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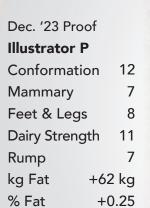
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"TIMING IS EVERYTHING"

Every 9 years Ontario co-sponsors the rose garland which is presented to and placed upon the shoulder of the grand champion cow of the National Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. 2023 was that year!

The Royal, along with so much of life, was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. It was so great to see things starting to get back up and running in 2022, but 2023 truly brought a feeling of normalcy along with it. Everything started to flow as it did before the world had turtled into a disease avoiding state.

Being the president of Holstein Ontario in 2023 was an immense honour. It also became a true testament to the mantra "timing is everything." In the words of Yogi Berra, "You don't have to swing hard to hit a home run. If you got the timing, it'll go."

Placing the rose garland upon one of the greatest cows of this generation was certainly a presidential highlight. Shakira is a wonder to behold with capacity to spare, an unbelievable udder, and feet & legs that will undoubtedly veil her age for years to come.

For the organization and members of Holstein Ontario, 2023 will categorically be a year to be remembered for its swing back into the realm of events that bring us together as a Holstein community. Farm tours, twilight meetings, shows and youth programs were back in full swing, and we, as a Holstein community, were able to learn, meet new people and rekindle old acquaintances and friendships.

2023 also brought anticipation of new beginnings. New programs and excitement are on the horizon. From the revamping of the Jr All Ontario program to the brainstorming of the many possibilities to breathe new life and opportunity into our Holstein Community.

Here's to 2024!

Sincerely,

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! As we kick off 2024, I wanted to reflect on the incredible journey that working with Holstein Ontario has been. From farm tours, to my first Royal Agricultural Winter Fair experience, I have acquired a hefty amount of knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of the Holstein breed in the last three months.

Creating this Winter edition of The Link, our largest issue of the year, has been an absolute delight. Throughout the process of getting this issue ready, I have been provided with expertise and guidance from a multitude of individuals in the industry. I want to express my gratitude to the team who has had my back every step of the way.

This issue has so much to offer. You will find some captivating and informative feature stories, highlights, events, results from The Royal, All-Ontario's, and so much more. I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as I do.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue this journey with all of you. I hope to provide you with even more engaging issues throughout the year and carry on with fostering a space where we can share knowledge, experiences, and stories through The Link.

Wishing you and your family a prosperous and successful 2024!

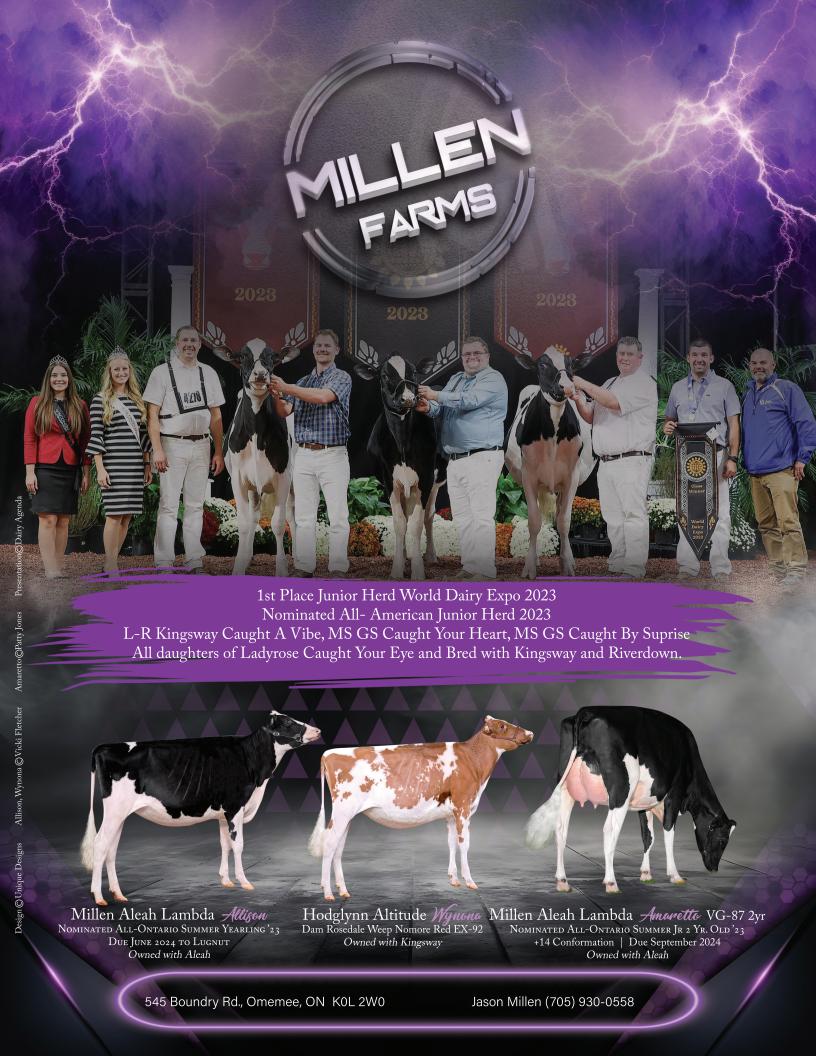
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 $East Gen\ hosted\ an\ event\ on\ November\ 21st, 2023\ to\ celebrate\ the\ legacy\ of\ the\ late\ Dr.\ Tim\ Henshaw,\ raising\ more\ than\ \$30,000$ to be divided equally between 4-H Ontario, Farm & Food Care Ontario, and the Elmvale & District Food Bank. A crowd of friends, family and former colleagues and customers gathered for the "Feeding the Human Spirit - Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Tim Henshaw" event at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ont. A skilled veterinarian, educator and communicator, Dr. Henshaw was highly respected for his integrity and widely known in the agricultural industry and beyond as a leader, mentor, and someone who inspired youth to challenge themselves. He was highly supportive of people throughout his community and recognized for his giving of self and generosity of spirit.

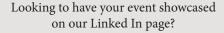




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Congratulations to Michael Lupton of Up-Ridge Holsteins for winning the Mike McGrisken Award. This award is presented annually to an individual with a passion for showing cattle, a developer of elite dairy cattle, and a supporter of other farmers and the Autumn Opportunity Show.

Congratulations Michael!



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WELCOME BABY JACK!

Welcome Jack Bruce MacLeod! Jack was born November 14, 2023, weighing 7lb 14 oz. He is the second child of Kyle and Becca MacLeod. Kyle is currently on the Holstein Ontario Board of Directors, and serves as the Vice-President.

Congratulations Kyle and Becca, and welcome to the world Jack! PHOTO SUBMITTED.



FOR THE EVERYDAY LOVE OF THE INDUSTRY

Congratulations to Rob Heffernan of Dalkeith, ON, who was named the 2023 Winner of the Andrea Crowe Award. This award is given at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair during the National Holstein Show to an indivudual that represents the ability to inspire others through positive attitude and industry involvement, fosters industry knowledge and interest in youth, as well as good sportsmanship. PHOTO BY ELLA WRIGHT.



EO/WQ CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

October 12, 2023 • 181 head • Judge - Stephanie Warner, Hastings, ON

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:

- Grand Champion was Lochdale GC Bonnie, owned by Lochdale Holsteins of Alexandria. Reserve went to Higherransome Naomi, owned by Signature Holsteins and Todd Edwards of Morrisburg.
- Winright Doorman Elmo, owned by Brian Joseph Enright, Frank and Diane Borba, and Jaquemet Holsteins won Intermediate champion; reserve went to Hendercroft Unix Fuzzy, owned by Herbert Henderson of Ashton.
- Junior Champion was Glenholme Master Matrix, owned by Glennholme Holsteins, Kingsway Farms, and Millen Farms of Carp. Reserve Junior Champion was Winright SL Sidekick Jade, owned by Sunnylodge Farms Inc. and Brian Joseph Enright.
- Herbert Henderson of Ashton won both Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder.

CLASS	WINNER	OWNER
Summer Heifer, B&O	Delcreek Lil Spanish Fling	Delcreek Holsteins
Spring Heifer, B&O	Kirklea Master Butterfly	Kirklea Holsteins
Winter Heifer, B&O	Winright SL Sidekick Jade	Brian J. Enright & Sunny- lodge
Fall Heifer, B&O	Glennholme Master Matrix	Glennholme Holsteins, Kingsway & Millen
Summer Yrling, B&O	Sunnylodge Diamondback Kinsley	Raymond J. Smygwaty, Sunnylodge & Ryan Smygwaty
Spring Yrling, B&O	Kirklea K Burgundy Barrel	Kirklea & Verena
Winter Yrling, B&O	Cherry Crest Vanvleet	Cherry Crest Holsteins
Fall Yearling, B&O	Harvestacre Hillrise Space Jam	Hillrise, Andrew & Joel McOuat
Winter Yearling in Milk	Smygwatys Dot's Dawn	Breeze Hill & Raymond J. Smygwaty
Fall Yearling in Milk, B&O, BU	Lilyking R Lambda Jazlyn	Lilikying Farm & Ripplebrook Farm
Summer 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Hendercroft Jube Jube	Herbert Henderson
Spring 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Smygwatys Chief Blue Cheese	Heritage GRD Holsteins & Raymond J. Smygwaty
Winter 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Winright Doorman Elmo	Brian J. Enright, Frank and Diane Borba, Jacquemet
Fall 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Signature A Arlo	Liberty Genetics & Signature Holsteins
Jr. 3-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Hendercroft Unix Fuzzy	Herbert Henderson
Sr. 3-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Glennholme Unix Jazira	Glennholme Holsteins
4-Yr-Old, BU	Higherransom Naomi 10014	Signature & Todd Edwards
5-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Lochdale GC Bonnie	Lochdale Holsteins
Mature Cow, B&O, BU	Lolisee Goldchip Ratou	Ferme Lolisee
70,000 kg, B&O, BU	Hendercroft Gold Chip Gumdrop	Herbert Henderson



















PHOTOS: 1. Grand Champion – Lochdale GC Bonnie owned by Lochdale Holsteins, Alexandria, ON, 2. HM Junior Champion Kirklea K Burgundy Barrel, 1st spring yearling, owned by Kirklea Holsteins & Verena Farms, Alexandria, ON, 3. 1st Place Winter 2-Year-Old, Best Udder and Best Bred & Owned - Winright Doorman Elmo, 4. Intermediate Champion Lineup (from left to right); Int. Champion Winright Doorman Elmo, Reserve Int. Champion Hendercroft Unix Fuzzy and HM Int. Champion Smygwatys Chief Blue Cheese, 5. Junior Champion Glennholme Master Matrix, 6. Chad Henderson (left), Kyle Rivington (middle) and Herbert Henderson (right) celebrate Premier Breeder & Exhibitor, 7. 1st Place Junior Herd won by Kirklea Holsteins, 8. Winning Summer heifer Delcreek Lil Spanish Fling, 9. 1st Place Jr. 3-Year-Old, Best Udder and Brest Bred & Owned; Hendercroft Unix Fuzzy. PHOTO 3 BY CLAIRE SWALE; ALL OTHER PHOTOS BY LYNDSAY BERRY PHOTOGRAPHY.

AUTUMN OPPORTUNITY SHOW

October 18, 2023 • 201 head • Judge - Mike Duckett, Rudolph, WI

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:

- Grand Champion was Glen Islay Sennet Torance, owned by Clarkvalley Holsteins of Woodville. Reserve went to Erbcrest Doc Marilou, owned by Erbcrest Farm and Quality Holsteins of Milverton. Honourable Mention went to Birkentree Sidekick Ellissia, owned by Hodglynn Holsteins and Little Star Holsteins of Kincardine.
- Intermediate Champion was Birkentree Sidekick Ellissia, owned by Hodglynn Holsteins and Little Star Holsteins of Kincardine; Reserve was Sunspark Chief Snuggles, owned by Beckholm Holsteins and Hodglynn Holsteins of Sunderland.
- JM Valley Lambda Celine, owned by Clarkvalley Holsteins and Dalton J. Faris of Woodville, was Junior Champion; Reserve went to Loa-De-Mede Barolo Joan, owned by Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd. of Oshawa.
- The show's Premier Exhibitor was Up-Ridge Holsteins, of Embro; Premier Breeder was Quality Holsteins of Vaughan.

CLASS	WINNER	OWNER
Summer Heifer, B&O	Mile View G W Article	Brian J. Enright & John E, Smith
Spring Heifer	Vale-O-Skene Crushabull Glimmer	Beckridge, Quality & Breamont
Winter Heifer	Gildale Best Heritage	Royal Lynn Holsteins
Fall Heifer	Loa-De-Mede Master Bell	Jim Butler
Summer Yearling	JM Valley Lambda Celine	Clarkvalley Holsteins & Dalton J. Faris
Spring Yearling, B&O	Quality Master Macy	Beckridge, Quality & Agriber Societa Agricola Srl
Winter Yearling B&O	Loa-De-Mede Barolo Joan	Loa-De-Mede Farms
Fall Yearling in Milk, B&O	Maplekeys Master Cherish	Maplekeys Farms
Summer Jr. 2-Yr- Old, B&O, BU	Quality Las Vegas Gypsy	Quality Holsteins
Spring 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Bridgeview Alleyoop Koe	Bridgeview Farms
Winter 2-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Up-Ridge Alleyoop Freezie	Up-Ridge Holsteins
Fall 2-Yr-Old, BU	Sunspark Chief Snuggles	Beckholm & Hodglynn
Jr 3-Yr-Old, BU	Birkentree Sidekick Ellissia	Hodglynn & Little Star
Sr 3-Yr-Old, BU	Sharmaple Unix Splash	Breamont & Marthaven
4-Yr-Old, B&O, BU	Erbcrest Doc Marilou	Erbcrest Farm & Quality Holsteins
5-Yr-Old, BU	Aija Avalanche Kala	Beckridge, Quality & Agriber Societa Agricola Srl
Mature Cow,	Glen Islay Sennet Torance	Clarkvalley Holsteins & Adam Clarke

Adam Clarke

















PHOTOS: 1. Champion Lineup (left to right); Grand Champion - Glen Islay Sennet Torance, Reserve Grand Champion - Erbcrest Doc Marilou and HM Grand Champion - Birkentree Sidekick Ellissia, 2. Judge Devin O'Hara Selected Heidi McFadden (1st Intermediate) as his Champion Showperson, 3. (left) 1st Place Spring Heifer Vale-O-Skene Crushabull Glimmer, and (right) 2nd Place - Loa-De-Mede Crushtime Poised, 4. Premier Breeder - Quality Holsteins, 5. Delcreek Fatal Destruction, Holywell Holsteins, Grand Valley, ON, 6. Fall Yearling in Milk class winner - Maplekeys Master Cherish, 7. (left) 2nd Place Summer Yearling - Knonaudale Coconutpie and (right) Summer Yearling winner JM Valley Lambda Celine, 8. Intermediate Champions (from left to right); Int. Champion - Birkentree Sidekick Ellissia; Res. Int. Champion - Sunspark Chief Snuggles and HM Int. Champion Quality Las Vegas Gypsy. PHOTOS BY LYNDSAY BERRY PHOTOGRAPHY.

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Summer Heifer

Spring Heifer

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99	LOA-DE-MEDE CRUSHTIME POISEI
43	VALE-O-SKENE CRUSHABUL GLIM
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17	KARNVIEW CHIEF ABBRA
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Summer Yearling

Spring Yearling

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52	VALE-O-SKENE PARADISE HAWAII
16	MILLEN SOLOMON KENZIE

Junior Breeder's Herd

96	LOA-DE-MEDE
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Winter Yearling In Milk WINRIGHT

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Fall Yearling in Milk

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31	NANDALE CHIEF KAMELLA
27	LILYKING R LAMBDA JAZLYN
17	MAPLEKEYS MASTER CHERISH

Summer 2-Year-Old

Spring 2-Year-Old

105	HENDERCROFT CHIEF SPHYNX
73	BRIDGEVIEW ALLEYOOP KOE
44	BECKHOLM DB LAINEY
37	SMYGWATYS CHIEF BLUE CHEESE
20	PETITCLERC ALLIGATOR BULLE
16	MAPLEKEYS MASTER MARIGOLD

Winter 2-Year-Old

108	JENDRO DELTA LAMBDA SANDY
64	KINGSWAY LAMBDA ASTON
20	UP-RIDGE ALLEYOOP FREEZIE
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Fall 2-Year-Old

200	SUNSPARK CHIEF SNUGGLE
64	BESLEA UNIX CARRERA
26	LOA-DE-MEDE CHIEF BRIARY

Junior 3-Year-Old

108	BIRKENTREE SIDEKICK ELLISSIA
22	ROYALWATER PARKAVENUE DAWN
21	VALE-O-SKENE SIDEKICK BROOKE
43	TOLAMIKA DIAMONDBACK BLAIN
28	HENDERCROFT UNIX FUZZY
13	RADOMERE SIDEKICK JOYFUL

Senior 3-Year-Old

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5-Year-Old

108	HUFFMANDALE UNIX MAPLESUGAR
26	LIDDLEHOLMETKELAH
46	AIJA AVALANCHE KALA
42	GENDARRA JACOBY HALO
22	QUALITY SOLOMON FROTASTIC
17	LOCHDALE GC BONNIE

SUNNYLODGE DIAMONDBACK KINSLEY

MAPLEVUEW CRUSHABULL MCMUFFIN

KNONAUDALE COCONUTPIE

KARNVIEW DENVER ASPEN

KARNVIEW LAMBDA AUBURN

UP-RIDGE REVERE DEE DEE

Mature Cow

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108	GLEN ISLAY SENNET TORANCE
72	ERROLEA AVALANCHE BRAZIL
46	GENDARRA DEMPSEY HOPSCOTCH
37	HICKLEE ARMANI ARIEL
22	BRIDGEVIEW SENNET MUFFIN

4-H Spring Yearling

HENDERCROFT WINBROK GUMMYBEAR GLENBERT DUALANE DOORMN SKYLAR

ongtime Production Cow

HENDERCROFT GOLD CHIP GUMDROP

SWEETVIEW AVALANCHE MITSOU

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Breeder's Herd

GENDARRA WINRIGHT

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88	DUHIBOU HANIKO FÉLICITA
65	KIRKLEA UNSTOP TOOTSIE ROLL
47	MARFLOACRES MOMENT KIT KAT
47	UP-RIDGE ANALYST MAGNIFICENT
30	KINGSWAY EM T-STORM TAHITI
23	CO-VISTA DOORMAN LAYLA 3369

Red & White Heifer

102	102 CLARKVALLEY WARRIOR LUCKY RUSE
52	RALANES SAGER ALTITUDE ALASKA
48	WESTCOAST ILLUSTRATOR SHADOW
32	KARNVIEW WARRIOR KATALINA-RED

Red & White Yearling (Non-Milking)

32 STOLHAVEN JRD ALAINA-RED-ET
10 ROBDOT WL WARRIOR SATIN ET

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FARROW WARRIOR HOCUS POCUS

MAIFIELD UNIX MISSUS

4-H Winter Heifer

WINRIGHT LAMBDA ELLEN

KARNVIEW CHIEF ABBRA

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4-H Spring Heifer

Red & White Junior Cow

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Reserve AU-Ontario Summer Heifer

All-Ontario Summer Heifer



KARNVIEW ALLIGATOR ABLURR Owner: Ronald Grandy

All-Ontario Spring Heifer





Owners: Jacquemet Holsteins, Riverdown Holsteins (Current Owners: Big Guns Cattle Co & Triple-T Holsteins)



LEACHFIELD TSTORM JIGGLES



LOA-DE-MEDE CRUSHTIME POISED Owner: Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd.

