

The P-level may be the most important guide on the pedigree when evaluating Jersey heifers' genetic merit. The P-level is a percentile ranking of the Parent Average (PA) Jersey Production Index™ (JPI), displayed as P0 through P9. When PA JPI is not available, percentile rankings are based on PA Protein.

The P-level indicates how one heifer ranks compared to all other Registered Jersey™ heifers born in the same year. To interpret, insert the P-level in the blank in the following statement: "This heifer has a higher PA JPI than ___0 percent of the registered Jersey heifers born in the same year." Example: A P8 heifer born in 2020 has a higher PA JPI than 80 percent of the Registered Jersey heifers born in 2020.

The tables show means and minimum values for percentile ranking levels based on Parent Average JPI for the birth years 2017 to 2021 and projected for 2022 and 2023; and also for PA Protein for 2017 to 2021, with projections for 2022 and 2023.

Type	Year	Mean	P0	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
JPI	2017	10	< -41	-41	-11	2	12	19	26	34	43	55
JPI	2018	16	< -39	-39	-7	7	17	25	33	40	49	60
JPI	2019	25	< -31	-31	1	15	25	34	42	51	60	72
JPI	2020	45	< -13	-13	22	38	49	57	64	72	80	92
JPI	2021	55	< -8	-8	35	52	61	68	75	82	90	103
JPI	2022*	66	< 1	1	44	62	72	80	87	94	102	115
JPI	2023*	78	< 10	10	56	75	85	93	100	107	114	128

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PRO	2017	4	< -22	-22	-8	-1	4	8	11	15	20	25
PRO	2018	4	< -22	-22	-7	-1	4	8	12	16	21	27
PRO	2019	6	< -20	-20	-5	1	6	10	14	18	23	29
PRO	2020	13	< -13	-13	2	9	14	18	22	26	29	34
PRO	2021	16	< -12	-12	6	13	18	22	25	28	32	37
PRO	2022*	19	< -9	-9	9	16	21	25	28	31	35	40
PRO	2023*	22	< -6	-6	12	19	24	28	32	35	38	43

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