

COW Country

LOTS OF MILK FROM TOP UDDERS

'I have milked this family for 9 generations already.' That sounds as if Mike Ammon would be quite old but he is only 38. Mike was interested in cows at an early age; while he was still a 12-year-old kid, he already milked the foundation cow of the family that meanwhile has been devel-



**Ammon Farms
Orion DeeDee
EX-91.**

**5.2 365d
46,172 lb.
(20,987 kg)
3.4% 3.1%.**

oped at Ammon Farm. Presently about 20% of all the animals in this herd (with 100 dairy cows) descend from this line, which is known as the "Dovie" family. What is the family's main strength? 'High production in combination with exceptional udders and lots of functionality, generation after generation,' Mike resolutely answers. He runs the farm with his wife Jill, and parents Bill and Helen. The most sought-after member of the Dovie line currently is Ammon Farms Orion DeeDee, and she perfectly illustrates Mike's answer. She scores EX-91, with an EX-95 mammary system. DeeDee's sire is the outcross bull Orion, and her dam is the VG-87 Lantz daughter Deena. AI-studs have been finding their way to the herd in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, attracted by DeeDee's granddam Dovie, whose Addison son Dyson was promoted to proven bull status at ABS Global. Many will follow yet, since DeeDee and her many offspring (which are also performing really well in other herds) are heavily contracted. And this is no surprise with so much milk and functionality!



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