RIVERDOWN ALT THAT'S TIME OUT Owner: Riverdown Holsteins

KARNVIEW CHIEF ABBRA

Owner: Karnview Farms Inc.

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Honourable Mention

Owners: Andrew and Joel McOuat, Barclay and **GENDARRA MILLY HARP** Keaton Phoenix

Nominees

Owner: Clarkvalley Holsteins & Diamond Hill Farms **WINRIGHT JAGER ERA**

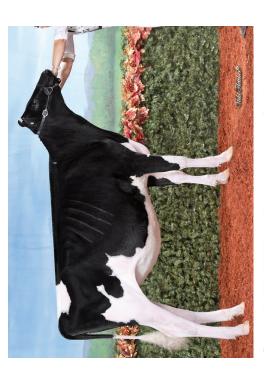
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KINGSWAY SIDEKICK TRIGGER Owner: Kingsway Farm

AU-Ontario Winter Heifer

Reserve All-Ontario Winter Heifer



CAL-DENIER-I DL ALEXUS-ET Owner: Velthuis Farms Ltd.



WINRIGHT SL SIDEKICK JADE Owners: Brian Joseph Enright & Sunnylodge Farms Inc.

All-Ontario Fall Heifer



KIRKLEA MASTER BUGATT Owner: Kirklea Holsteins

Reserve All-Ontario Fall Heifer



GLENNHOLME MASTER MATRIX Owner: Glennholme Holsteins

Honourable Mention

KENTVILLE RESPECT ROWBOW Owners: Barday Phoenix, Jaelynn Phoenix & Kentville Holsteins

Nominees

MS TANG ALLIGATR A TRICK-ET Owners: Beckridge Holsteins, Quality Holsteins & Velthuis Farms Ltd.

GILDALE BEST HERITAGE Owner: Royal Lynn Holsteins

KARNVIEW ATHOLME MASTER

Owners: Karnview Farms Inc. & Megan Atkinson

Honourable Mention

LOA-DE-MEDE WH MASTER BLISS Owners: Loa-De-Mede Farms & Werrhurst

Nominees

Owners: Clarkvalley Holsteins & Peter Leach HOLZER WARRIOR DIXIE

FARROW PERENNIAL ADRENALINE Owner: Far-Row Holsteins

WEEKSDALE LEGEND

Owners: Brian Joseph Enright, Jacquemet Holsteins & Velthuis Farms Ltd. RECHARGE

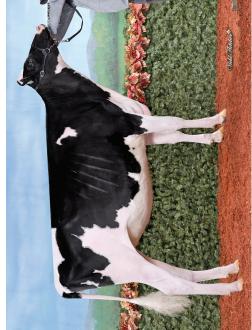
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All-Ontario Summer Yearling



MAGOLAIT LAMBDA ROSEY Owners: Clarkvalley Holsteins, Pierre Boulet & Ronald Grandy

Reserve All-Ontario Summer Yearling



JM VALLEY LAMBDA CELINE Owners: Clarkvalley Holsteins & Dalton J. Faris

Honourable Mention

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Oscar and Eric Dupasquier & Quality Holsteins Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins, Florbil Farms Ltd.,

Nominees

KARNVIEW DENVER ASPEN Owner: Karnview Farms Inc.

Owners: Brian Joseph Enright & Lucky Hill Dairy WINRIGHT ALTITUDE ECSTACY

MILLEN ALEAH LAMBDA ALLISON Owners: Aleah Farms Ltd. & Millen Farms

All-Ontario Spring Yearling



KINGSWAY CAUGHT A VIBE Owners: Kingsway Farms & Velthuis Farms Ltd.

Reserve All-Ontario Spring Yearling

KARNVIEW DC UNSTOP ARIZONA Owner: Ronald Grandy

Honourable Mention

KIRKLEA DENVER BEANIE BABY Owner: Kirklea Holsteins

Nominees



QUALITY MASTER MACY
Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRI, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins

Owners: Brian Joseph Enright & Eddie and Mandi Bue **DREAMWAY-GENX MASTER ABBY LOA-DE-MEDE LAMBDA DIXIE** Owners: Keaton Phoenix & Stanhow Holsteins

AU-Ontario Winter Yearling

Reserve AU-Ontario Winter Yearling



KARNVIEW DOORMAN AMAZON Owner: Karnview Farms Inc.



MAIFIELD WARRIOR ENA
Owners: Almet Farms Ltd. & Matthew Forestell (Current Owner: Jeremiah
Lingwitz)

Honourable Mention

LOA-DE-MEDE BAROLO JOAN Owner: Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd.

Nominees

QUALITY SIDEKICK LILYPAD Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins, Florbil Farms Ltd., Oscar and Eric Dupasquier & Quality Holsteins

VALE-O-SKENE PARADISE HAWAII Owners: Vale-O-Skene Holsteins & Ryan Corrigan

MILLEN SOLOMON KENZIE Owners: Kingsway Farms & Millen Farms

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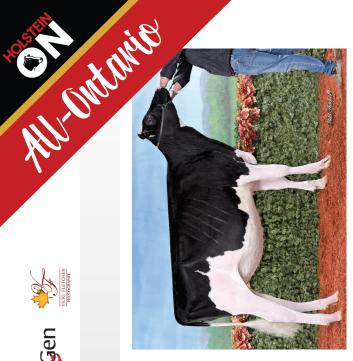




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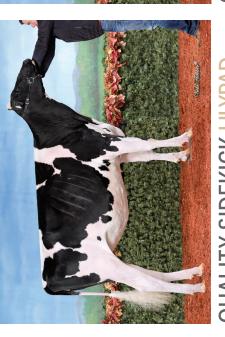
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Reserve AU-Ontario Junior Breeders Herd - Quality Holsteins



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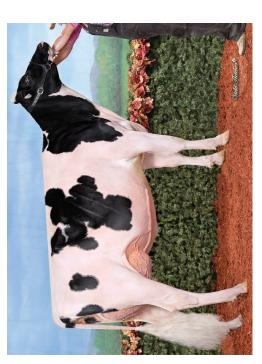
QUALITY CRUSHABULL LYLIE

Honourable Mention: KINGSWAY HOLSTEINS

Nominees: KARNVIEW, RIVERDOWN, WINRIGHT

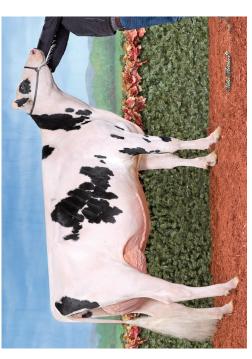
AU-Ontario Winter Yearling in Milk

Reserve All-Ontario Winter Yearling in Milk



OLORTINE AVENGER DESIGN
Owner: Breamont Holsteins (Current Owners: Pierre Boulet & R&F Livestock Inc.)

All-Ontario Fall Gearling in Milk



Honourable Mention

LOA-DE-MEDE BAROLO MITZY Owners: Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd., Ferme Blondin, J P Proulx & Fairbanks Cattle Co.

Nominees

EMBRDALE LAUREN CHIEF Owner: Embrdale Farm

SMYGWATYS DOT'S DAWN Owners: Raymond J. Smygwaty





BLONDIN STARS ALICE Owners: Hodglynn Holsteins & Little Star Holsteins



MILKWORTH KD ADELINE Owners: Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins

Honourable Mention

HARRCROFT CRUSHABULL GLIMPSE Owner: Kingsway Farms

Nominees

Owners: Delcreek Holsteins, Kingsway Farm NANDALE CHIEF KAMELLA

& Raymond J. Smygwaty

LILYKING R LAMBDA JAZLYN Owners: Bonnechere Holsteins, Lilyking Farm & Ripplebrook Farm

MAPLEKEYS MASTER

Owner: Maplekeys Farms

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Reserve All-Ontario Summer 2-Year-Old



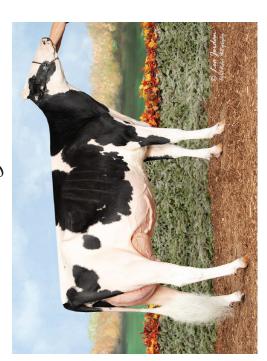




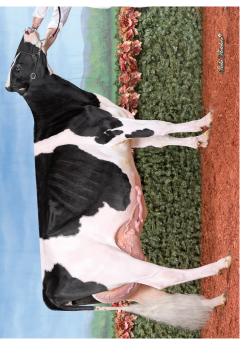
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Honourable Mention

All-Ontario Summer 2-Year-Old



BUCKMEADOW US MADELYN Owner: Ronald Grandy



HENDERCROFT JUBE JUBE Owner: Herbert Henderson

Reserve All-Ontario Spring 2-Year-Old

WALNUTLAWN CHIEF AUBREY QUALITY LAS VEGAS GYPS Owner: Quality Holsteins Owner: Karnview Farms Inc. Nominees

DAIRY-DOC ALLIGATOR RHONDA Owner: Dairy-Doc Holsteins

Owners: Aleah Farms Ltd. & Millen Farms MILLEN ALEAH LAMBDA AMERETTO

Honourable Mention

BECKHOLM DB LAINEY Owners: Breamont Holsteins

Nominees

SMYGWATYS CHIEF BLUE CHEESE Owner: Heritage GRD Holsteins & Raymond J. Smygwaty

Owners: Armcrest Holsteins & Jerseys, Brian Armstrong PETITCLERC ALLIGATOR BULLE & Select Farm and Export Services Inc.

MAPLEKEYS MASTER MARIGOLD Owner: Maplekeys Farms

AU-Ontario Spring 2-Year-Old

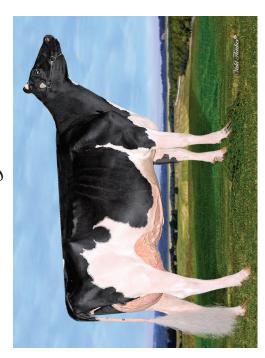


HENDERCROFT CHIEF SPHYNX Owner: Herbert Henderson (Current Owner: Pierre Boulet)



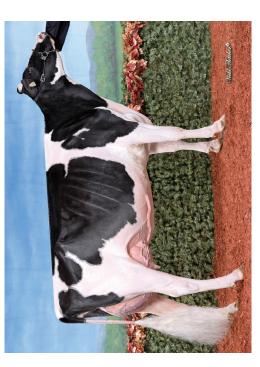
BRIDGEVIEW ALLEYOOP KOE

All-Ontario Winter 2-Year-Old



JENDRO DELTA LAMBDA SANDY Owners: K Doeberiener, L Bowen, Clarkvalley & P Conroy (Current Owners: R&F Livestock & Walker Dairy)

All-Ontario Fall 2-gear-Old



SUNSPARK CHIEF SNUGGLES Owners: Beckholme Holsteins & Hodglynn Holsteins

Reserve AU-Ontario Winter 2-Year-Old



Owners: Brian Joseph Enright, Frank and Dianne Borba

& Jacquemet Holsteins

WINRIGHT DOORMAN ELMO

SHADYWILLO RANDALL CAJUN Owners: Andrew Den Haan & Matthew Forestell

UP-RIDGE ALLEYOOP FREEZIE

Owner: Up-Ridge Holsteins

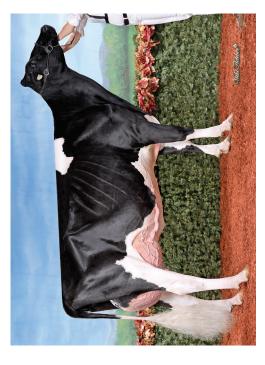
Nominees

Honourable Mention

BUDWEISERS SDKCK BAHAMA-ET Owners: London Dairy Farms & Raymond J. Smygwaty

KINGSWAY LAMBDA ASTON Owners: Kingsway Farm & London Dairy Farms

Reserve All-Ontario Fall 2-year-Old



BESLEA UNIX CARRERA Owner: Beslea Farms Ltd.

Honourable Mention

LOA-DE-MEDE WH CHIEF BRIARY Owner: Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd.





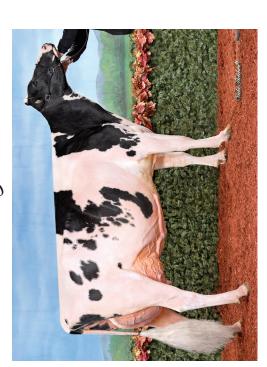




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Reserve All-Ontario Junior 3-Year-Old

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BIRKENTREE SIDEKICK ELLISSIA Owners: Hodglynn Holsteins & Little Star Holsteins

AW-Ontario Semior 3-Year-Old



RADOMERE SIDEKICK JOYFUL Owner: Raymond Klein Gebbinck

HENDERCROFT UNIX FUZZY

Owner: Ronald Grandy

BLAINE

Owner: Herbert Henderson

TOLAMIKA DIAMONDBACK

Nominees

VALE-O-SKENE SIDEKICK

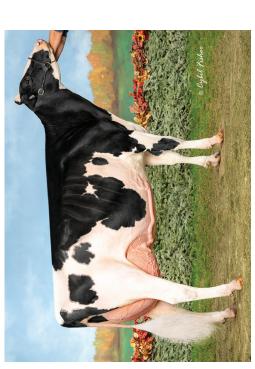
Honourable Mention

Owner: Vale-O-Skene Holsteins

BROOKE

ROYALWATER PARKAVENUE DAWN Owners: Brian Carscadden, Hodglynn Holsteins & Matthew Forestell

Reserve All-Ontario Semior 3-Year-Old



C V F KING DOC SUNSET Owner: Dalton J. Faris



WINRIGHT UNIX TRIXIE Owners: Kingsway Farm & Raymond J. Smygwaty

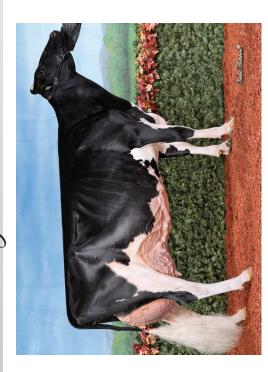
Honourable Mention

STADE CRUSHABULL ENIGMA Owner: Vale-0-Skene Holsteins

Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins RAYPIEN UNIX ADELE Nominees

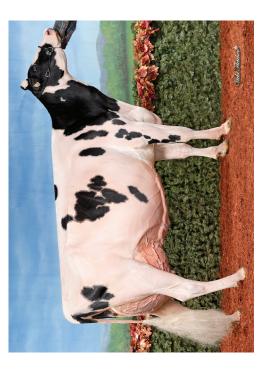
GLENNHOLME UNIX JAZIRA Owner: Glennholme Holsteins Inc. MAPLELEY 1ST GRADE STARLIE Owner: Mapleley Holsteins

All-Ontario 4-gear-Old



ALTONA LEA UNIX HERMINIE Owner: Dalton J. Faris

Reserve All-Ontario 4-gear-Old



ALTONA LEA SIDEKICK JUSTICE Owner: Frank Barkey & Family

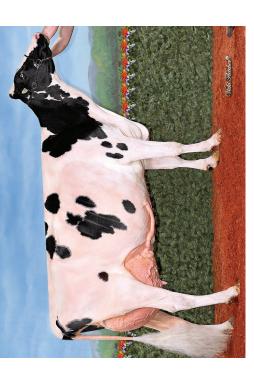
Nominees

ERBCREST DOC MARILOU Owners: Erbcrest Farm & Quality Holsteins

Honourable Mention

RAIVUE SIDEKICK PANDORA Owners: Hodglynn Holsteins & Little Star Holsteins

All-Ontario 5-gear-Old



HUFFMANDALE UNIX MAPLESUGAR Owners: Hodglynn Holsteins, Little Star Holsteins & Matthew Forestell

Reserve All-Ontario 5-year-Old



LIDDLEHOLME TKELAH Owner: Two-To-Tango Farms Inc.

Honourable Mention

Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins **AIJA AVALANCHE KALA**

Nominees

Owners: Gendarra Farm & Prospect Holsteins **GENDARRA JACOBY HALO**

QUALITY SOLOMON FROTASTIC Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL & Quality Holsteins

LOCHDALE GC BONNIE
Owner: Lochdale Holsteins

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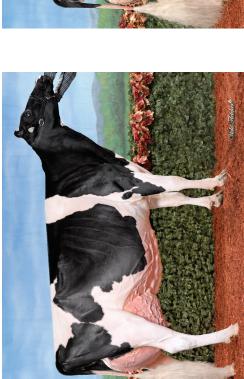






All-Ontario Mature Cow

Reserve AU-Ontario Mature Cow



GLEN ISLAY SENNET TORANCE Owners: Adam Clarke & Clarkvalley Holsteins



ERROLEA AVALANCHE BRAZIL
Owners: Errolea Holsteins & Hodglynn Holsteins

Allandine GENDARRA DEMPSEY Honourable Mention HOPSCOTCH Owner: Gendarra Farm

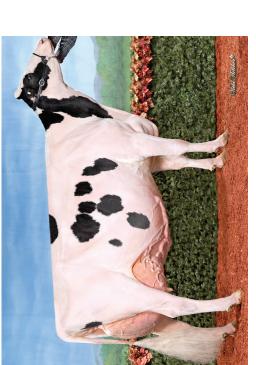
Nominees

Owner: Adrian and Megan Franken & Cameron Hickling HICKLEE ARMANI ARIEL

BRIDGEVIEW SENNET MUFFIN

Owner: Bridgeview Farms

All-Ontavio Longtime Production Cow



HENDERCROFT WINBROK GUMMYBEAR Owners: Herbert Henderson, Matthew Forestell, Kingsway Farm & Trentward Farms

Reserve All-Ontario Longtime Production Cow

SWEETVIEW AVALANCHE MITSOU Owner: Up-Ridge Holsteins

Honourable Mention

HENDERCROFT GOLD CHIP

Nominees



ROCLANE COMMANDER

Owner: Herbert Henderson

GUMDROP

Owner: Two-To-Tango Farms Inc.

