

Heart OF THE Herd



1. Jamie (l) and Mike Risebrough with 2022 Heart of Herd winner, Maplebrough Ashlar Rhoda EX-92-9E 1*.



2. Rhoda surrounded by her biggest fans, Jamie's daughters, Alexa, Lauren and Elaina. PHOTOS BY HOLLY MCFARLANE.

MAPLEBROUGH ASHLAR

RHODA

EX-92-9E 1*

- 11 LACTATIONS AT 13 YRS. OLD
- 162,604 KGS. LIFETIME MILK
- LIFETIME BCA 280 249 274
- MAMMARY: 93; DAIRY STRENGTH: 93; FEET & LEGS: 92; RUMP: 88

Currently in her 14th year, this star brood cow has captured many hearts with her high production and ability to breed back easily. Rhoda is a herd favourite at Maplebrough and it's no wonder, with her gentle demeanor and problem-free calvings and lactations. Rhoda hit EX-90 status in February 2014 while in her 3rd lactation and won a Superior Production Award in 2018. She was Ontario County's Heart of the Herd Winner in 2021, and the overall provincial Heart of the Herd Winner in 2022. Congratulations to everyone at Maplebrough Holsteins!

Rhoda is still going strong in her 11th lactation and living "the good life" at Maplebrough, in a deeply bedded straw box-stall, according to her owners.

"For all she's done for us over the years, it's the least we could do for her."

- MAPLEBROUGH FARM

Maplebrough Farms is operated by Mike and Jamie Risebrough, who make up the 5th and 6th generation on the farm. The Uxbridge-area farm was started by Mike's great-grandfather and registered with Holstein Canada in 1951. Today, the family milks 41 cows and crop 250 acres of hay, corn, soybeans and wheat.

The Risebroughs received a Master Breeder Shield in 2019 and are very proud of their families deep-rooted tradition of farming.

THE HEART OF THE HERD COMPETITION WAS RE-LAUNCHED IN 2018 TO CELEBRATE LONGEVITY AND STRENGTH IN THE BREED, AS WELL AS PRODUCTION. THIS COMPETITION RECOGNIZES THOSE ANIMALS THAT PRODUCE YEAR-AFTER-YEAR, BREEDING BACK WITH EASE, HITTING EXTREME LACTATION NUMBERS AND RACKING UP MULTIPLE EXCELLENT SCORES. IN 2022, A TOTAL OF 6,051 ANIMALS QUALIFIED FOR THE COMPETITION.

BREAKDOWN OF COMPETITION

All animals Bred & Owned by an Ontario Member are eligible, no entry required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Animals meeting the below minimum requirements are assigned points as per the formula, with the top number of points awarded being declared the winner.

1. Must be classified 85 or higher.
2. Must have produced at least 60,000kg lifetime.
3. Must be alive in the year of competition (determined by lactations and/or calvings occurring in the year in question).

FORMULA:

- Classification: 5 points awarded for scoring 85, with 1 point added for every point above 85, and 1 point added for every ME.
- Longtime Production: 6 points awarded to a cow that has 60,000kg, one extra point awarded for every 10,000kg over 60,000kg.
- Lactations: awarded 1 point per lactation.
- Superior Lactations & Progeny: awarded 1 point per superior lactation and 1 point for every son/daughter that has scored VG/EX, to a combined cap of 10 points.
- All-Ontario: 1 point for every All-Ontario nomination in milking form.

Tie-Breaker: Most kgs. Lifetime Butterfat.

2022 WINNERS BY DISTRICT & COUNTY

WEST

COUNTY	ANIMAL & OWNER
BRUCE	STARBRITE GOLDWYN DANYA EX-92-7E Starbrite Holsteins
ELGIN	NARWOOD DEMOLISH SPARKY EX-91-7E Don & Diane Catt
ESSEX-KENT	RCAT LIMELIGHT AGRIS EX-90-2E Ridgetown College Of Agricultural Tech
HURON	BREEZY OUTSIDE 811V EX-90-6E Haag Farms Inc.
LAMBTON	BRUSHDALE BARCREST VISTA EX-90-5E 3* W.S. Brush, Mike & Becky Barnes
MIDDLESEX	CAVANALECK GOLDWYN BAZOOKA EX-91-7E 1* Cavanaleck Farms Ltd.
OXFORD	HAZELCREST JASPER LULU ALEXIA EX-92-9E Hazelcrest Holsteins
PERTH	SQUIBBLAND RITA WINDBROOK EX-92-4E 4* K. Dean & Debbie Squibb

