values into a single value. Breeding values are weighed according to their economic importance and genetic heritability and thus include the advantages and disadvantages of different traits in a balanced way. For example, Fertility counts much more than Calving Ease. The sub-indices and Cow value are also individually expressed as indices, where 100 indicates the average of all live animals.

**Table 1:** The traits and breeding values used to compile the Cow Value

Sub-value	Weight (%)	Breeding Value	Breeding value weight (%)
Calving Ease	9%	Birth Direct	6 (-)
		Birth Maternal	3 (-)
Calf Growth	25%	Wean Direct	25 (+)
Milk	18%	Wean Maternal	18 (+)
Maintenance	12%	Mature Weight	12 (-)
Fertility	36%	Heifer Fertility	10 (-)
		Cow Fertility	13 (-)
		Longevity	13 (+)

## What does the 'ideal' animal look like?

The animal with the highest selection values is theoretically the ideal animal.

**Calving ease:** An animal with negative breeding values for Birth direct and Birth maternal will have a positive Calving Ease value.

**Calf Growth:** Animals with a higher Weaning weight breeding value (Wean direct) will have a higher Calf Growth value.

**Milk:** Animals with a positive milk breeding value (Wean maternal) will get a higher Milk value.

**Maintenance:** Mature weight is weighed negatively because larger cows require more energy for maintenance.

**Fertility:** Negative breeding values indicate more fertile animals, and therefore fertility is weighed negatively. This will result in positive selection values.

**Cow value:** The sub-values are combined as in the table to obtain the cow value.

**Growth value:** This combination of traits places more emphasize on growth. Weighing is as follows: Calving Ease 7%; Calf Growth 53%; Milk 20% and Maintenance 20%.

**Production value:** The Cow value and Growth value are weighed in a 70:30 ratio.

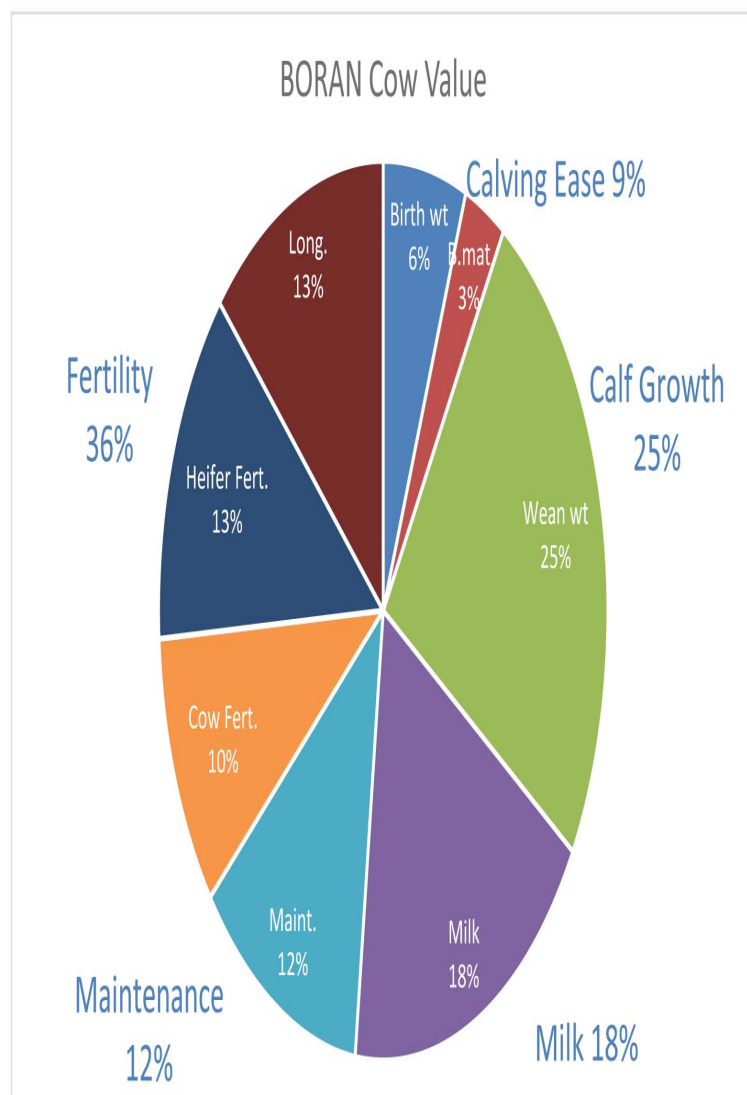
## Breeding Objectives

A breeding objective is still essential, as two animals with different strengths and weaknesses may receive the same Selection Value. The bull with the highest Cow Value should therefore not be selected blindly, sub-values should also be inspected. Select bulls carefully, for example:

**Bull to use on heifers:** High Calving Ease and average Calf Growth and Maintenance. These traits are antagonistic to each other since low birth weight is associated with low growth and low mature weight, resulting in a small cow which will not calve easily in future.