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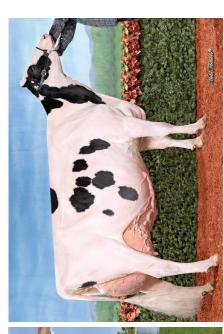
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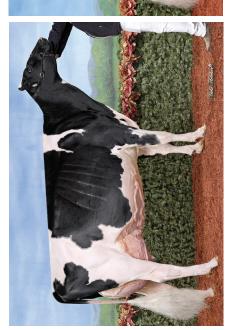


HENDERCROFT CHIEF SPHYNX



HENDERCROFT WINBROK GUMMYBEAR

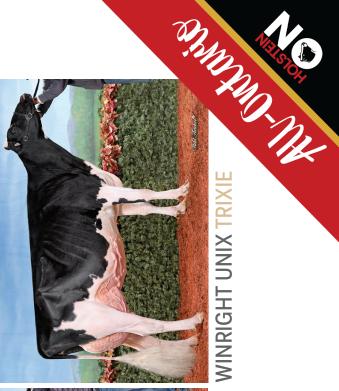
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WINRIGHT SOLOMON ESPRESSO



WINRIGHT DOORMAN ELMO



WINRIGHT UNIX TRIXIE

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All-Ontario 4-71 Spring Heifer

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VINTAGE A2P2 ALEXIS Exhibitor: Janelle Phoenix

All-Ontario 4—74 Winter Heifer



FARROW WARRIOR HOCUS POCUS

Exhibitor: Weston Phoenix

MAIFIELD UNIX MISSUS

Exhibitor: Katelyn Evans

WINRIGHT LAMBDA ELLEN

Nominees

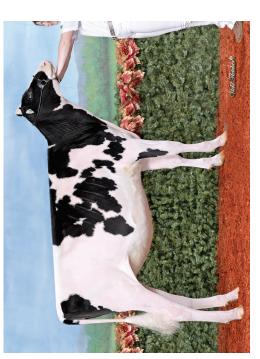
Exhibitor: Ericka Mathers

KARNVIEW CHIEF ABBRA Exhibitor: Gavin Da Silva

Honourable Mention

PETITCLERC LAMBDA ATLAS Exhibitor: Paige Werry

Reserve All-Ontario 4-74 Winter Heifer



WINRIGHT SL SIDEKICK JADE Exhibitor: Taylor Mathers



KENTVILLE RESPECT ROWBOW Exhibitor: Jaelynn Phoenix

Honourable Mention

MS TANG ALLIGATR A TRICK Exhibitor: Lily Beckett

Nominees

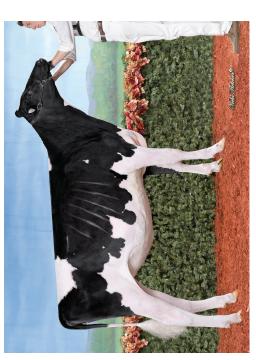
KARNVIEW ATHOLME MASTER Exhibitor: Megan Atkinson DENAL

HODGLYNN ALLIGATOR BARBIE Exhibitor: Hailey Smygwaty

KARNVIEW MASTER MIND Exhibitor: Taylor Buckrell

All Outario 4 71 Fall Heifer

Reserve All-Outario 4-71 Fall Heifer



FARROW PERENNIAL ADRENALINE Exhibitor: TyFinley



KIRKLEA MASTER BUGATT Exhibitor: Brenna MacDonald

Honourable Mention

DANDYLAND UNIX LEILANI Exhibitor: Keaton Phoenix

Nominees

EXTRAMILE CP A WEDDING DANCE Exhibitor: Sydney Cain.

MS KISS FINDME-RED-ET Exhibitor: Grant Barkey DANDYAND MASTER ROWAN Exhibitor: Grace Finch





SUNNYLODGE DIAMONDBACK KINSLEY Exhibitor: Ryan Smygwaty



KARNVIEW DENVER ASPEN Exhibitor: Mitchell Anderson

Honourable Mention

KNONAUDALE COCONUTPIE Exhibitor: Jack Lange

Nominees

MAPLEVUE CRUSHABULL MCMUFFIN Exhibitor: Seth Johnston

UP-RIDGE REVERE DEE DEE Exhibitor: Mark Knill

KARNVIEW LAMBDA AUBURN Exhibitor: Keeton Jones



All-Ontario 4-74 Spring Yearling







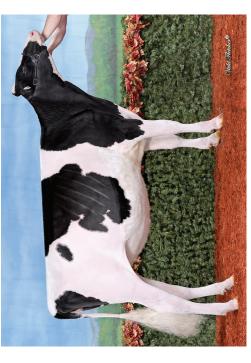




Reserve All-Ontario 4-74 Spring Yearling



DUHIBOU HANIKO FÉLICITA Exhibitor: Connor Velthuis



KIRKLEA UNSTOP TOOTSIE ROLL Exhibitor: Cameron Barkey

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone who entered

this year's competition! We look forward to celebrating your success at our

February AGM in London!

Honourable Mention

Allendarie MARFLOACRES MOMENT

Exhibitor: Sarah Campbell

UP-RIDGE ANALYST MAGNIFICENT Exhibitor: Ethan Bloomfield

KINGSWAY EM T-STORM TAHITI Exhibitor: Euan Bagshaw CO-VISTA DOORMAN LAYLA 3369 Exhibitor: Robert Goodwill



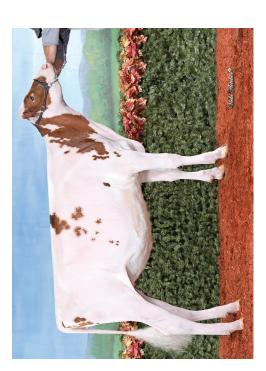






All-Outario Red & White Heifer

Reserve AU-Ontario Red & White Heifer



CLARKVALLEY WARRIOR LUCKY ROSE Owners: Clarkvalley Holsteins & London Dairy Farms



KATALINA-RED

Nominees

RALANES SAGER ALTITUDE ALASKA Owners: Barclay Phoenix, Keaton Phoenix & Ty Finley

AW-Ontario Red & White Yearling



MAIFIELD WARRIOR ENA
Owners: Almet Farms Ltd. & Matthew Forestell (Current Owner: Jeremiah Lungwitz)

Reserve All-Ontario Red & White Yearling



BELMORAL WAR LORDE Owner: Belmoral Farms Ltd.

Honourable Mention

HODGLYNN REVERE POMELA Owner: Clarkvalley Holsteins

HEAVENLY-I WARRIOR RED SATIN Owners: Heavenly Genetics & MB-Luckylady Farm Nominees

SUGAR-C LN ELUDE-RED Owners: Beckridge Holsteins & Patience Holsteins Ltd.

SUNNYLODGE DIAMONDBACK

Owners: Raymond J. Smygwaty, Ryan Smygwaty & Sunnylodge Farms Inc









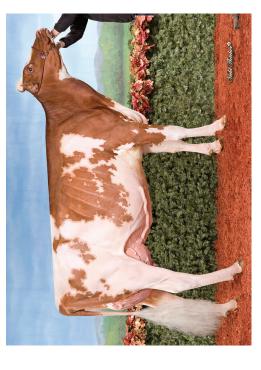
All-Ontario Red & White Gunior Cow

Reserve AU-Ontario Red & White Gunior Cow



DARCROFT JC UNSTOP ALABAMA Owners: Adam Clark & Clarkvalley Holsteins

AU-Ontario Red & White Senior Cow



GOLDEN-OAKS ALEXIS-RED

Honourable Mention

All Cut this **LOOKOUT! AM LIKEABLE** Owner: Up-Ridge Holsteins

Nominees

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Owner: Diamond Hill Farms & Vale-O-Skene Holsteins

Owners: Patience Holsteins Ltd. & Parallel Genetics PATIENCE MIRAND DAFFODII

Owners: North Polled Genetics & Plum Valley Holsteins **MY-PRIDE LUXOR ANNIE**

Owners: Hodglynn Holsteins & Raymond J. Smygwaty

Reserve AU-Ontario Red & White Senior Cow



Honourable Mention

CHUBANA LUCKY DUCK Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL & Quality Holsteins

Nominees

CHANMAR ADONIS MISS-RED Owner: Century Star Holsteins

PATIENCE ACRISP DARE ME Owners: Parallel Genetics & Patience Holsteins Ltd.



AIJA AVALANCHE KALA
Owners: Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins



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Robert & Nancy MacDonald 21015 Laggen Rd., Dalkeith, ON KOB IEO 613-525-3471

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STORY BY BONNIE COOPER

hen you love Holstein cows and want to have your own dairy farm sometimes you have to "think outside the box" to make that dream a reality. That's exactly what Mike Visser of My-Pride Holsteins, Thunder Bay, ON, did. Today, this hard-working and independent 41-year-old has realized his goal of having a farm, a small, but exceptional Holstein herd, and a thriving veal calf operation from which he directly markets meat to consumers.

Visser's story may be unique, but there is no mistaking his enthusiasm for the Holstein business. "I grew up at Owen Sound, ON, in Grey County," says Mike. "I didn't grow up on a farm. My parents weren't farmers, but my grandparents, Bill and Coby Heyns, were and I grew up just down the road from their Holstein dairy farm. As a youngster, I was always trying to get to the barn. I knew most of the cows by name and could often predict when they were going to calve." Mike spent many hours on the farm working alongside his grandparents, and then his uncles, Fred and Rob Heyns, who later took over the operation.

When Mike was 11 he joined 4-H. Many of his 4-H calves came from the family farm. While Mike's grandparents registered and classified, they weren't that interested in genetics. "I was born with a love for cows," states Mike, "but it was my involvement in 4-H that ignited my passion for developing genetics." Mike bought his first Holstein animal when he was 13. "I didn't go on my Grade 8 trip because I had to pay for the trip myself and decided I'd rather spend my money on a heifer for my 4-H project instead," he recalls. Mike completed 30 livestock and life skills clubs while in 4-H and competed at the Gencor Challenge and other regional 4-H shows. His 4-H leaders included Neil Zevenbergen of Sunspark Holsteins, Brian and Shelley O'Neill of O'Neills Holsteins, and Shelley's parents, Ken and Barb Barfoot of Kenarbara Holsteins. They all had a huge influence on Mike and his knowledge and passion of the Holstein industry, as would one of his former employers, Bob Pringle.

Mike went on to graduate from Kemptville Agricultural College in 2002. He returned home to Owen Sound where he worked on the family farm, along with some other area dairy farms. He continued to invest and own some cows of his own, housing those cattle at other people's farms. "I always wanted to dairy farm, but I didn't really see a way to do it by myself," he says. "When my good friend Dorus de Boer passed away from cancer in November 2011, it made me re-evaluate what I was doing and if it was going to get me where I wanted to go. I decided it wasn't."

In July 2012, Mike made a major life change. He moved to Thunder Bay in Northwestern Ontario. Why Thunder Bay? "My initial connection to Thunder Bay came when I was at Kemptville College," he explains. "There were a number of people from there that I had connected with at



school. We had stayed in touch and I had been up for weddings, etc. In fact, I now farm right across the road from my college roommate. After graduating, I also worked for Foundation Sires and used to come up to Thunder Bay to sell semen. When I was looking for a new location, I talked to people here and learned more about the area, particularly in regards to 'direct marketing' because I was thinking about starting a veal business. In 2012, I got a full-time job on a dairy farm at Thunder Bay and rented a nearby farm for my veal business. I did that for three years. Then I bought my own farm in 2015 and went full-time on my own where I could actually work with my own cows day in and day out."

Mike's 30-acre farm has two barns that are used for cattle and hay storage. Except for some casual help when he is gone, Mike does all the work on the farm, plus the marketing of his veal, himself. "My location is phenomenal," he says. "I am central to the farms and businesses that I work with on a regular basis. I am on a main road which is great for direct marketing." My-Pride is currently home to 20 purebred Holsteins and 75 veal calves. Mike typically milks nine cows in his sand bedded tie-stall barn where cows are fed dry hay and a custom dairy ration. Cows are pastured in summer. All of the milk produced on the farm is fed to his veal calves. As he points out, "From a business standpoint, feeding my own milk is very economical because I can produce milk at less than 50% of the cost of milk replacer, plus I get to work with my cows everyday." Mike does no cropping and all of the feed is purchased. He classifies and just started milk recording last summer. In his free-time, he sells semen for Blondin Sires.

Mike started selling meat from his own veal calves in 2013. "The first year I marketed 15 calves. Now I'm marketing over 100 a year," he says proudly. In 2016, his veal business received the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. Mike raises calves for "Red" veal, as opposed to "White" veal where calves are only fed milk. With "Red" veal, calves are fed milk and corn. "My meat is lighter in colour than traditional beef and is more of a rose colour," he explains. "It's a beautiful

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PHOTOS 1. Mike Visser of My-Pride Holsteins holds My-Pride Luxor Annie VG-86-2YR, the young cow from his 'A' family who was HM Grand Champion at the 2023 Thunder Bay Show for him and has since been merchandised and gone on to be nominated for All-Ontario Red & White Junior Cow in 2023, 2. Luxor Annie VG-86-2YR, bred by Mike Visser and now owned by Plum Valley Holsteins and North Polled Genetics, was nominated for All-Ontario Red & White Junior Cow in 2023 and is a Luxor daughter from My-Pride Army Alannah EX-90, 3. This delicious looking veal prime rib is a product of Mike Visser's successful "Red" veal program at My-Pride Holsteins in Northwestern Ontario, 4. Among the outlets where Mike Visser sells his My-Pride veal products is the Country Market, a local farmers' market in Thunder Bay where he can engage with consumers and share his story, 5. This powerful Army daughter, My-Pride Army Alannah EX-90, is a favourite in the My-Pride herd of Mike Visser and in 2023 was Reserve Grand Champion at the Thunder Bay Show, 6. My-Pride Atlantic Kruise EX-93-5E is the foundation female in a three generation, homebred EX line at My-Pride Holsteins being the dam of My-Pride Redliner Kerry EX-91-3E and granddam of My-Pride Mario Kaylene EX-91, 7. Mike Visser shows My-Pride Army Alannah EX-90 to Reserve Grand Champion at the 2023 Thunder Bay Show, 8. Mike Visser has come a long way in his breeding program and indicative of that success is My-Pride Mario Kaylene EX-91, a Mario daughter who completes three generations of homebred EX and was Reserve Grand Champion at the Thunder Bay Show in 2022, 9. My-Pride Power Aide EX-90-3E was Mike Visser's first homebred EX cow, achieving that high score in April 2016. PHOTOS 2 BY VICKI FLETCHER; ALL OTHERS SUBMITTED.

lean meat low in saturated fats. With Red veal you get the same cuts of meat as the traditional beef animal, i.e. roasts, steaks, cutlets, stew meat and hamburger. I have also had a lot of success with 'value-added' products like pepperettes, breakfast sausages and pre-made hamburgers. Having these smoked products has opened a lot of avenues for marketing because more retail stores can carry it easier. An abattoir down the road does all my slaughtering, cutting and wrapping, and a smoke house in town does all my value-added products."

Mike gets bull calves from three main suppliers to limit his exposure to disease. Calves arrive at a few days of age and are butchered at about nine months old. "Typically every month I bring in 8-10 calves and every month the same number leave, it's a constant cycle. You need to source quality calves from quality farms. That is paramount. And it's vital that those calves have been given colostrum at birth," he stresses. "Colostrum management for any calf, male or female, is crucial for a farm's profitability and it begins the moment that calf is born. As a farmer, we are responsible for providing the proper care to all our calves. When you get calves that have no immune system because they weren't fed colostrum it really reinforces just how important colostrum is for any animal."

Mike markets My-Pride Veal mainly through the Country Market, a local farmer's market in Thunder Bay that is open two days a week year round. He also sells through retail locations and online, plus sells sides and quarters of veal direct to consumers. "I have a contract with a local nursing home and supply them with 350 lbs. of meat every four weeks," he adds. "Pre-Covid, 25% of my business was selling to restaurants, but Covid killed that whole market and it hasn't come back."

He goes on to say, "You have to be very conscious of where your marketing time is spent and make sure you get value out of it." At the farmer's market, for example, he says, "talking to" and "educating" the consumer are crucial. "It's mind-blowing what some people think we do on our farms. There is a huge disconnect between producers and consumers. As producers we really have to focus on keeping consumer confidence and educate them on why to keep buying from us."

Mike readily admits, "The reason I have veal calves is because I wanted to have my cows." And what a great group of cows he has! While small in numbers, My-Pride Holsteins is impressive including two ME, two EX, two VG, one GP and two NC, for an average score of 88.2 points. All of these cows are homebred. To date, Mike has bred 10 Excellent cows. His two main cow families, the "K" and "A" lines, trace to purchases he made in 2003.

"The K's are a cow family that originate from my grandpa's farm," Mike states. "When I was 10, there was a cow named Springmount Eclipse Kimmy that always stuck out for me. Over the years, members of that family always caught my eye and I showed several 4-H calves from it. The cows always had the style that I am still breeding for today – openness of rib, width of chest, angularity, strong loins with a slope from hips to pins, well attached udders, and good feet and legs. They also have a really nice demeanor."

