LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AI: Artificial Insemination

AM: Animal Model

BCA: Breed Class Average

BLUP: Best Linear Unbiased Prediction

c: Environmental correlation between records within sub-classes

CC: Contemporary Comparison, method for assessing sire proofs based on

progeny deviations from contemporaries.

DO: Days open

EBV: Estimated Breeding Value, expresses bull's total predicted additive

value for a trait in absolute units of measurement

ETA: Estimated Transmitting Ability, expresses half of bull's predicted additive

value for a trait in absolute units of measurement

FCM: Fat Corrected Milk

h²: Heritability of a trait

HF: Holstein Friesian

kg: kilogram I: litre Ib: pounds

MCC: Modified Contemporary Comparison, a method for accessing sire proofs

ME: Mature equivalence, records are adjusted to mature cow yield basis

MGS: Maternal Grand Sire

MT: Multiple Trait NS: Natural Service

PD: Predicted Difference, expresses half of bull's predicted additive value for

a trait in absolute units of measurements

PE: Permanent Environment

PTA: Predicted Transmitting Ability

RBV: Relative Breeding value, expressed as a bull's total predicted breeding

value as a percentage of the actual mean of the trait

REL: Reliability (same as Rpt) r_g : Genetic correlation

r_p: Phenotypic correlationRpt: Repeatability of a sire

Rpt: Repeatability of a sire proof, given either in the scale between 0 and 1 or

as percentage

SD: Standard Deviation

SM: Sire Model SNF: Solids-Not-Fat ST: Single Trait

t: Repeatability between lactations records

T.Pr: True protein, 0.95*(crude protein)