WEST-CENTRAL

COUNTY	ANIMAL & OWNER
BRANT-WENTWORTH	SUMMITHOLM DESPATIE NIKITA EX-91-4E 3* Joe Loewith & Sons Ltd.
DUFFERIN	KENTVILLE BRAXTON GIGGLES EX-91-5E Kentville Holsteins
GREY	BENCREST GOLDWYN JOSIE EX-92-5E 4* Fred & Marian Hopkins
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK	RICHVALE JETT AIR PRETTY EX-92-4E 3* Richvale Holsteins
HALTON-PEEL	CHRISLAND GOLDWYN DAYLIGHT EX-91-6E Chrisland Holsteins
NIAGARA	ABBYLAYNE GOLDWYN NADINE EX-91-5E Albert Fledderus
WATERLOO	BOSDALE FEVER LIBERTY B EX-92-4E 2* Bosdale Farms Inc. & John Hunyday
WELLINGTON	CNOSSEN LAUTHORITY KARINA 625 EX-90-6E 1* Cnossen Holsteins

EAST-CENTRAL

COUNTY	ANIMAL & OWNER
DURHAM	ALTONA LEA STEADY AMEN EX-93-4E Frank Barkey & Family
HASTINGS	RICHLAND CIRCUIT RICHMOND EX-91-5E Richland Holsteins
LENNOX-ADDINGTON	SELBYVALE GOLDWYN LYNELLE EX-90-4E Selbyvale Holsteins
NIPPISSING-SUSBURY	BLUEBERRY WINDBROOK DUTCHESS EX-92-4E Blueberry Holsteins
NORTHUMBERLAND	MILVALEA SID ESKIMO EX-92-6E 1* Milvalea Holsteins
ONTARIO	DAPPLEDALE M L BETTY EX-90-9E 2* Dappledale Holsteins
PETERBOROUGH	EMBRDALE CHANEL FEVER EX-93-5E Embrdale Farm
PRINCE EDWARD	GORELAND SABRETOOTH TOYOTA VG-85 1* Goreland Farms
SIMCOE	CENTERFLOS SHOTTLE MIRACLE EX-90-5E 4* Centerflos Holsteins
TIMISKAMING-COCHRANE	LORNEVA SPIRIT PAM EX-90-4E Freedom Farms Inc.
THUNDER BAY	CHRISHAR DEMPSEY SELMA EX-92-6E Chrishar Farms
VICTORIA	MILLEN LAVAMAN CAROLINE EX-90-6E 3* Millen Farms
YORK	DANDYLAND GOLDWYN HANNA EX-90-8E 1* Dandyland Farm

EAST

COUNTY	ANIMAL & OWNER
CARLETON-RUSSELL	VELTHUIS SG SUPER ARCTIC EX-92-6E 1* Velthuis Farms Ltd.
DUNDAS	HARTHAVEN K B NICHE STANLEYCUP EX-96-4E 1* Harthaven Farms Inc.
FRONTENAC	SUNREST JUNGLE FEVER EX-90-4E 3* Sunrest Farm
GLENGARRY	SILVEROAK LUCKY STAR CHANT EX-93-8E Silveroak Farm Ltd.
LANARK	ELM CREFT WINDBROOK MAUDE EX-91-6E 2* Elm Creft Farm Inc.
LEEDS-GRENVILLE	HILL VIEW SHOTTLE PARADISE EX-93-8E 4* Dwyer Farms Ltd.
PRESCOTT	YORELLEA FEVER KISS EX-91-6E 6* Yorellea Farms
RENFREW	GOULDHAVEN ALCHEMY LORRAINE EX-90-4E 4* Gouldhaven Farms
STORMONT	REDLODGE SHOTTLE JIMMI EX-90-7E 2* Redlodge Farms Inc.