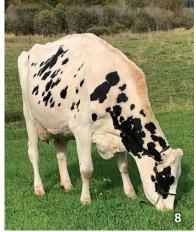
A K family descendant, My-Pride Atlantic Kruise EX-93-5E, is the foundation of a three-generation, homebred Excellent line for Mike. Although Kruise is no longer alive, her 9-year-old daughter, My-Pride Redliner Kerry EX-91-3E, has just had her eighth calf. "I love these older cows," Mike says, "cows that can just breed back and calve year after year. That to me is a profitable cow and the kind I like to have in my barn." This past September, Kerry's daughter, My-Pride Mario Kaylene EX-91, classified Excellent. "Having three generations of homebred Excellent was a huge feather in my cap," says Mike. "That was always a goal for me and I did it." The K's have also done well in the showring. At the 2022 Thunder Bay Show, Kerry was Grand Champion, Kaylene was Reserve Grand, and Kaylene's daughter, My-Pride Luxor Karlene, was Junior Champion. At the 2023 show, a Red & White daughter from Kerry, My-Pride Army Krimson, was Reserve Junior Champion. "Krimson is fresh now and I am excited to watch her develop as she really resembles her grandam Kruise," says Mike. Back in 2019, another granddaughter of

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Kruise's, My-Pride Mario Kelsey, was Junior Champion at Thunder Bay before being merchandised.

The A family produced Mike's first homebred Excellent, My-Pride Power Aide EX-90-3E, in April 2016. Another branch of this family is presently garnering lots of attention. At the 2023 Thunder Bay Show, My-Pride Army Alannah EX-90 was first 5-Year-Old and Reserve Grand Champion, while her Red & White daughter, My-Pride Luxor Annie VG-86-2YR, was first Milking Yearling and Honourable Mention Grand Champion. "I knew three days after Annie calved that she was special," relates Mike. "I took her to our show 10 days fresh." Andrew den Haan, Fergus, ON, was there and after the show bought Annie for his North Polled Genetics group and Plum Valley Holsteins, Bolton, ON. Annie went on to be fifth Milking Yearling at Autumn Opportunity and third at the Royal Winter Fair's Red & White Show and then earned a nomination for All-Ontario Red & White Junior Cow in 2023. Mike is thrilled! "I flew down to the Royal to see Annie show. I am extremely thankful to her new owners because I know I never would have been able to get her to the Royal if I didn't sell her."

Mike is treasurer of the Thunder Bay Holstein Club and has been showing continuously at the club's show since 2015. He started out just taking one cow to the show, but now brings a full string of up to 10 animals. In 2022 and 2023, he captured both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners at the Thunder Bay Show. Mike appreciates the comradery showing provides and the opportunity it gives to the general public to get close to cattle. He says as well, "Showing is a humbling and rewarding experience. It's easy to say you have the best cow or heifer when she's standing in your barn, but when you take animals to a show, and see them side-by-side with cattle from other farms, you see them in a new

light and see things that can be improved."

Mike sponsors all of the youth prizes at the Thunder Bay Show and also helps sponsor the Grey County team that competes at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic at the Royal each year. "I feel it is very important to give back to the next generation," he says. "I am very appreciative of all the people that sponsored and invested in me over the years and now it is my opportunity to give back to the next generation."

Farming in Northwestern Ontario has its advantages and challenges. While land prices are lower than in Southern Ontario, costs are higher because most everything, like equipment parts, must be shipped in. With few dairy producers in the area, Mike says, "I really miss not being able to go out on barn tours and connect with other breeders readily. Having friends with similar goals, however, keeps me going. I have a good friend here that I talk cows, bulls and breeding goals with and he really encourages me and keeps the fire going. Those connections are very important."

As Mike says, "Moving to Thunder Bay gave me the opportunity to have my own farm, something I had dreamt of forever. I would not have been able to build this business in Southern Ontario. The community here is fantastic. I often joke that I came alive when I moved to Thunder Bay because all I did before was work. Now I have a social life and phenomenal friends. It is just great. I have done a lot of self-reflection about who I am and what my strengths and weaknesses are. It has not been an easy journey. There have been a lot of hurdles. But I am getting there and I think I have built a business here that really works for me." As Mike Visser of My-Pride Holsteins concludes, "I may be doing my own thing, but I am getting where I want to go."

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A DAIRY CATTLE EXHIBITOR IN CANADA IS THE CURTIS CLARK ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, GIVEN EACH YEAR AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR IN TORONTO, ON. THE AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1988 BY THE ALBERTA HOLSTEIN BRANCH TO HONOUR CURTIS CLARK, THE HIGHLY REGARDED COWMAN AND MASTER BREEDER FROM ACME HOLSTEINS, CARSTAIRS, AB.

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HOW THE AWARD STARTED. The idea for the Curtis Clark Award originated with Orville Schmidt of Southrise Holsteins, Rolly View, AB, a Master Breeder and 2017 Holstein Canada President. Schmidt had been following the Klussendorf Award in the United States, a longstanding award given to an outstanding dairy cattle showman, after seeing it presented at World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin. "I thought we should be doing something similar in Canada," says Schmidt. "At the same time, I thought the perfect man to honour for what he had done, and was still doing, was Curtis Clark. Clark was a man who covered all the bases from what he did in the cow barn and at shows, to helping kids in 4-H and serving in leadership roles. He had done it all. After talking to many people, I presented my idea to the Alberta Branch. With Holstein





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PHOTOS 1. The legendary Curtis Clark of Acme Holsteins, Carstairs, AB, was a humble, down-to-earth gentleman who earned great respect from all as a cowman and two-time Master Breeder, 2. Curtis Clark (left) and Lloyd Pickard established Acme Holsteins in 1943 and continued to work together as partners until 1966. Their show herd travelled widely and achieved great success at the western and prairie shows and Royal Winter Fair, 3. Curtis Clark (left) and Lloyd Pickard (far the western and prairie shows and Royal Winter Fair, 3. Curtis Clark (left) and Lloyd Pickard (far right) of Acme Holsteins accept the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners at the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede in 1957. Joining them in the picture is Silvia Pabst Texal, the show's Grand Champion who would go on that same year to capture her first of three consecutive Grand Championships at the Royal Winter Fair for Acme Holsteins, 4. Some of the early Curtis Clark Achievement Award winners can be seen in this 1998 photo from the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. From left: RF. Brown, Robert Ness, Hank Vanderpost, Clark Committee Chair Marj Atkins of the Alberta Branch, John Buckley, 1998 Clark Winner T. Robert Flett, Frank Meisner, James Walker, Allan Barr and Marc Comtois, 5. Past Curtis Clark Achievement Award winners gathered for this picture at the Royal Agricultural Winter in 2023 as they welcomed the newest Clark winner, Markus Hehli of Mosnang Holsteins & Jerseys, Rimbey, AB. From left, front: Jack Fraser, Pierre Boulet, Markus Hehli, Clark Committee Chair Orville Schmidt from the Alberta Branch, and Harold Patterson Back Andrew Vander Meulen Solly Dubois Larry Rennett Rain Sayles Dns Schwartz rson. Back: Andrew Vander Meulen, Rolly Dubois, Larry Bennett, Brian Sayles, Don Marc Comtois, Jeff Nurse, Ridley Wikkerink, John Buckley and Gord Rendle, **6.** At the 2007 Roy al Agricultural Winter Fair, the Curtis Clark Achievement Award winners came together for this Agicultural militer of an Edward Clark Carcheric Manus militer Section (1985), Jup photo, From left: Brian Sayles, Jack Fraser, Hank Vanderpost, Callum McKinven, Allan Barr, ork Committee Chair Marj Atkins of the Alberta Branch, Frank Meisner, 2007 Clark winner John erwort, Norm Atkins, Harold Patterson, James Walker, Athol Craswell, Cliff Berry and R.F. Brown, 7. The Curtis Clark Achievement Award trophy bears a bronze of one of the distinctive hats that Curtis Clark of Alberta always wore. PHOTO 3 BY OLIVER STUDIO, PHOTOS 4 & 6 BY VICKI FLETCHER, PHOTOS 5 & 7 BY ELLA WRIGHT; ALL OTHER SUBMITTED.







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Canada's National Convention coming to Alberta for the first time in 1988, I thought it would be the perfect time to do this." The Branch agreed and got behind Schmidt's idea.

"Anyone who ever saw a picture of Curtis in those days knows he always wore a little fedora hat. It was his trademark," continues Schmidt. "So we decided this would be a great award to put Curtis's hat on. I contacted Curtis's wife, Kay, who secretly secured a hat for us which we then bronzed and put on the trophy. The hat was one of Curtis's favourites that he always wore to the cow shows. When he was getting ready to go to the Convention show that year with the Acme showstring, he couldn't find his hat in the closet. He asked Kay. She scrambled a bit and said, 'Well I was cleaning and accidently spilled something on it so had to throw it away.' A few days later when I presented Curtis with the inaugural Clark trophy at the Convention banquet, he said, 'Now I know what happened to

WHO WAS CURTIS CLARK? Curtis Clark was born in 1910 at Acme, AB. He milked his first cow as a kid. He achieved success initially with Percheron show horses before moving on to Holsteins when he was in his early 30s. In 1943, Clark formed a partnership with Lloyd Pickard, a showman, scout and salesman for Hays & Co. of Alberta and later Ontario. With only a handshake between them, the two men established Acme Holsteins. Pickard continued to live and work in Ontario for Hays, returning only to the west to help at show time. Clark, meanwhile, looked after the animals at their Carstairs farm where his innate ability as a stockman and top caretaker became truly evident.

my hat!"

During its heyday, Acme Holsteins became Canada's most travelled show herd and one of its most successful. They dominated the western and prairie shows and provided the power for the western invasions at the Royal back when cattle travelled by railroad boxcar and people slept in front of their cows at the Royal. Their most famous show cow was Silvia Pabst Texal EX-4* who was Grand Champion at the Royal in 1957-58-59. From 1946-65, Acme won 15 Grand Championships at the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede with nine different cows. They achieved 38 All-Canadian nominations resulting in 12 All-Canadian and 12 Reserve prizes.

Pickard and Clark earned a Master Breeder shield in 1965. A year later, the herd was dispersed for a record average in Western Canada. Following the sale, Curtis and his son Jim established a new Acme herd. Building on strong cow families like Escomb Ada Centurion EX 2* and Ells Prince Hope EX-3E 4*, Acme achieved a second Master Breeder award in 1985 while continuing to amass a multitude of show awards. They had the All-Western Breeder's Herd 11X. Jim Clark and his wife Mac assumed ownership of the Acme herd in 1989 and in 1993 sold the herd privately. Acme Star Lily EX-2E 8*, who was bred by the Clarks, was Grand Champion at the Royal in 1997-98-99 and Supreme Champion at World Dairy Expo in 1998. Acme Holsteins is the only herd to have bred or owned two Holstein cows who have been Grand Champion 3X at the Royal.

Curtis Clark was President of Holstein Canada in 1972. He judged shows in Canada, Italy and Mexico and held leadership roles in many agriculture and community organizations. Clark was a hard working, humble, down-to-earth man. He was a true gentleman and friend to all. He died in 1997 at 86 years old.

THE CLARK AWARD. Since 1988, the Clark trophy has been awarded to a Canadian dairy cattle exhibitor who exemplifies the all-round ability, sportsmanship and dedication necessary to be respected by their peers. The winner must be an active and living showperson, breeder or manager in Canada; a dedicated supporter of breed activities; have the ability to breed, manage, develop and exhibit dairy cattle; and exhibit at major shows in Canada. "We wanted it to be a national award," says Schmidt, who served as Clark Committee Chair in 1988-89 and has held the role again since 2010.

CURTIS CLARK ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Inaugural Winner Curtis Clark, Acme Holsteins, Carstairs, AB 1988 R.F. Brown, Browndale Farm, Paris, ON 1989 James A. Walker, Walkerbrae Farms, Guelph, ON 1990 Brian Sayles, Bridon Farms, Paris, ON 1991 Norman Atkins, Continental Holsteins, Leduc, AB **1992** Allan Barr, Woodland View Farm, Knowlton, QC **1993** Robert Ness, Terrace Bank Ayrshires, Howick, QC 1994 Frank Meisner, Rensiem Holsteins, Woodstock, ON **1995** Hank Vanderpost, Vanhaven Holsteins, Beeton, ON **1996** Marc Comtois, Comestar Holstein, Victoriaville, QC 1997 John Buckley, Salem Holsteins, Lindsay, ON 1998 T. Robert Flett, Flettdale Farm, Oshawa, ON 1999 Harold Patterson, Valleycrest Farms, Milton, ON 2000 Callum McKinven, Lookout Holsteins & Jerseys, Canton-de-Hatley, QC **2001** Ridley Wikkerink, Wedgwood Holsteins/Stanhope-Wedgwood, Cobble Hill, BC 2002 Stan Coleman, Green Hectares/L'il Buster Jerseys, Innisfail, AB 2003 Cliff Berry, North River Farm Jerseys, Mirabel, QC 2004 R. Jack Fraser, Fraeland Holsteins, Fergus, ON 2005 Athol Craswell, Crasdale Farms, Hunter River, PEI
2006 Gerald Coughlin Jr., Trent Valley Holsteins, Peterborough, ON 2007 John M. Beerwort, Beervern Holsteins, Knowlton, QC 2008 Earl Phoenix, Dappledale Holsteins, Greenbank, ON 2009 Fred Armstrong, Huronia Jerseys, Auburn, ON 2010 Mike McGriskin, Kentville Holsteins, Shelburne, ON 2011 Gord Rendle, Stanhope Dairy Farm/Stanhope-Wedgwood, Victoria, BC 2012 Don Schwartz, Farm Manager, Quality Holsteins, Kleinburg, ON 2013 Jeff Nurse, Monteith Holsteins, Hillier, ON 2014 Larry Bennett, Showline Holsteins, Caledon, ON 2015 Rob Crest, Skycrest Holsteins, Athabasca, AB 2016 Rolly Dubois, Ferme Rolandale, Saint-Flavien, QC 2017 Simon Lalande, Ferme Blondin, Saint-Placide, QC 2018 Don Chalack, Wendon Holsteins, Red Deer County, AB **2019** Andrew Vander Meulen, Avonlea Genetics, Brighton, ON **2022** Pierre Boulet, Ferme Pierre Boulet, Montmagny, QC 2023 Markus Hehli, Mosnang Holsteins & Jerseys, Rimbey, AB

"I talked to Holstein Canada about presenting it at the Royal and they agreed, making the Clark Award one of the first awards to be presented in the showring on a regular basis. We also wanted it to be an 'all breeds' award and over the years we have had people from every dairy breed win it."

To date, 35 exhibitors from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island have received the Clark Award. Each "fits the mold" of Curtis Clark. With the exception of the first few years, the winner is chosen by past Clark Award recipients who meet during the Royal. The newest Clark winner is announced during the National Holstein Show. Besides having their name placed on the Clark trophy, each winner receives a gold belt buckle from the Alberta Branch as a personal keepsake. Past Clark winners have described the award "like winning the Stanley Cup", or for Hank Vanderpost of Ontario, who knew Clark and received the trophy in 1995, "It was an honour to be compared to Curtis Clark."

Orville Schmidt is very proud of the Clark Award and what it represents. "To be recognized by your peers that you have excelled at your trade is probably as special as it gets," he says. "If you look at the people who have won the award there are a few traits they all possess – they have a passion for the industry, great marketing skills, excel at whatever breed they have been working with, and have presented, bought or sold show winners. It has always been important that the award go to people who are 'active' in the industry and in the 'prime of their careers'. When we make the presentation at the Royal and introduce the past winners there are usually a half dozen guys who have their whites on and are still showing."

It is those Curtis Clark Achievement Award winners of today, many of whom never knew Clark, that will keep the legacy of this great Alberta cowman alive by continuing to emulate his passion and character for future generations to see.

Bonnie Cooper has been Publicity Director of the Curtis Clark Achievement Award Committee since its inception in 1988 and its Secretary since 1993.

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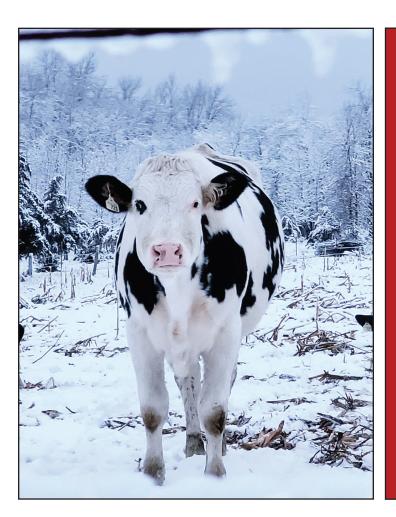


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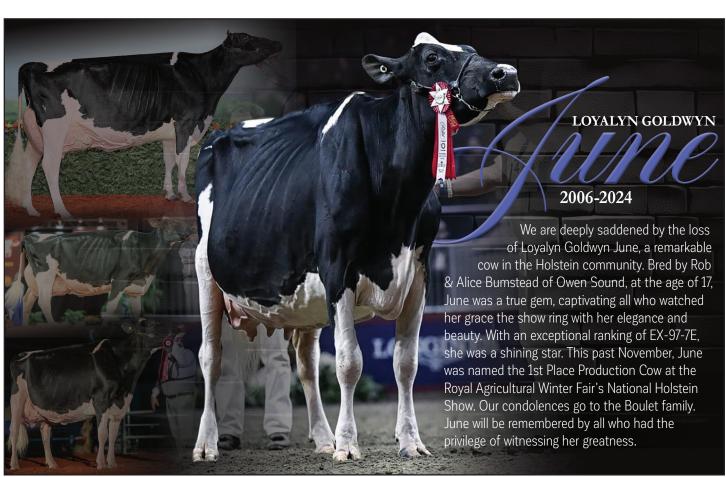
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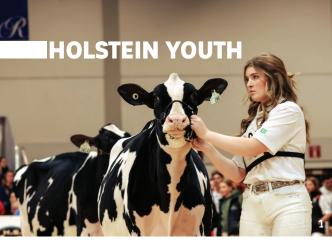
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2023 TD CANADIAN 4-H DAIRY C



The TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic returned to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair from November 6-7, 2023. 4-H members from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island gathered to participate in the annual event, and they gave it their all while showcasing their animals during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Teams arrived and began to move in early Sunday morning to set up their displays and settle in their calves. Over the course of the prestigious competition, 4-H members competed individually in both showmanship and conformation, and competed as teams for Best Exhibit, Best Group of Three Calves and Premier County.