**Bull to breed replacement heifers:** High Fertility, good Milk and Calf Growth; average Maintenance.

**Bull for (terminal) crossbreeding (ONLY on mature crossbred cows that are easy-calving and in a good environment):** Maximum Calf Growth. Fertility and Milk are not important if all offspring are slaughtered.



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**EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS IN CATALOGUE**  
**VERDUIDELIKING VAN AFKORTINGS IN KATALOGUS**

Lot number	LOT	LOT	Lotnommer
Identification number	Ident. Number	Ident. Nommer	Identifikasienommer
Index	Ind	Ind	Indeks
Accuracy of breeding value	Acc	Akk	Akkuraatheid van teelwaarde
Birth direct (kg)	Birth Dir	Geb Dir	Geboorte direk (kg)
Birth maternal (kg)	Birth Mat	Geb M	Geboorte maternaal (kg)
Wean direct (kg)	Wean Dir	Speen Dir	Speen direk (kg)
Wean maternal (kg)	Wean Mat	Speen Mat	Speen maternaal (kg)
Mature weight (kg)	Matur Wgt	Vol GewIG	Volwasse gewig (kg)
Scrotal circumference (mm)	Scr	Skr	Skrotum omvang (mm)
Age in years and months	Age	Oud	Ouderdom in jare en maande
Average Wean index	Avg WI	Gem SI	Gemiddelde Speenindeks
Reproduction index	R.I.	R.I.	Reproduksie Indeks
Age first calving	AFC	OEK	Ouderdom eerste kalwing
Inter calving period	ICP	TKP	Inter kalwings periode
Weaning weight	WW	SP	Speengewig
Post wean	PW	NS	Naspeen
Wean weight ratio	WWR	SGV	Speengewig verhouding
Birth weight ratio	BWR	GGV	Geboortegewig verhouding
Breeding value	BV	TW	Teelwaarde
Breeding value index	BV Ind	TW Ind	Teelwaarde indeks
Registration number	Reg. number	Reg. nommer	Registrasie nommer
Ouerskap verifikasie	OV	PV	Parentage verified
Vaar geverifieer	S	S	Sire verified
Moeder gerverifieer	D	D	Dam verified
Beide geverifieer	B	B	Both sire and dam verified

**Description of traits and breeding objectives**

Trait	EBV Index	Description/Masurement	Objective	General guidelines for breeding value indices								
				<80	80	90	100	110	120	>120		
Calving Ease	Birth weight	Birth weight (birth direct)	Easy calving	Heavy								Light
	Birth mat.	Birth weight of cow/daughters' calves (birth maternal)	Easy calving	Heavy								Light
Calf Growth	Weaning weight	Weaning weight (wean direct)	Heavy weaner calves	Light								Heavy
	Milk	Milk production of cow/daughters (wean maternal)	Heavy weaner calves	Low								High
Fertility	Age at first calving (AFC)	Age at first calving and early calving within season (Heifer fertility)	Fertile heifers	Late calving								Early calving
	Inter-Calving Period (ICP)	Combination of 3 intercalving periods of cows (Cow fertility)	Fertile cows	Long ICP								Short ICP
Growth	Post-wean weight	Combination of 12- and 18 month weights of bulls and heifers	Above average post-wean growth	Light								Heavy
	Mature weight	Combination of first 3 mature weights at the wean of the cow's calf	Average weight	Light								Heavy

**Additional notes:**

Breeding objectives depend on the environment in which the animals must perform, for example: Intensive systems with a lot of food can support larger animals, while it is advised to select for animals of average size in extensive systems with less food.

Darkly shaded areas indicate the generally accepted favourable range in which to select. Note that objectives sometimes fall outside this range.

Animals with an index above 100 perform better than the average live animal in the breed. A high index for birth weight therefore indicates a smaller (more favourable) calf.

Most animals in the breed (70%) are average and have an index between 90 and 110.

Traits are genetically correlated to each other. Selection for heavy weaner calves will lead to heavy mature animals (high maintenance requirements) and heavy birth weights (possible difficult calving).

Milk breeding values must be in proportion to weaning weight: the cow must have enough milk to raise her calf, and too low milk production is unfavourable.

**LOT 45**

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Naam Ident. nommer Geslag Afdeling Status Reg. nommer Geboorte Datum DNS - Ouerskap  
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Akk	74	53	50	38	36	12	36	19	35	38			
TW Ind	109	105	108	88	84	79	105	99	87	103			
TW Ind	112	108	88	88	76	79	100	99	87				
Teler Opmerking: A Carbon copy of his sire D 14-139 Viking. Thick, hard, masculine and half sister to NBOR 20-011(Lot 4)													

Kalf aan voet is onder beskerming van Genootskap, is gescreen, maar moet nog gekeur word.