

# What's New in this ABV Release



## FACT SHEET December 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

- For the first time, this December proof release includes updated information for all animals (cows and bulls).
- The reliability of production ABVs for Holstein and Jersey breeds has increased in this release with the introduction of an improved model.

### All animals now receive an updated ABV in December.

In previous years, the December proof run has provided updated ABV(i)s for overseas proven bulls. A significant increase in the number of animals genotyped has increased the demand for a full proof run that includes Australian proven bulls, young bulls, cows and heifers. While you won't see a new Good Bulls Guide in your post box, all of the regular lists, search tools and Good Bulls App will be updated with new information from Wednesday 14 December.

Includes	Does not include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ABVs, ABV(i)s, ABV(g)s</li><li>• Good Bulls App update and web update</li><li>• Normal range of excel files</li><li>• Genetic Progress Reports available electronically</li><li>• Factsheet and short newsgrab</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Media packs and files</li><li>• Printed Good Bulls Guide</li><li>• Postal distribution of Genetic Progress Reports</li></ul>

### New model for calculation of production ABVs

A new model for the calculation of production ABVs has been implemented for Holstein and Jersey breeds. This follows the April 2015 implementation in Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Illawarra and Aussie Red breeds. The new 'test day model' increases the reliability of production ABVs and is just one of the ways ADHIS is constantly improving ABVs through the latest research.

### Download the Good Bulls App on your phone or tablet

The Good Bulls App is now servicing more than 2000 people on smartphones and tablets.

The App allows you to:

- Search for bulls by trait
- Look up bulls by name
- Review detailed information about bulls
- Export lists to your supplier

You will see a data update take place alongside the upcoming release of ABVs.

### On the move

This release of Australian Breeding Values brings to a close a 33-year history of service delivery from ADHIS as the organisation has been incorporated into DataGene.

DataGene is an independent and industry-owned organisation that is responsible for developing modern tools and resources to drive genetic gain and herd improvement in the Australian dairy industry, through research, development and extension activities.

Formed in July 2016, DataGene brings together many 'non-competitive' herd improvement functions under the one umbrella, including genetics, herd testing, herd recording, data systems and herd test standards. Future ABV releases will be delivered from DataGene.

For more information, go to [www.datagene.com.au](http://www.datagene.com.au)