Kyle Rivington of Carp, ON, was tasked with evaluating 4-Hers on their showmanship skills in the Semex Ring of Excellence on Monday, with Curtis McNeil, as his Associate Judge. As Judge Rivington lined up his top showmanship winners from each group, he expressed his thanks to Associate Judge Curtis McNeil and wished him well in judging next year's competition. To cap off a great first day, Judge Rivington chose first place senior, Taylor VanderMeulen, as Grand Champion Showperson. He selected Denise Sayles (2nd Senior) as Reserve Champion.

On Tuesday November 7th, Conformation Judge Phillip Topp of Botkins, Ohio, placed the many heats and classes of top 4-H Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, and other coloured breeds from across the country. He chose his first-place Summer Yearling Sunnylodge Diamondback Kinsley, shown by Ryan Smygwaty of Russell, ON as Grand Champion Calf. Reserve went to the first-place Winter Heifer Winright SL Sidekick Jade, shown by Taylor Mathers of Dundas, ON. Honourable Mention was the first-place Holstein Fall Heifer, Kouwenberg Denver 3414, shown by Anneka Kouwenberg of PEI.

This years "Breeder of Distinction" was Stanton Bros Limited, of Ilderton, Ontario. The Stanton family was on hand to deliver warm wishes to the winner of the embryos donated by the Stanton family. The winner of this years embryos was Grant Barkey of Durham East.

The Classic would not be possible without the commitment to youth from our major sponsors, TD Bank, Semex and Holstein Canada in the form of generous donations. Thank you also to the many supporting sponsors for their contributions. The organizing committee and all of the 4-H members attending are truly grateful for their support. Many 4-H members would not be able to make it the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic without the support of many local sponsors at home, parents, leaders and other volunteers. They deserve a huge thank you as well.

The 2023 show was a huge success and we look forward to many years of Classic memories to come!

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS*

CONFORMATION

	PLACING		ANIMAL & EXHIBITOR
	Spring Heifer	1 st	VINTAGE A2P2 ALEXIS, Janelle Phoenix, Durham West
		2^{nd}	WINRIGHT LAMBDA ELLEN Ericka Mathers, Dundas
	Winter Heifer	1 st	RESERVE WINRIGHT SL SIDEKICK JADE Taylor Mathers, Dundas
		2^{nd}	KENTVILLE RESPECT ROWBOW Jaelynn Phoenix, Durham West
	Fall Heifer	1 st	HM KOUWENBERG DENVER Anneka Kouwenberg, PEI
	ган пенег	2^{nd}	FARROW PERENNIAL ADRENALINE Ty Finley, Durham West
	Summer	1 st	GRAND SUNNYLODGE DIAMONDBACK KINSELY Ryan Smygwaty, Russell
	Yearling	2^{nd}	KARNVIEW DENVER ASPEN Mitchell Anderson, Chatham-Kent
	Spring Yearling	1 st	GOLDENFLO LEIGHSIDE BLACK-AYR Alyson Thompson, PEI
	Spring realing	2^{nd}	DUHIBOU HANIKO FÉLICITA Connor Velthuis, Carleton
	Jersey Winter	1 st	MIRACLE WHIP VIP MADONNA Rachel Tamlin, Victoria
	Calf	2^{nd}	ALLYKAT BARNABAS TWINKLE Emily Lennox, Wellington
	Jersey Fall Calf	1 st	HOLLYLANE ESPOSITO OF BROWNSONLEA Mackenzie Abrams, Leeds
		2^{nd}	BRIDON KID GALLOP Corinne Bateman, Brant
	Jersey Summer Yearling	1 st	RAPID BAY GOING FOR GLORY DT-ET Nadia Uhr, Stormont
		2^{nd}	HICKORY ACRES KRACKLE CHOCOCHIP Summer Clair, Frontenac
	Jersey Spring Yearling	1 st	HIRD'S V VICTORIA Zachary Da Silva, Oxford
		2 nd	AVONLEA SILVER CF AGGIE Will VanderMeulen, Northumberland
	Avrobiro	1 st	MONEY MAKING HUNTER MIGUELLE George Woods, Quebec
	Ayrshire	2^{nd}	BRIXHAM B.S. VERONA Jack Smethurst, Nova Scotia
	Brown Swiss &	1 st	BETHELVIEW FAMOUS ABBY Brooke Cain, Brant
	Milking Shorthorn	2 nd	NOR BELLA SIZZLING LIPSTICK Bennett Huesing, Grey

SHOWMANSHIP

PLACING		EXHIBITOR		
l.	1 st	MORGAN HOWARD Brant		
JI	2^{nd}	JANELLE PHOENIX Durham West		
Int	1 st	HM KEATON PHOENIX Durham West		
IIIL	2^{nd}	TAYLOR MATHERS Dundas		
C-	1 st	GRAND TAYLOR VANDERMEULEN Northumberland		
اد	2 nd	RESERVE DENISE SAYLES Brant		

Best Exhibit **MIDDLESEX** Premier County **DURHAM WEST** Best Group of Three PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PHOTOS: 15. Grand Champion Calf went to Ryan Smygwaty of Russell (4th from right) on Sunnylodge Diamondback Kinsley; Reserve went to Taylor Mathers of Dundas (4th from left) on Winright SL Sidekick Jade, and Honourable Mention to Anneka Kouwenberg of PEI on Kouwenberg Denver 3414 (3rd from left). Presenting the banners are TD's Katherine Underwood (2nd from right), Semex's Mike West (2nd from left) and ribbon presenters Claire Stanton (right) and Reegan Charlton (left). Phillip Topp of Botkins, Ohio was the official Judge (3rd from right) 16. Taylor Vander Meulen of Northumberland (4th from right) was this year's Grand Champion Showman. Denise Sayles of Brant (4th from left) and Keaton Phoenix (2nd from left) of Durham West, were Reserve Champion and Honourable Mention, respectively. Also appearing in the photo, from I to r: Associate Showmanship Judge Curtis McNeil of Goderich, ON., ribbon presenter Reegan Charlton, Brian Slaughter, and Showmanship Judge Kyle Rivington. PHOTOS BY ELLA WRIGHT.













CONFORMATION

Gavin DaSilva - 3rd Spring Heifer Taylor Buckrell - 5th Winter Heifer Megan Atkinson - 9th Winter Heifer Amber Warboys - 13th Fall Heifer Emily Spek - 20th Fall Heifer Zach DaSilva - 1st Jersey Spring Yearling Keeton Jones - 10th Summer Yearling

Thank you to Nathan Wilker for his hard work keeping the pack sparkling!

L-R: Taylor Buckrell, Megan Atkinson, Amber Warboys, Emily Spek, Keeton Jones, Zachary DaSilva Front: Nathan Wilker, Gavin DaSilva Absent: Bren Zeldenriik

SHOWMANSHIP

Gavin DaSilva - 9th Junior Zach DaSilva - made the cut for Intermediate finals. Megan Atkinson - 15th Senior

Thank you to the participants, organizers, chaperones, leaders, parents, and sponsors. These results would not have been possible without your contributions.



Back row: Allyssa McKee, Joanna Kaptyen, Robert Goodwill, Delaney Hopkins, Jack Vickers Front Row: Kara Kaptyen, Brooklyn Potter, Bennett Heusing, and Hunter Maisonnenuve

SHOWMANSHIP HIGHLIGHTS 12th Junior Showman – Brooklyn Potter

CONFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Colour Breed - Bennett Huesing 16th Summer Yearling – Ally Mckee 6th Spring Yearling – Robert Goodwill 16th Spring Yearling – Jack Vickers

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

5th - Best Exhibit

Congratulations Team Grey on all your success this year and showing what team work is all about.

A special thank you to all our sponsor who generously supported the team. Continued success to all our graduating members!

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PHOTOS: 1. Reserve Grand Champion Calf, Winright SL Sidekick Jade, shown by Taylor Mathers of Dundas County, 2. Sierra Cholmondeley of Peel Region, 3. Dr. Rob Swackhammer, Jason French, and Paul Cleave, 4. Abigail Knutt of Niagara Region, 5. Ribbon presenter Reegan Charlton with Grand Champion Showperson Taylor VanderMeulen and Reserve Grand Champion Showperson Denise Sayles, 6. Judge Topp congratulating Ryan Smygwaty of Russell County on Champion Calf, Sunnylodge Diamondback Kinsley, 7. Ty Finley and Jaelynn Phoenix of Durham West, 8. Caitlin Allen of Prescott County was the 2023 showbox winner (middle), presented by Katherine Underwood (left), and Murray Reissner (rigth), who crafted the showbox himself, 9. Norfolk County's Bronia Helder, Stein Backx, and Kailyn Ansley, 10. Shayna Dickson and Vanessa Bird, 11. The Classic Committee; top row from I to r: Kathryn Underwood, Beverley Spriel, Doug Wagner, Brian Slaughter, Kris MacLeod, Doug Green. Middle Row: Devin O'Hara, Shelley Barfoot-O'Neill, Martina Arth, Jennifer Kyle, Paul Cleave, Ron Bird, Allan McPhedran, Jeff West. Front row: Judy Slaughter, Jason French, Murray Reissner, Pam Charlton, Russell Gammon, and Ben Hennesey, 12. Top three in the Spring Heifer Class (from left to right); 3rd Place - Gavin Da Silva of Oxford County with Karnview Chief Abbra, 2nd Place - Ericka Mathers of Dundas County with Winright Lambda Ellen, and class winner Janelle Phoenix of Durham West with Vintage A2P2 Alexis, 13. Jason French (left), Showmanship Judge Kyle Rivington, and Associate Showmanship Judge Curtis McNeil, 14. Jason French (left) and Murray Reissner (right) presenting Lowell Lindsay (middle) with an honourary plaque for his years of commitment to the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic. PHOTOS BY ELLA WRIGHT, KRIS MACLEOD, JOHN DRUMMOND AND SUBMITTED.



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Front row - Lindsey Stanton, Kerian Holllingsworth, Julia DeKlein, Kyla Lewis

Emily DeKlein, Alicia Bastiaansen

Champions Parade Grand: ERBACRES SNAPPLE SHAKIRA

Reserve: GLENIRVINE UNIX SALLY Honourable Mention: JEFFREY-WAY HARD ROCK TWIGS

Int Champion: JACOBS DESTINY BALLA Reserve: OLORTINE AVENGER DESIGN Honourable Mention: AROLENE DEMPSEY ELLA

Jr Champion: LEHOUX VICTOR TOPAGE Reserve: PETITCLERC LAMBDA ANNY Honourable Mention: K-HURST ALLEYOOP PRIMED

Black & White TOP ONTARIO PLACINGS BY CLASS

CLASS & PLACING

ANIMAL & OWNER

*Best Bred & Owned KARNVIEW ALLIGATOR ABLURR Summer Heifer 1st RONALD GRANDY Spring Heifer 2nd LEACHFIELD TRSTORM JIGGLES *B&O PETER I FACH CAL-DENIER-I DL ALEXUS Winter Heifer 1st LOA-DE-MEDE MASTER BELL JIM BUTLER Fall Heifer 2nd MAGOLAIT LAMBDA ROSEY Summer Yearling CLARKVALLEY HOLSTEINS, PIERRE BOULET 3rd & RONALD GRANDY 1st KINGSWAY CAUGHT A VIBE Spring Yearling KINGSWAY FARMS & VELTHUIS FARMS LTD. *B&O KARNVIEW DOORMAN AMAZON Winter Yearling 3rd KARNVIEW FARMS INC. Winter Yearling SMYGWATYS DOT'S DAWN 3rd In Milk RAYMOND J. SMYGWATY Fall Yearling In **BLONDIN STARS ALICE** 2nd Milk HODGLYNN HOLSTEINS & LITTLE STAR HOLSTEINS Summer **BUCKMEADOW US MADELYN** 4th 2-Year-Old RONALD GRANDY Spring HENDERCROFT CHIEF SPHYNX 3rd 2-Year-Old PIERRE BOULET Winter JENDRO DELTA LAMBDA SANDY 2nd R&FLIVESTOCK&WALKER DAIRY 2-Year-Old



GLENIRVINE UNIX SALLY

DALTON J. FARIS

MATTHEW FORESTELL



2023 RESULTS



KARNVIEW ALLIGATOR ABLURR 1st Summer Heifer for Ronald Grandy



CAL-DENIER-I DL ALEXUS 1st Winter Heifer for Velthuis Farms Ltd



KINGSWAY CAUGHT A VIBE 1st Spring Yearling and Best Bred & Owned for Kingsway Farm and Velthuis Farms Ltd.



JACOBS ALLIGATOR LORELLA 1st Fall 2-Year-Old and Best Bred & Owned for Ferme Gillette Inc., Ferme Jacobs & T-Wave Holsteins.



BIRKENTREE SIDEKICK ELLISSIA 1st Junior 3-Year-Old & Best Udder for Hodglynn Holsteins & Little Star Holsteins



ALTONA LEA UNIX HERMINIE 2nd 4-Year-Old for Dalton J. Faris.



HENDERCROFT WINBROK GUMMYBEAR 2nd Longtime Production Cow, Reserve Champion Bred & Owned for Herbert Henderson, Kingsway Farms & Matthew Forestell.



RAWF 2023 RING CREW L to R: National Holstein Show Associate Judge Aaron Eaton, Marietta, NY; Judge Adam Liddle, Argyle, NY; Assistant Ring Steward Frédéric Fillion & King of the Ring, Murray Reissner.

Fall

2-Year-Old

Junior

3-Year-Old

Senior

3-Year-Old

4-Year-Old

5-Year-Old

Mature Cow

Longtime

Production

1st

*B&O

1st

1st

2nd

3rd

2nd

2nd

*B&O











PHOTOS: 1.1st place Junior Breeder's Herd & Premier Exhibitor of the Junior Show-Karnview Farms, Woodstock, 2. Spring 2-Year-Old Lineup; Darcroft JC Unstop Alabama (left) won her class, and went on to be named Reserve Intermediate Champion; and Golden-Oaks Alexis-Red (right) who finished second. Alabama is owned by Adam Clark & Clarkvalley Holsteins of Beaverton; Alexis-Red is owned by Hodglynn Holsteins and Raymond Smygwaty of Kincardine, 3. Winright Believe Talahassee won the Spring Heifer class for Lintvedt, Shore, Verthein and Griffith of Winchester, 4. Hamming Jordy Monae was first place Spring Yearling for London Dairy Farms of London, 5. Belmoral Farms Ltd. of Teeswater bred the second-place Winter Yearling, Belmoral War Lorde. She was also the Best Bred & Owned in the class. PHOTOS BY ELLA WRIGHT.

Junior Breeder's Herd Winners

In the Junior Breeder's Herd Class, Ontario breeders represented ten of the 16 herds entered and achieved the following results:

- LOA-DE-MEDE FARMS (4)
- QUALITY HOLSTEINS (5)
- KINGSWAY FARMS (6)
- **GLENNHOLME HOLSTEINS (7)**
- RIVERDOWN HOLSTEINS (8) · VALE-O-SKENE HOLSTEINS (14)
- KARNVIEW FARMS (9)
- DELCREEK HOLSTEINS (15) WINRIGHT HOLSTEINS (12)

KIRKLEA HOLSTEINS (13)

Breeder's Herd Winners

In the Breeder's Herd Class, Ontario breeders represented five of the 8 herds entered.

- HENDERCROFT HOLSTEINS (2) · ALTONA LEA HOLSTEINS (7)
- WINRIGHT HOLSTEINS (3)
- GENDARRA HOLSTEINS (6)
- SMYGWATY HOLSTEINS (8)















Red & White TOP ONTARIO PLACINGS BY CLASS

ANIMAL & OWNER

CLASS & PLACING

		*Best Bred & Owned	
Summer Calf	2nd	KARNVIEW WARRIOR KATALINA-RED KARNVIEW FARMS INC.	
Spring Heifer	1st	WINRIGHT BELIEVE TALAHASSEE LINTVEDT, SHORE, VERTHEIN & GRIFFITH	
Winter Heifer	3rd	WESTCOAST ILLUSTRATOR SHADOW BECKRIDGE HOLSTEINS & QUALITY HOLSTEINS	
Fall Heifer, B&O	2nd *B&O	CLARKVALLEY WARRIOR LUCKY ROSE CLARKVALLEY HOLSTEINS & LONDON DAIRY FARMS	
Summer Yearling	2nd	HODGLYNN REVERE POMELLA CLARKVALLEY HOLSTEINS	
Spring Yearling	1st	HAMMING JORDY MONAE LONDON DAIRY FARMS	
Winter Yearling	1st	JR CHAMP MAIFIELD WARRIOR ENA JERIMIAH LUGWITZ	
Fall Yearling in Milk	3rd	MY-PRIDE LUXOR ANNIE NORTH POLLED GENETICS & PLUM VALLEY HOLSTEINS	
Summer 2-Year-Old	2nd	TRIPLE-T-MPH ANLT ROSAY-RED LONDON DAIRY FARMS	
Spring 2-Year-Old	1st	RES INT CHAMP DARCROFT JC UNSTOP ALABAMA BILL SCHILING	
Winter 2-Year-Old	1st	GENDARRA JORDY HAPPY GENDARRA FARM	
Junior 3-Year-Old	2nd	LOOKOUT I AM LIKEABLE UP-RIDGE HOLSTEINS	
4-Year-Old	5th	PATIENCE ACRISP DARE ME PARALLEL GENETICS & PATIENCE HOLSTIENS	

Longtime Production

5-Year-Old

AGRIBER SOCIETA AGRICOLA SRL, BECKRIDGE HOLSTEINS, OUALITY HOLSTEINS SWEETVIEW AVALANCHE MITSOU

AIJA AVALANCHE KALA

Junior Red & White Breeder's Herd Winners

In the Junior Breeder's Herd Class, Ontario breeders represented two of the three herds entered and achieved the following results:

KARNVIEW FARMS (1)

· CENTURY STAR HOLSTEINS (3)

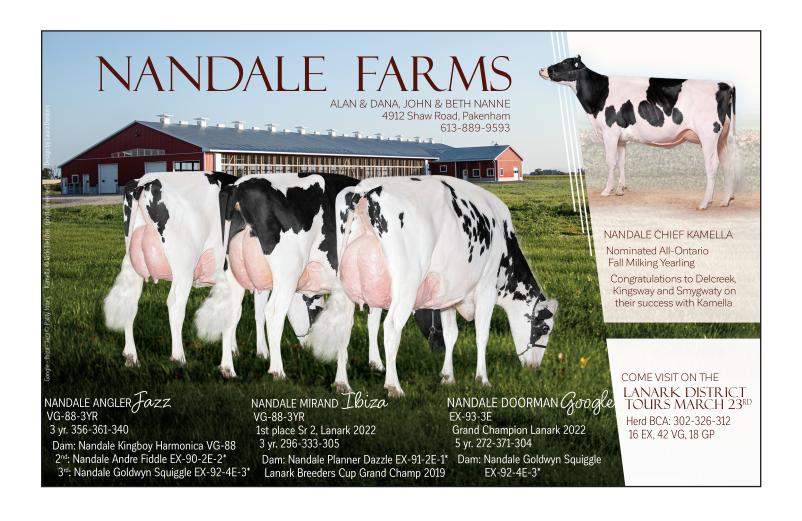
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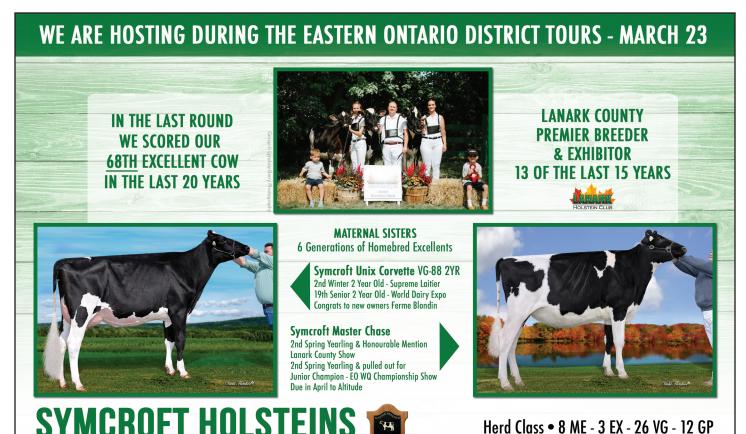
Holstein Ontario was pleased to be back as the sponsor of the Best Bred & Owned Awards at the 2023 Holstein Show. Branch President Cole Verburg was on hand to present the awards. Congratulations to the Ontario breeders below, as well as all Bred & Owned winners!

