

# Windsor-Manor Zip: Elite Family Whose Fortunes Continue to Rise

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Windsor-Manor

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**Windsor-Manor Rud Zip EX-95 was a cow ahead of her time when it comes to productive life and the health traits she transmitted. The cow family rocketed to the top of the charts through the exploits of Global Cow winner OCD Robst Delicious. Now another family branch is shining brightly on genomic bull lists too.**

In August 2018, Miss OCD Robust Delicious had 9 sons in the top-25 TPI daughter-proven sires in the US. Such a dominant transmitting performance had never before been seen in breed history! And it made Delicious an easy choice for the Global Cow 2018 title. With sons such as Mr Delta (<Mogul), Dante (<McCutchen), Denver (<Mogul), Dion (<Mogul), Delco (<AltaOak) and Draco (<Cashcoin), Delicious had become a Holstein immortal. And her impact didn't end there. The Nr.1 gTPI genomic bull at the time, Nashville, was a grandson, while she also had younger sons Dedicate and Dynamo in the top-30 genomic list. The Zip family had been prominent in the breed for 15 years or more but Delicious had taken them to a whole new level... the very pinnacle of the breed.

## **SISTERS**

Robust daughter Delicious had been bred at Oakfield Corners Dairy in New York, and was out of OCD Planet Danica. Danica was one of Planet's finest daughters, classified EX-93 with a 95-point udder. She had sold through the Legends-of-the-Fall Sale for \$70,000 and was owned in partnership with Francis Gomez and Dan Lufkin. Sons of Danica included Mr OCD Robust Donatello, a former top-10 TPI bull who was a full brother to Delicious, as well as Mr OCD Epic Dragonheart. The mother of Danica, Miss Elegant Delight VG-88, had resulted from embryos purchased from Regancrest in 2006 from the well-known Windsor-Manor Z-Delight while she was still a heifer. Danica and Delicious were certainly not the only successful transmitters from the "D" branch of the Zip family. A full sister to Danica, OCD Planet Diamond EX-92, turned into a top brood cow in the Claynook herd in Canada.

**Table** – EX daughters of Rud Zip: All daughters carry the Windsor-Manor prefix.

<b>SCORE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SIRE</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
94	Z Shadow	Shottle	Deep Run Creek Holsteins, PA
93	Z-Delight	Durham	Regancrest & ALH, IA
92	ZeRoyal	Roy	J & D Meyers, MD
91	Zebee	Garter	K & S Horst, PA
91	Roy Zing	Roy	R & J Ringler Hoffman, PA
91	Z Alley	Alexander	Lease Bros. MD
91	San Zsazsa	Sanchez	J & K Wise, PA
90	Magna Zoom	Magna	T Ludwick, PA
90	Zeedazzle	Morty	J & D Meyers, MD
90	Zipit	Stormatic	J & D Meyers, MD
90	Dur Zdeva	Durham	J & D Meyers, MD
90	Zdaffy	Damion	J & D Meyers, MD
90	Z Shimmer	Shottle	J Arbaugh, MD
90	Z Marcie	Million	E & F Burrall, MD

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## **WIDTH**

‘Diamond will calve as an 11-year-old due with twins in March,’ explains Wayne Wagler from Claynook. ‘She produced 429 embryos in first lactation with just conventional flushing so the family is now a large part of our herd. You never get a bad uddered Diamond. She has tremendous width of chest and moderate stature. Her legs were not the greatest but they look better now than when she was younger.’ Claynook Denim (Flame-Snowman) was the best of her grandsons in AI, though the top bull from this line is the widely respected Claynook Discjockey (Fortune-Monterey-Unix-Hunter to Diamond), a super udder bull with good components. His full brothers Dupont and Durlo are also in AI.



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Windsor-Manor Rud Zip EX-95, one of the most important brood cows behind modern Holstein breeding.