PHOTOS:

- 1. LEACHFIELD TRSTRM JIGGLES (SPRING HEIFER)
- 2. KIRKLEA MASTER BUGATTI (FALL HEIFER)
- 3. KINGSWAY CAUGHT A VIBE (SPRING YEARLING) Kingsway Farms & Velthuis Farms
- 4. HENDERCROFT JUBE JUBE (SUMMER 2-YEAR-OLD)
- 5. BRIDGEVIEW ALLEYOOP KOE (SPRING 2-YEAR-OLD)
- 6. VALE-O-SKENE SIDEKICK BROOKE (JUNIOR 3-YEAR-OLD) Vale-O-Skene Holsteins
- 7. ERROLEA AVALANCHE BRAZIL (MATURE COW) Errolea Holsteins & Hodglynn Holsteins
- 8. HENDERCROFT WINBROK GUMMYBEAR (LONGTIME PRODUCTION) Herbert Henderson, Kingsway Farms, Trentward Farms & Matthew Forestell

PHOTOS BY ELLA WRIGHT.





3873 Appleton Side Road, Almonte



N 2024 District Tours

Open House Farm Visits

LANARK

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 / 10:00 am to 3:00 pm





1. SYMCROFT HOLSTEINS

3873 Appleton Sideroad, Almonte, ON Glen M. Syme 5 ME, 3 EX, 27 VG, 9GP

Milking 45 cows in a tie-stall barn. Master Breeder Shield won in 2007.

Winner of first "Heart of the Herd" in 2012 with Symcroft Milan Nicatine.

2. PENLOW FARMS

6278 County Road 29, Almonte, ON Brad Lowry & Lindsay Cavanagh, Allan & Donna Lowry

Milking 55 cows in a free-stall with a Lely A4 (new barn built December 2015). Master Breeder Shield in 2011 Current BCA - 283-301-288

3. ROCKYRAPIDS HOLSTEINS

994 Rae Road, Almonte, ON

Wesley & Amy Thom and family

Milking 44 cows in a tie stall.

Newly renovated tie stall barn in 2016, including adding super stall memory foam cow mattresses, flex dividers, a chain head rail, increasing water flow to water bowls, increasing lighting throughout the barn, and improving tunnel ventilation. Focusing on production, polled genetics and maintaining high type cows

4. TIPPER HOLSTEINS

997 Clayton Road, Almonte, ON James J. Tims 3 ME, 2 EX, 20 VG, 16 GP, 2 G Milking 42 cows in a tie-stall.

5. PAULVIEW FARMS LTD.

462 Waba Road, Pakenham, ON **Bruce Paul**

3 EX, 24 VG, 17 GP

Milking 44 cows in a head-to-head tie-stall barn with descendants of the Jasmine, Gumball and Elegance families.

6. ZIEVIEW FARMS INC.

2340 Concession 12, Pakenham, ON Daryl & Shana Ziebarth 1 ME, 4 EX, 26 VG, 15 GP, 8 NC

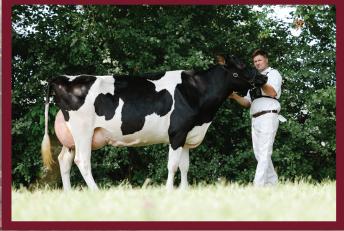
Milking 54 cows in a tie-stall. Moved to new tie-stall barn in 2008. Current BCA - 254-278-261

7. NANDALE FARM

4912 Shaw Rd., Pakenham Alan & Dana, John & Beth Nanne 13 EX, 40 VG, 22GP

Milking 70 cows in a 3-row sand bedded free-stall barn built in 2019 with 2 Lely A5 robots. Current BCA - 302-326-312

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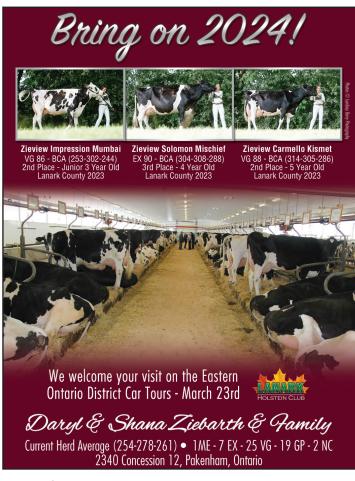
1st & 2nd place 4 Year Old - Lanark Show 2023 3 Generations of Home Bred EX Polled Genetics

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Wesley & Amy Thom & Family 994 Rae Road Almonte, On FARMS 613-898-3276 rockyrapidsfarms@gmail.com

Herd Classification 5 EX - 21 VG - 22 GP - 1 NC **Current BCA (281-306-285)**







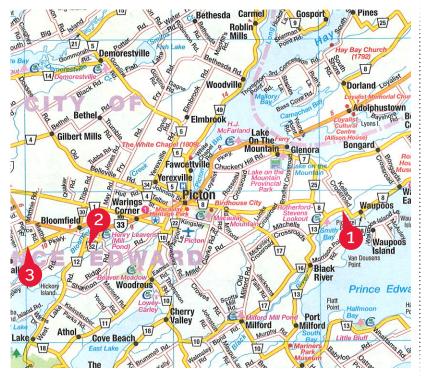
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PRINCE EDWARD

East-Central Ontario

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024/10:00 am to 3:00 pm





1. KOOPYCREST HOLSTEINS

2296 Prince Edward Road 8, Picton, ON Shawn Koopmans 1 ME, 16 VG, 18 GP, 3 G, 6 NC

Current BCA - 333-342-350

Milking 40 Holstein, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorn, 3X per day in a tie-stall barn. Master Breeder Shield in 2021.

Keenan TMR with The Hive partially automated feeding.

2. GRAHAM FARMS

6363 County Road 32, Picton, ON

Cameron Graham

Current BCA - 259-260-264

Milking 70 cows with 2 Lely Robots in a recent retrofit of their old tie-stall barn.

3. KUIPERSCREST HOLSTEINS

15212 Loyalist Parkway, Bloomfield, ON Jasen & Doreen Kuipers 5 ME, 5 EX, 22 VG, 26 GP

Current BCA - 295-316-297

Milking 55 cows 3X per day.

Grand Champion & Premier Breeder at Prince Edward County Show 2023.

Master Breeder Shield in 2020.

4. BAY BREEZE FARMS

19 Pleasant Bay Road, Hillier, ON

Nathan Bakker

Current BCA - 253-260-240

Milking 46 cows in a tie-stall barn converted to a 54 stall free-stall barn with a GEA i9500 milking robot

5. NURSELAND FARM

1606 Danforth Road, Hillier, ON Lee & Mal Nurse and family

3 ME, 1 EX, 28 VG, 55 GP

Current BCA - 262-306-279

Milking 85 cows with 2 Lely robots on a compost pack.

New barn built in 2016. All cattle housed in 1 barn, with calves in connected wing with automated feeder.

 $Premier\ Exhibito\ Prince\ Edward\ County\ Holstein\ Show\ 2023.$

6. GORELAND FARMS

407 Gore Road, Carrying Place, ON

Gerald Dineen, Ashley & Jarrod Pulver

Current BCA - 318-327-330

6th & 7th generations farming.

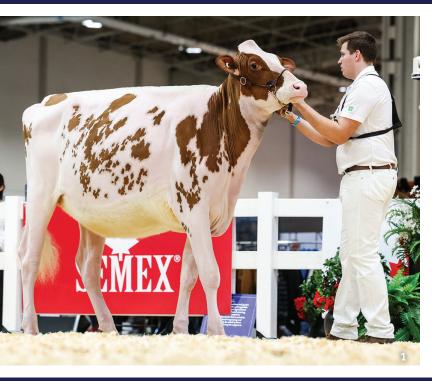
Milking 170 cows in a 6 row freestall retrofit from parlour to 3 Lely robots in 2017. Added a 4th robot in 2022.

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STORY BY OLIVIA DUNN

HOLSTEIN YOUTH

Ethan Bloomfield - Dedication, Hard Work & Passion





PHOTOS 1. Ethan with Up-Ridge Analyst Magnificent – 3rd place Spring Yearling at the 2023 TD 4-H Classic, 2. Ethan at Ontario Spring Discovery's Future Fitters Competition - Ethan won the Senior Division at this competition, 3. Ethan at Cremona, Italy, 4. Ethan in his 2nd year of 4-H (2015) with Sunnybloom Embargo Riley – 3rd place Intermediate Heifer at Stratford Championship Show, 5. Left to Right – Paul MacLeod, Chris Hill, Ethan Bloomfield, Michael Lupton, Steph Warner and Nathan Wilker 6. Ethan (right) winning Reserve Champion Showmanship at Autumn Opportinuty. On the left is Champion Showperson Caden Finley. PHOTO 1 BY ELLA WRIGHT, PHOTOS 2 & 5 BY CLAIRE SWALE PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTO 3 BY BULLVINE, PHOTO 6 BY LYNDSAY BERRY PHOTOGRAPHY; ALL OTHERS SUBMITTED.

Ethan Bloomfield represents dedication, hard work, and passion within the 4-H community. Hailing from roots in dairy farming for Ethan. He credits 4-H for the amazing opportunities he from both sides of his family, Ethan's journey and work ethic within the dairy industry has been nothing short of extraordinary. club when I was 9, and I've only done the dairy club, but that's

Ethan calls Sunnybloom Holsteins, located in Ilderton, home to his family's 95-cow dairy operation. Ethan assists on the family farm when he can, in between clipping jobs, or weekends and nights when his busy schedule allows. However, Ethan predominantly dedicates his time to clipping and working at Wicketthorn Farms in London, Ontario. Ethan has also expanded his horizons working for various farms such as Kingsway, Willswikk, Butlerview, Wadeland, Up-Ridge and Big Guns Jerseys just to name a few. This off-farm work has opened doors to several opportunities for Ethan, turning him into a world traveler. The progression of his clipping and showing career is remarkable, having journeyed across North America, from Utah to British Columbia.

Looking ahead, Ethan's career in agriculture transcends the show ring. His pursuit of an AZ truck license during the winter months embodies his commitment to continual learning and hands-on application. Ethan plans on using the practical skills he has in his toolbox to continue to be an integral part of not only his family farm, but the dairy industry.

For the past ten years, being part of 4-H has been life-changing for Ethan. He credits 4-H for the amazing opportunities he has had in showing and clipping cattle. "I started in the dairy club when I was 9, and I've only done the dairy club, but that's where my clipping career started." His impressive journey in 4-H opened doors to travel worldwide, make lifelong industry connections, and learn skills crucial for his work in dairy and crops. 4-H has also had a vast impact on Ethan through mentoring. Norm McNaughton, Ethan's 4-H leader, has had an immense influence on his career, "he's always mentored me with showing and 4-H, he's helped me out along the way for sure." Ethan also credits Michael Lupton and the late Chris Hill for getting him interested in showing and helping him improve his clipping skills.

Throughout all the shows and exhibitions, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair holds a special place in Ethan's heart, being an event where familiarity blends seamlessly with the vibrant atmosphere. He appreciates the ease of how close friendships are connected, simply by taking a few steps around the showgrounds and running into new and old friends from all around the country. World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, is a close second favorite for Ethan, but he explained that it is the unique community of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair that ignites his passion for

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showing. "At the Royal, you know everybody. You can walk 10 feet and find someone you know to have a conversation with. It is a great social event." Apart from the atmosphere and how the cows "bring everybody together," Ethan also enjoys the competitiveness of showing and being able to contend with many of his oldest friends.

Imagine, starting 4-H in the dairy club at 9 years old and now traveling worldwide for a career he learned about in 4-H. Ethan's story shows that pursuing something you love can take you far, even to places like Italy. Reflecting on the surreal nature of his profession, Ethan expresses amazement at being paid to travel globally for the task of giving cows haircuts. Ethan's success in agriculture can also be owed to the inspiration and guidance of his grandparents. His late grandfather Barry Bloomfield and his grandmother Mary-Ellen created the Sunnybloom prefix that Ethan hopes to carry on someday and on his mom's side, his late grandfather, John Jensen, was a skilled craftsman at Jensen Halters, renowned for making halters used in shows and daily farming. John's reputation reached far, even to Italy, where Ethan was hoping to connect with people who knew or worked with his grandfather by mentioning the Jensen Halters name during his trip. Happily, Ethan found himself meeting individuals that his late grandfather had crossed paths with many years ago. A delightful surprise awaited him as he spotted nylon halters crafted by his Grandma Jensen of Jensen Halters being used at the Cremona event. These halters, sold to Erica Rijneveld from Holland, are distributed across Europe, marking a familial connection within the international showcase. Ethan also marveled at the magnificent Italian barns at Castelverdetestaments to history, still standing tall and fully functional. He was thrilled to get to work with the Italian breeders at such an amazing show, which he described as "quite a production with all the lights and music."

Ethan Bloomfield's journey from a 4-H enthusiast to an international workman in the dairy industry is a testament to the power of passion, dedication, and familial influence. His experiences in Cremona, Italy, not only allowed him to reconnect with his family's legacy but also revealed the universal bond that unites individuals within the global agricultural community.

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ONTARIO DAIRY YOUTH AWARD

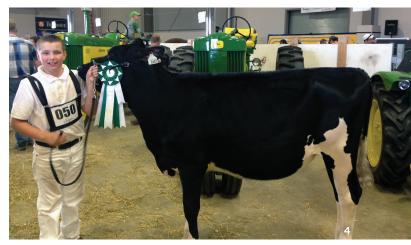
Established in 1980, the competition recognizes young people aged 25-35 who are actively involved in the operation of a dairy farm, who have demonstrated leadership and taken an active role in their communities. These talented winners will receive an all-expenses paid trip to World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin this fall. The Ontario Dairy Youth Award is funded through the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund and the Ontario Holstein Branch

2024 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 31ST, 2024. APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT HTTPS://WWW.ONTARIOHOLSTEIN.CA/ONTARIO-DAIRY-YOUTH-HOLSTEIN-ONTARIO













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2024 District Tours

pen House Farm Visits

Friday, March 15th, 2024 /10:00 am to 3:00 pm

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK



1. WILLOWCREEK GENETICS

2308 County Line 74, Hagersville, ON Richard & Teresa Osborne; Easton & Sienna 21 EX, 65 VG, 21 GP

Milking Holsteins and Jerseys in a 100 cow tie-stall barn. Several All-Canadian and All-Ontario nominated animals and cow families represented.

2. SPRING KNOLL DAIRY INC.

271 Concession 14 Walpole, Hagersville, ON Stan Heeg

1 EX. 7 VG. 18 GP. 9G

Milking 49 cows averaing 38 kgM/cow @ 4.4%F and 3.4%P. Started milking cows in 2016 with a robot through the New Producer Program with 35kgs of quota.

3. PEARTOME HOLSTEINS

561 First Line, Hagersville, ON Doug & Mary Ann Peart; Peter & Heather 4 ME, 4 EX, 35 VG, 23 GP

Current BCA - 211-233-223

Milking 70 cows in a newly retrofitted tie-stall barn with 2 DeLaval V300 robots. Two-thirds of the herd trace back to 1st Holstein purchased in 1921. 24 Generations of breeding in herd.

4. VANDERMOLEN FARMS INC.

743 Concession 8 Walpole, Jarvis, ON Ray & Brenda; Dennis & Linda and family;

Aaron & Amanda and family

Milking 130 cows in a new barn, built in 2023. Six row perimiter feeding. 3 DeLaval V310 robots with Herd Navigator. Tunnel ventilation. Focus on breeding trouble-free cows with good conformation.

5. DYKEMAVALE HOLSTEINS

1114 Concession 5, Jarvis, ON Dirk Bousfield

9 EX. 19 VG. 10 GP

Current BCA - 296-306-303

Milking 38 cows on 55kg of quota. A corporation between Dykemavale & Windview Holsteins was formed in 2020. All animals are house at Dykemavale.