## NR.1

Just when all these bulls from the “D” branch of the family are starting to loosen their grip on the very top ranks of the list, names starting with “Z” are grabbing attention. The current Nr.1 bull in the breed at 3000 gTPI is Peak AltaZazzle. Sired by Progenesis Marius (Jedi-Bombero), he is out of Peak Zronica Topshot, whose pedigree traces through Topshot-Silver-Supersire-Bowser to Lynncrest Shottle Zaboo EX-90, a daughter of Windsor-Manor Zebee EX-91. Close behind him at Nr.4 with a gTPI of 2931 is Claynook Zasberilla, another young bull currently being used for sons. Sired by Claynook Casper (Hang Time-Bombero-Mogul), he is out of Morningview Duke Zip GP-84, a Montross Duke daughter tracing through Yoder-Uno-Super to Lynncrest T-Story Zandra VG-86, another daughter of Windsor-Manor Zebee. Seven brothers to Zasberilla are also in AI including Claynook Zone at 2865 gTPI. ‘Duke Zip is making a huge record as a 2-year-old with over 13,000 kg at 5.2% fat on 2x milking,’ comments Wagler. ‘We are also flushing daughters including one with 2957 gTPI.’

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## **FOUNDATION**

So where exactly do these lines tie into the Zip family? Foundation cow Windsor-Manor Rud Zip produced a total of 14 EX daughters: Here is a look back at her career. Jason and Donna Meyers established Windsor-Manor Holsteins at New Windsor, Maryland, in 1984. The ultimate achievement of their herd breeding program – the herd icon Windsor-Manor Rud Zip EX-95 – was born in 1998. At a time when health traits were still new, she proved to be a star performer, and even went on to be the Nr.1 productive life cow in the breed. Her sire Rudolph was the most outstanding sire of brood cows of that era and proved to be a wonderful health trait transmitter. Zip's dam, an EX Jolt daughter, provided the extra width of chest that has become a permanent feature of the Zip family ever since. More than 20 sons went to AI: In 2010, 3 of those sons were in to TPI top-100 – ZManner (<BW Marshall), ZDuke (<Durham), and Zoro (<Blitz), while her O-Man son Officer also developed an international reputation.

## **Z-DELIGHT**

Perhaps the best known of Zip's 14 EX daughters was Z-Delight, a Durham who sold as a 6-month-old calf through the Windsor Sale in March 2005 to Regancrest and Mark Butz. She was flushed as a heifer, and in early 2006 some of those embryos sold to the Lamb's at Oakfield Corners Dairy in New York. Delight developed into a tall, long, stylish cow with a youthful udder and topped the 2008 Regancrest sale at \$94,000 when Adolf Langhout (ALH Genetics) bought into the partnership. She later went on to score EX-93. The embryos at Oakfield Corners resulted in one heifer, Miss Elegant Delight VG-88, mentioned earlier. In addition, Z-Delight produced 9 EX daughters.



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Claynook has worked extensively with two branches of the Zip family. This is Claynook Discjockey, who comes from the Delight branch, while more recently the Wagler's have had great success with a heifer from the Morning-View branch of the family.

## **ZEBEE**

Another Zip daughter that sold through that Windsor Sale in 2005 was Windsor-Manor Zebee, an 88-point 2-year-old Garter that sold for \$51,000 to Kirby Horst, of Lynncrest Holsteins, PA. Zebee left behind 3 daughters at Windsor-Manor that all scored EX, and she went on to produce a further 5 EX daughters that carry the Lynncrest prefix. Zebee's Toystory daughter sold as a 6-month-old calf to Tom Schmitt of Morningview and became the foundation of the Morningview branch of the Zip family.

Zip lived out her retirement years at Windsor-Manor and when she passed away she was buried on the farm with a flag to mark her resting place. Since then her legacy has only continued to grow from strength to strength. The Delicious dynasty earned a Global Terug naar artikelen (/nl/articles)

Cow title, and now another family branch tops the charts. Top type, outstanding production, impressive health traits and elite indexes – the Zip family combines it all. I

♀ **Big-Sinks Elevation Maym Zinna EX-90**

(Round-Oak Rag Apple Elevation)



♀ **Big-Sinks Jerry Zinna Addie VG-85**

(Eng-Amer Ivanhoe Jerry)



♀ **Del-Myr Tony Zadie VG-87**

(Marshfield Elevation Tony)



♀ **Windsor-Manor Melvin Zebra VG-85**

(Mel-Est Valiant Iros Melvin)



♀ **Windsor-Manor Star Zara EX-91**

(To-Mar Blackstar)



♀ **Windsor-Manor Che Zipper GP-83**

(Bushy-park Chesapeake)



♀ **Windsor-Manor Jolt Zippy EX-90**

(Second-Look Jolt)



♀ **Windsor-Manor Rud Zip EX-95**

(Startmore Rudolph)

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