6. MARKHOEVE FARMS

90 Concession 11, Waterford, ON

Marcel & Ingrid Backx

5 EX, 16 VG, remainder GP

Current BCA - 220-230-222

Milking 75 cows in a recently renovated freestall barn. Started on-farm processing in 2023, selling a variety of products on-farm.

7. WATERFORD HERITAGE & AGRICULTURAL **MUSEUM**

159 Nichol Street West, Waterford, ON

Admission by Donation

10am to 4pm

Home to Norfolk County's Agriculture Hall of Fame

Current Exhibit- Artisans of the Soil

Washrooms Available

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GONE WEST PIERSTEIN SELECT SALE SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, ENCANS BOULET INC., ROCKTON, ON

TOP SELLERS

PIERSTEIN ASHBY AVADEEN	\$18,500
PIERSTEIN CRUSHABULL JOLLYANNBuyer: André Dion, QC	\$8,400
PIERSTEIN UNIX JOKER	\$8,200
72 LOT AVG	\$3 724

BEAVERBROCK COMPLETE DISPERSAL OCTOBER 24, 2023, ENCANS BOULET INC., CANNINGTON, ON

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TOP SELLERS

BUD016 DOORMAN ZAHLIA	.\$6,500
Buyer: Barclay Phoenix, ON	
BEAVERBROCK VICTOR ESTELLE	.\$5,800
BEAVERBROCK SIRWOOD ADDY	.\$5,600

111 LOT AVG......\$2,350

PYNACKER HOLSTEINS SALE

OCTOBER 31, 2023, ENCANS BOULET INC., BATH, ON

TOP SELLERS

PYNACKER MURTLE UNIX Buyer: Ferme Arthur Lacroix, OC	\$7,500
PYNACKER JENNY ALLIGATOR Buyer: Thamesdale Farms, ON	\$5,600
PYNACKER ECLIPSE UNIX	\$5,400
119 LOT AVG	\$2,529

FROZEN GENETICS ROYAL EDITION 2 ONLINE SALE

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2023, UNIQUE DESIGNS & MARKETING

TOP SELLERS

400 FMBBV00 AVO	0.047
CRUSHABULL X MS APPLES APPLAUSE Buyer: Ferme JC Bachand, QC	\$1,100/EMBRYO
MAS X MAPLES AWESOM CREAM-RED Buyer: High Beam Farms, ON	\$1,750/EMBRYO

.60 EMBRYOS AVG\$647

PURSUIT OF POLLED SALE

DECEMBER 15, 2023, WALKER DAIRY SALES, ALYMER, ON

TOP SELLERS

VECTOR ISON IZZY PP	\$30,000
Buyer: Semex, ON	
BRAEMAR Z MAKE A WISH-P VRED Buyer: Cashcow Genetics	\$8,500
VECTOR REMOVER ZARA-P Buyer: Hyland Holsteins, ON	\$7,600

21 LOT AVG	.\$6,185
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LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING SALES!

Have an upcoming sale you would like in The Link? Email branch@ontario.holstein.ca to let us know.



VISION

Passionate Farmers. Prosperous Breed. Progressive Industry.

MISSION

Providing outstanding service & exceptional opportunities to our members to ensure longevity and excellence in the Holstein Breed.

CORE VALUES

Passion. Integrity. Teamwork.

CORE PILLARS

Youth Activities. Education. Breed Promotion. Industry Advocates.

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On a beautiful week in late October, the Ontario Dairy Youth Award winners: Amy Thom, Dirk Bousfield, MacKenzie Wright, and Mitchell Kieffer along with Holstein Ontario General Manager Pam Charlton, embarked on our trip to Alberta. After a long day of travel, we arrived in Calgary and took the evening to all get to know each other as we talked about our farms and families.

Early the next morning we met up with Dr. Gord Atkins who would be our tour guide for the day. Our first stop was the Beiseker Hutterite Colony where we toured their dairy operation Lone Butte Dairy. This colony is home to 60 people. The dairy barn was built in 2016 where they milk 240 cows through 4 Lely A4 robots. Three men run the dairy side of things and the farm also keeps and raises all youngstock. The breeding on the farm is done by herd bulls with a strong emphasis on conformation. The colony farms 7000 acres in addition to chickens and hogs. It was very interesting to learn about the Hutterite way of life. Everyone in the colony has a role and job to contribute to the community.

Next it was off to Ad Bertens new barn project. The new barn construction was nearing completion and consisted of an 80-stall rotary that will house close to 1000 cows. There will be a sand recycling system as well as tunnel ventilation. Once complete, all their animals will be milked at this location, as they are currently milking in two locations. After a tour of the new build, we visited their current milking facility. They farm 3500 acres and are one of few Alberta farms growing corn. We also learned they started milking 100 cows and have continued to grow throughout the years. We finished up our stop by touring their calf facility. This facility had six calf rooms and was an all-in all-out type of system. Once empty, the rooms are disinfected and have a rest period before the next group of calves are introduced.

From there it was off to Olds College for a tour. Olds College is ranked as one of the top 10 research colleges in Canada and the focus of our tour was their SMART Farm and Ag Tech Programs. Our tour guide explained to us that there are 1700 full-time students with a total of 2500 students

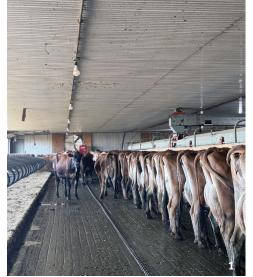
including their continued ag program. The college consists of over 3600 acres. There are a wide range of programs offered here: trades, vet tech, butchering, rodeo, turf, and crop research. We ended our tour with a stop at the on-Campus Brewery and retail store.

Our final stop for the day was at Wendon Holsteins. Here we were greeted with a quick tour and explanation of the farm. They are milking 60 cows through one Lely robot in addition to around 15 tie stalls for the show animals. The main draw here was the Open House and Tag sale. After looking through the animals on offer, we were treated to a wonderful steak dinner and refreshments for the evening. It was a great opportunity to meet and network with people. Our visit to Wendon showed us what Western hospitality was all about.

The following morning, we were on route to Altappel Farms near Penlow. Here we were welcomed by Arisjan, Elizabeth and Dirk Appel. The family immigrated from the Netherlands in 1996 and are currently milking 300 cows with six A5 Lely robots in a barn built in 2021. They have a free stall barn with waterbeds with the dry cows and young stock on a bedding pack. They farm 1100 acres consisting of corn, alfalfa and barley for silage crops and also grow barley and peas for combining that they run through their feed mill and is used for the farms feed.

Next stop for us was Lone Pine Jerseys and Creamery. The farm began in 1993 when Adrian and Vreni Haeni immigrated from Switzerland. Here we toured the entire milking herd which was milked through two Delaval Robots. The herd is entirely Jerseys, and it was very nice to see many 7+lactation animals in the herd. The cows had access to pasture in addition to the free stall barn. We also had a look at the creamery where milk, cream, and curds are processed. After this we spent some social time in their barn office sharing stories and sampling some of their products.

Last stop for the day was Irvine's Tack and Western Supply. This store was unlike anything any of us had ever seen- it was so big! There was everything here from apparel, saddles, boots to farm supplies and everything in between. It was also amazing to us how the store was located













in such a remote location with nothing and no one for miles around. After we all did a bit of shopping, we were off to Cochrane for the night. Once checked in to our hotel were toured the historic downtown before having dinner at a saloon where there may have been some Karaoke performances later in the evening.

The next day was spent as tourists. We began the day by heading to Banff National Park. Here we got on the Gondola where we went up 7500ft to the top of the Rocky Mountains. We walked along the trail and had a stunning view of the surrounding area. Next, we went on our way to Johnston Canyon where we hiked 5 km to see both the upper and lower waterfalls. From here, we drove to Lake Louise where we stopped for lunch and visited the sparkling blue Lake Louise. We then took the long way around and drove to Saskatchewan River Crossing and across to Red Deer for the evening. It was a very scenic drive where we finally saw some wildlife and was also a change as there was long portions of the drive in which there was no cell service.

The following morning, we were off to the Westerner Dairy Showcase. The show was judged by Mark Nutsford, from the United Kingdom, with close to 300 animals (Holsteins and Jerseys) exhibited from Manitoba to BC. Grand Champion of the Show was McGarr-Farms Unix Zany, 1st junior 3-year-old, for Westcoast Holsteins, Chilliwack, BC. During the show we had the privilege of being interviewed and speaking to the spectators. Afterwards, we attended the banquet where we were treated to a great dinner while awards and thanks were given.

Early the next morning we headed back to Calgary to catch our flight home after a wonderful week of tours, sights and great hospitality. We would like to give thanks to everyone who hosted us for opening their doors and giving tours. We would also like to thank the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund for their continued support of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Finally, we would extend our gratitude to Pam Charlton for her extensive work to organize a great trip and drive us around all week.





PHOTOS 1. Feeding time at Lone Pine Jerseys, 2. Judge Mark Nutsford (UK) makes his final placings in the Fall 2-Yr-Old class placing Kozak Warrior Bombshell on top. She went on to win R8W Grand Champion honours, 3. Feeding time at Lone Butte Dairy located on the Beiseker Hutterite Colony where all breeding is done by herd bulls, 4. The group at ALTAPPEL - Spruce Lane Dairies where we were hosted by Arisjan, Elizabeth and Dirk Appel. After immigrating from the Netherlands in 1996 they are currently milking 300 cows with six A5 Lely robots in a barn built in 2021, 5. No visit to Alberta is complete without a stop at Irvine's - the largest western store in Canada. Someone might have gotten lost in there., 6. Amy, Dirk, Mitch and Mackenzie at the Beiseker Colony with Dr. Gord Atkins as our tour guide, 7. Special thank you to Dr. David Chalack for his help organizing the tours and visits during our stay in Alberta. Always great hospitality and a warm welcome. L to R: Mitch Keiffer, Dirk Bousfield, Amy Thom, David Chalack, Pam Charlton, Mackenzie Wright., 8. Visiting the heifer facilities at Bertens farm. What you don't see is the stacks and stacks of straw bales opposite the barns to help with wind and snow management.



42ND ANNUAL HOLSTEIN ONTARIO CONVENTION Fosted by Middlesex County

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2024

10am-3pm Farm tours hosted by Middlesex

County Holstein Breeders

6pm Social Hour at the Hotel

7pm Dinner

Join us for an evening of fellowship, a Fun Auction (silent and live), Ontario Master Breeder Recognition and the All-Ontario Awards at the

EastGen Evening of Excellence.

Tickets: \$50 available on Eventbrite until February 9, 2024.

Best Western Lamplighter Hotel

591 Wellington Road, London, ON N6C 4R3

Mention Holstein Ontario when booking (519) 681-7151 or 1-800-780-7234
Room rates start at \$170/night until **January 27, 2024, or sooner based on availability**

https://www.eventbrite.ca/ - search Holstein Ontario Convention

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8am Past Presidents Complimentary Breakfast

9:30am Annual General Meeting

Gay Lea Production Awards

Outstanding Dairy Woman Service Award

12pm Lunch Tickets are \$25 and available on Eventbrite.

Presentations by Ontario Dairy Youth Award Winners

We look forward to seeing you!

Any questions or comments can be directed to: ontarioholsteinconvention2024@gmail.com



N 2024 District Tours

Open House Farm Visits

Tuesday, Feburary 27th, 2024/10:00 am to 3:00 pm

MIDDLESEX

Western Ontario





1. FINCH FARMS

270 Gladstone Dr., Thames Centre, ON Mary, David, Jacob & Matthew Finch Multi-generational, Century Farm. Bred Alfinch Zelgodis Taci EX-96 – 1st Longtime Production Cow WDE 2023. Breeding for balanced. profitable cows. Recently switched to TMR, with more changes to come.

2. CAVANALECK FARMS LTD.

470 Thompson Dr. Belmont, ON Jim, George & Nathan Thompson 3X Master Breeder, milking in a 6-row perimeter feeding barn with 2 Lely A5 robots, Juno flex feed pusher and GEA manure equipment.

3. ECHO GLEN FARM

5566 Marion St. Dorchester, ON Paul and Barb Hunter & Jeremy Hunter and Sierra Empey 60 cow free-stall barn with a double 6 parlour. Tie stall and pack area for selective cows.

4. NUVIEW FARMS LTD.

20991 Heritage Rd. Thorndale, ON Gerald & Jean, David & Dana Johnson Sand bedded Free-stall barn built in 2017 featuring 2 Lely robots. Heifers are housed on straw pack and calves are housed in nursery featuring a robot calf feeder all within barn.

5. ELLIOTDALE HOLSTEINS LTD. 9. STANTON FARMS LTD.

22015 Heritage Rd. Thorndale, ON John & Yvonne, Andrew & Nicole Elliott and Family

New barn with a double 10 GEA parlour. Milk Quality Award Winner in 2021. See daughters from our 2021 Heart of the Herd Winner Elliottdale Lyster Karen. An extremely well balanced type and production herd. 9ME, 5EX, 37VG, 2G

6. WONBROOK HOLSTEINS

15804 Eight Mile Rd. Arva, ON David & Audrey, Allana, Emily and Caden Wonnacott, George & Reta Wonnacott

36 cow tie stall. Multi-generation, 6th generation farm. Started TMR in 2019. Descendants of Shoremar Alicia and Jacobs Goldwyn Brittany

7. THAMESDALE HOLSTEINS

15299 Eight Mile Road, Arva ON Bruce & Will Johnson and Family

Founded in 1946, new barn in 2022 with double ten parallel parlour. A young herd making continuous strides forward in production and type.

8. COMRIE FARMS LTD.

22543 Richmond St. London, ON Norm, Mike, Steve McNaughton

2X Master Breeder, In 2018, built a robot barn with a GEA Monobox robot. 100% A2A2 herd with a focus on using available tools to breed for a high immune, trouble free cow.

13514 Twelve Mile Road, Ilderton ON The Stanton Family

Home of Stanton Genetics - Stop in to discuss our sire line up and view the milking daughters of Stanton bulls.

10. BLOOMFIELD FARMS

12684 Ten Mile Rd. Ilderton, ON Brian, Heather, Ethan and Paige Bloomfield, Mary-Ellen Bloomfield

Milking 90 in a sand bedded free stall barn with 2 Lely A4 Robots and Lely Juno. Renovated calf barn in 2018 to include Lely calf feeder.



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A NEW EXCELLENT COW OR A VERY GOOD TWO-YEAR-OLD IS A BREEDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. These cows are the highlight of any herd visit and a source of pride for their breeders and owners. From October through to the end of December 2023, there were 591 1st time Excellent cows and 775 Very Good 2-year-olds classified in Ontario. Those classifying EX-91 and above and VG-87 and above are listed here - a complete list can be found under the Awards-Lists tab at www.holstein.ca. Congratulations to the owners and breeders of these fine animals!

OCTOBER - DECEMBER EX'S

BLONDIN SIDEKICK BROUILLY EX-93

Fricosons Holsteins, Newcastle & Sikmadale Holsteins, Orono

BONACCUEIL ELIA APPLE-CRISP EX-93

Clarkvalley Holsteins, Woodville & London Dairy Farms, London

CASSEL FRANCHIS SARAH 934 EX-93 Cassel Dairy, Bright

LIN-RO UNDENIED CARRIE-ET EX-93 Jaquemet Holsteins, Wincheste

OVERDALE APPLE-CRISP STYLISH EX-93

Overdale Farms Ltd., L'Orignal

RYLA DOORMAN CAELIN EX-93 Ryla Holsteins, Lindsay

VOGUE LOYOLA MUDSLIDE-P EX-93

Malden Valley Farms Ltd., Woodslee, North Polled Genetics, Fergus & Vector Genetics, Rockwood

ANDROSE SIDEKICK ZIZZLE EX-92 Andrew Eby, Drayton

BLUCRIK CONTROL TAQUITO EX-92

Murrel & Martha Sauder, Wallenstein

BOSDALE UNIX PORTLEA EX-92 Bosdale Farms Inc., Cambridge

CLAYHAVEN DELTA LAMBDA TAIYA EX-92 Melvin G. Martin, Wallenstein

DELCREEK CROUCHING TIGER EX-92

Delcreek Holsteins, Winchester

DREWHOLME DELTA AVERY EX-92

Drewholme Holsteins, Gowanstown

DUCKETT IMPRESSION OAKLY-ET EX-92

Almet Farms Ltd., Haydon, Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd., Oshawa & Werrhurst Holsteins, Oshawa

FARROW MERRICK ATTENTION EX-92

Far-Row Holsteins, Woodville

GLEN ISLAY SIDEKICK MERLOT EX-92

GLENIRVINE CRUSHABULL CHEE EX-92

Glenirvine Farms, Fergus

GLOCCA MORRA JACOBY JU-JUBE EX-92

Emma Farlinger, Morrisburg & Signature Holsteins, Morrisburg

HARTHAVEN CONTROL FREAK EX-92

Harthaven Farms Inc., Morrisburg

HAZELCREST DROPKICK LORELEI EX-92 Hazelcrest Holsteins, Embro

HEATHERICK SIDEKICK RAGWEED EX-92

Frederick Topp & Son, Dunnville

INDIANMAIDN KINGBOY SUNSHINE EX-92 Indian Maiden Farms, Moorefield

JOALFARMS SIDEKICK MEMO EX-92

KAWARTHA DOORMAN POLO EX-92

awartha Holsteins, Lindsay

LIBERTY-GEN ATWOOD ACHIEVE EX-92 Liberty Genetics, Winchester & Signature

Holsteins, Morrisburg

LORNEVA IMPRESSION PURPLE EX-92 Freedom Farms Inc., New Liskeard

MAIFIELD HIGH OCTANE HERO EX-92

Almet Farms Ltd., Haydon

MOONSHINE RAMBO ANGELA EX-92

Moonlight Holsteins, Caistor Centre

MOUNT ELM ATMOSPHERE PUDDLE EX-92

Bruce & Susan Mode, Vankleek Hill & Yorellea Farms, St. Eugene

NEWMORNING PHARO AARTIE 3156 EX-92 New Morning Holsteins, Monkton

OCD DOC MISCHIEVOUS-ET EX-92

Velthuis Farms Ltd., Osgoode

RICKHAVEN UNIX BEAUTY EX-92

Rickhaven Holsteins, Drayton

SHARMAPLE UNIX SPLASH EX-92 Breamont Holsteins, Tavistock &

Marthaven Holsteins, Woodstock

SPRUCE LAWN IMPRESSION CARA EX-92

Cleon Gingrich, Drayton

ULMAR DOORMAN RYA EX-92 Pfister Dairy, Mitchell

UP-RIDGE CRUSHTIME REJOICE EX-92 UP-RIDGE JACOBY GORGEOUS EX-92

Up-Ridge Holsteins, Embro

AIJA ARTIST EAST EX-91

Brian Joseph Enright, Winchester & Jaquemet Holsteins, Winchester

AIJA EMILIO LALA EX-91

Jaquemet Holsteins, Winchester

ANNALEA IMPRESSION SAYO EX-91

Schuler Farms, Chesterville

BENREYMO HEMINGWAY JILLETTE EX-91 Revnald B. Benoit, St. Albert

BLUCRIK CONTROL LIZZIE EX-91

Blucrik Holsteins, Wallenstein

BOSDALE EXPANDER LAUREATE EX-91 BOSDALE UNIX BARBIE EX-91

Bosdale Farms Inc., Cambridge

CELMAR LAMBDA DISTINCT 846 EX-91

Celmar Dairy Ltd., Norwich

CENTURYHOLM DRAGONHEART CREST EX-91

Burmania Farms, Chesterville & Centuryholm Holsteins, Kinburn

CRANHOLME UNSTOPPABULL LUST EX-91

Andrew Den Haan, Fergus:

Lester & Shirley Gingrich, Arthur

DAIRY-DOC MIDNIGHT KATIA EX-91 Dairy-Doc Holsteins, Woodstock

DARWELL DOC PEPPERONI EX-91 Les & Darlene Sharpe, Orton

DEJO ARTIST MYRA EX-91

William De Jong, Morrisburg

DELCREEK GREENER GRASS EX-91

Delcreek Holsteins, Winchester & Jamie Black, Fort Covington, NY

DELCREEK PRINCESS PEACH EX-91

Delcreek Holsteins, Winchester

EARLEN HIGH OCTANE SNOW WHITE EX-91

New Morning Holsteins, Monkton

ELM BEND GO LOKO EX-91

Elm Bend Holsteins, Brantford

FRADON CRUSHABULL SAPHIRE EX-91 Jantzicrest Holsteins, Milverton

HARTHAVEN IMPRESSION RYGEL EX-91

HARTHAVEN SIDEKICK BROOKS EX-91 Harthaven Farms Inc., Morrisburg

HASLILAND GENESIS ABILENE EX-91

Thomas Meyerhans, Casselman **HAVENVALLEY LAUTRUST ZIPPER EX-91**

Havenvalley Holsteins, Wallenstein

HAZELCREST LINEMAN COSTCO EX-91 HAZELCREST UNIX ABBIE EX-91

Hazelcrest Holsteins, Embro

HEERDINK HOTHAND MILLIE EX-91

Heerdink Holsteins, St. Marys

HOLZER BLACKSHOCK DOC EX-91 HOLZER MYTHICAL DOC EX-91

Bushy View, Lakeside

JAMAINE THOREAU POMPILIA EX-91 Jamaine Holsteins Wallenstein

JAREB JETTAIR 548 EX-91

Marlawn Holsteins, St. Jacobs

JOALFARMS ABBOTT MOONIE EX-91 JOALFARMS PEPPER POPPY EX-91

Allan & Lorne Vis, Murillo

Marlin R. Martin, Palmerston

KARLINROCK LIGHTHOUSE SHEA EX-91 KARLINROCK THOREAU SUNRISE 2 EX-91

KAWARTHA KINGBOY DAZZY EX-91

Kawartha Holsteins, Lindsay **KENCHAR UNO SPARKLING EX-91**

Scott Tamlin, Woodville **KILLCROFT DOORMAN GENEVIEVE EX-91**

Killcroft Holsteins, Tavistock

KIRKLEA DOORMAN BUTTERTART EX-91 Kirklea Holsteins, Alexandria

KOSTAHOLME WICKHAM MILADA EX-91

Kostaholme Holsteins, Drayton **LARENWOOD SIDEKICK CRAZY 1022 EX-91**

Larenwood Farms, Drumbo

LIMBRA UNIX PATCHOUILT EX-91

LORNEVA PLEASURE DORIS EX-91

Freedom Farms Inc., New Liskeard MAIFIELD SANDSTORM FLAMINGO EX-91

MAIFIELD SIDEKICK KYLYNN EX-91 MAIFIELD SOLOMON KABIKI EX-91

Almet Farms Ltd., Haydon MAPLEBRAE MIDNIGHT PRIMROSE EX-91

Erieview Farms Limited, Jerseyville

MARKHOEVE VICTOR-POWER EX-91 Markhoeve Farms, Waterford

MARLA MIDNIGHT RESTLES EX-91

Mapleton Holsteins Ltd., Alma

MISS OCD OCTANE GEORGIA-ET EX-91

D.W. Karn Farms Inc., Woodstock MOONSHINE W LAMBDA BERTHA EX-91

Moonlight Holsteins, Caistor Centre

NEWMORNING CAESAR 2511 3138 EX-91 New Morning Holsteins, Monkton

OLORTINE UNIX ODESSA EX-91

Corey Martin, Wallenstein PERRINRIDGE INCREDIBLE MARLIE EX-91

Perrinridge Farms Ltd., Avr

PROGENESIS FABULOUS DAIOUIRI EX-91 Character Holsteins, Mildmay

RICKHAVEN DELTA JENNY EX-91 Rickhaven Holsteins, Drayton

ROSETONE SP REESES PIECES EX-91

Mccutcheon Farms, Canfield

RYLA UNIX CAMMY EX-91 Ryla Holsteins, Lindsay

SCALDIA IMPRESSION SAILOR EX-91 Scaldia Farms Inc., Elora

SCENIC VIEW SIDEKICK ANNABELL EX-91

Scenic View Holsteins, Elmira **SCHERPENZEEL MIRAND 1973 EX-91**

Scherpenzeel Farms, Ingersoll

SHADYWILLO UNIX SEANA EX-91 eonard & Laura Martin, Elmir

SIMONHOF BOMBERO PORKY EX-91 Indian Maiden Farms, Moorefield

SKINHEIR THOREAU HAFSA EX-91

Skinheir Holsteins Inc., Mitchell

SKIPPER UNIX ALEE EX-91 Schipper Farms Ltd., Avlmer

SMITHDEN MIRAND AUTUMN-RED EX-91

Valiant Dairy Inc., Woodstock

TIL-EL WICKHAM UMEKO 542 EX-91

Til-El Holsteins, Dunnville TRIPLEKAY UNIX TONE EX-91

Triplekay Holsteins, Embro **TUNECROFT MIDNIGHT JOY-ANNA EX-91**

Jim & Teresa Teune, Clifford UP-RIDGE CRUSHABULL CAMEO EX-91

Up-Ridge Holsteins, Embro

VALE-O-SKENE ADDICTION JULES EX-91 Claremount Holsteins, Stratford; Gary Troup, Little Britain & Vale-O-Skene Holsteins, Little

VALLEYRIVER INCRED EAGLE RED EX-91

McIntosh Holsteins, Embro

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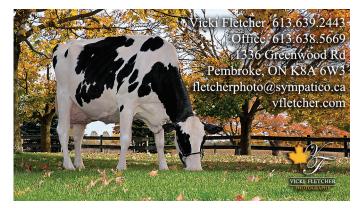
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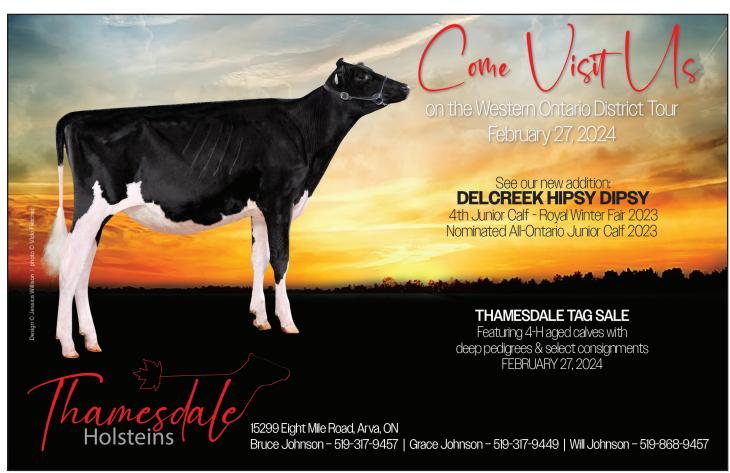
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Milky Wave Inc., Elmira, On	
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SERHEAL SHOTTLE ESPRIT EX-90-3EYireh Farms, Winchester, On	149,764 KGS (33.84)
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ANIMAL NAME	CLASS	AGE	М	F	Р	BCA COMP	М	F	Р	DEV COMP
EARLINGS										
NEWMORNING LEGEND LESTER New Morning Holsteins, Monkton	VG-86	01-09	385	479	467	1,331	(111)	(168)	(173)	(452)
SPRUCEAFTON N DUKE TECLA Spruceafton Farms Inc., Milverton	GP-81	01-11	411	410	403	1,224	(145)	(146)	(135)	(426)
ALBADON TIKI LOOPY 2307 Albadon Farms Ltd., Teeswater	F-68	01-07	404	535	421	1,360	(108)	(176)	(107)	(391)
MELNA PHANTOM MARGARITA Melna Holsteins, Winchester	VG-85	01-11	420	412	455	1,287	(123)	(112)	(146)	(381)
GREAVESTON DRAGONHEART SONIA Greaveston Holsteins, North Augusta	G-79	01-09	381	402	358	1,141	(135)	(129)	(104)	(368)
2 YEAR OLDS										
MARK-A-VALLEY FUEL BERINA Mark-A-Valley Farm, Arthur	VG-85	02-08	384	543	418	1,345	(94)	(193)	(113)	(400)
CHRISTHILL BENTLEY LOLLY Christhill Farms, Tara	VG-88	02-11	391	441	382	1,214	(120)	(150)	(110)	(380)
ROESBETT DOORMAN KINKY Roesbett Farms Ltd., Lakeside	VG-85	02-10	424	355	404	1,183	(144)	(83)	(116)	(343)
SHARMAPLE SIDEKICK DANCER Ernie Martin, Alma	GP-80	02-02	357	438	378	1,173	(82)	(147)	(95)	(324)
DELHAVEN APTITUDE DEMETER Moy Hall Farms, St. Marys	VG-86	02-10	408	378	392	1,178	(84)	(84)	(99)	(307)
3 YEAR OLDS										
WENALLT EMILIO SUNSTREAK Wenallt Holsteins Inc., Crysler	GP-84	03-05	380	434	359	1,173	(112)	(135)	(70)	(317)
MOUNTAINOAK GENTLE JELLYBEAN Mountain Oak Farms, New Hamburg	GP-82	03-02	331	451	344	1,126	(75)	(170)	(72)	(317)
RICKEEN NISSA Rickeen Farms Inc., Wallenstein	GP-83	03-04	345	416	363	1,124	(83)	(135)	(90)	(308)
RICRODREG SALUKI 1104 Gilmer Farms Ltd., South Mountain	GP-80	03-03	422	355	415	1,192	(136)	(53)	(116)	(305)
SILVERRIDGE V MARIUS EVICTION Velthuis Farms Ltd., Osgoode	VG-87	03-10	336	382	348	1,066	(90)	(115)	(96)	(301)
4 YEAR OLDS										
JOALFARMS ABBOTT FINESSE Allan & Lorne Vis, Murillo	EX-92	04-01	353	576	368	1,297	(109)	(274)	(106)	(489)
JM VALLEY CHIEF ACAPELLA Karnview Farms Inc., Woodstock	EX-93	04-09	382	395	354	1,131	(140)	(124)	(108)	(372)
NEW GALMA CONTROL DEB New Galma Dairy, Mt. Elgin	VG-85	04-08	331	348	338	1,017	(120)	(121)	(123)	(364)
DAIRY-DOC TAKEOFF ALIYAH Joren Holsteins, Wilmot	VG-88	04-04	315	376	368	1,059	(78)	(141)	(131)	(350)
ECKERLEA LOYOLA-P BESSIE II Eckerlea Acres, Seaforth	GP-81	04-00	402	377	388	1,167	(122)	(92)	(93)	(307)
5 YEAR OLDS										
HONEYPOD HOTROD TINLEY Honeypod Holsteins, Elmvale	VG-85	05-08	275	366	310	951	(78)	(147)	(104)	(329)
NEWMORNING FULTON LOGAN 1268 New Morning Holsteins, Monkton	VG-85	05-06	369	353	348	1,070	(113)	(74)	(78)	(265)
ROYBRIDGE DOORMAN LIZGAR Roy Spence, Elmvale	VG-88	05-00	315	423	312	1,050	(61)	(132)	(60)	(253)
ATHLONE ADIGIO MONCTON Athlone Farms, Tavistock	EX-93-2E	05-03	366	355	372	1,093	(100)	(63)	(85)	(248)
MARK-A-VALLEY RALEIGH VALERIE Mark-A-Valley Farm, Arthur	GP-80	05-02	337	469	364	1,170	(42)	(140)	(60)	(242)
MATURE COWS										
JOALFARMS BAXTER RIANNA Allan & Lorne Vis, Murillo	EX-92-6E	13-07	381	494	356	1,231	(135)	(190)	(94)	(419)
GLENNHOLME DOORMAN AUDI Glen Syme, Almonte & Glennholme Holsteins, Carp	VG-87	06-06	304	447	346	1,097	(59)	(178)	(89)	(326)
DEBOER SUPERSHOT WILLOW De Boer Acres Holsteins, Selkirk	GP-83	06-09	351	466	389	1,206	(62)	(164)	(89)	(315)
				370	327	1,023	(70)	(89)	(67)	(226)



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January 31

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FEBRUARY 2024

February 1

East-Central District Townhall Meeting Brownsdale Community Centre (10:00am)

February 6

Durham County AGM

99 King St., Bowmanville (11:30am)

February 6

Western District Townhall Meeting Caradoc Community Centre (10:00am) 565 Lions Park Road, Mount Brydges

February 7

Dufferin County Holstein Club AGM Grand River Chop House (11:30am)

February 8

West-Central District Townhall Meeting GrandWay Events Centre (10:00am) 445 Wellington County Road 21, Elora

February 24

Elgin County Holstein Club Banquet Malahide Community Place (7:00pm)

February 27-28

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MARCH 2024

March 13

East-Central District Farm Tours Prince Edward County (10:00am-3:00pm)

March 15

Western District Farm Tours Haldimand-Norfolk County (10:00am-3:00pm)

March 16

Perth County Car Tour (10:00am-3:00pm)

March 23

Eastern District Farm Tours
Lanark County (10:00am-3:00pm)

APRIL 2024

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Canadian Dairy XPO (CDX).
Stratford Rotary Complex, Stratford

April 24-25

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NAME: ARMIN, MONICA AND LUCAS KAGI HERD SIZE: 65 MILKING COWS OPERATION TYPE: FREE-STALL, PARLOUR LOCATION: FINCH, ONT.

1. Describe your family's history with Holsteins.

Monica's parents, Hans and Monika Reusser bought the farm in 1980, after immigrating from Switzerland. The farm had a herd of grade Holsteins. Armin and Monica purchased the farm in 1997, moving from another small farm they purchased in 1991, where they started their prefix; Redlodge. Now their son Lucas is also a partner in the operation.

2. What are your breeding goals?

We aim to register good-pedigreed, profitable animals that remain very consistent through their lactation and reproduction abilities throughout their years. We love cows that score Excellent and keep getting better as they age.

3. What genetic tools are most important in your breeding program?

The genetic tools that provide value to us are milk recording and classification. We also use genomic testing, so that we can identify genetic markers that might make better brood cows in the future.

4. Describe the ultimate/ideal cow for your operation:

Our ideal cow is one that remains very youthful through her lactations. She has a great mammary system, moves freely and carries a lot of strength through her parts. We prefer two year olds that need one or two more calves to mature all their parts, but can be profitable for 6 to 7 years at a minimum.

5. What cow in your barn is currently the "Heart of the Herd"?

Redlodge Chip Analia EX-94-3E 2*. Analia has made a superior, won Grand Champion at our County Show, won the Breeder's Cup in 2023 and already has an EX-2E and a VG-87 daughter, as well as heifers to come. She is on a flush program now. Her dam Redlodge Saloon Avenue VG-87 2* was 4th. Senior Calf at the Royal Winter Fair and won Reserve All Ontario that year. She is from one of our most popular and proven cow families at the farm.

6. What are you most proud of in your herd/operation?

We built a new free-stall barn in 2019, which houses all of our livestock under the same roof. We built it very work efficient and therefore the three of us are able to handle the labour with minimal hired help. Over the last several years we were able to improve the herd. The one big purchase we made was Glengarry Baxter Patches EX-4E 14*. She produced 138,000kg of milk and left us 6EX 9VG and 4GP daughters.

7. If you could improve one thing in your herd/operation, what would it be?

Having recently moved from a tiestall with pasture access to a freestall, we believe we need to improve feet and legs and overall mobility.



8. If you could have ANY cow standing in your barn, who would it be and why?

There are so many cows that I admired over the years, but I want to pick a young cow. Mystique Lambda Anis is one such cow. She has great genomics numbers, has great production, classified well and is in high demand for offspring for males and females.

9. What is one thing you would tell a young farmer starting out that you wish you had been told?

Be resourceful and don't be afraid to change things if they don't work. Talk to professionals and fellow farmers. Small things matter and don't cut corners and learn from your mistakes.

10. How do you use genomic information in your herd and what are your thoughts on the future of genomics?

We genomic test every calf now to identify our best animals. The future of genomics relies heavily on farmers continuing to classify and milk record and bull studs need to focus again on cow families.

11. How many cows do you flush each year? How do you market your embryos that are for sale?

We flush 2-3 cows per year for our own breeding program.

12. Being in the breeding business, what traits do you find sell the best? What trait do you value most?

A complete cow with good teat placement and great mobility are important to us and the clients that come back time after time.

13. Which bulls do you feel has had the most impact on your herd over the years and today?

The bulls that improved our herd were Aeroline, Storm, Goldwyn, Jasper and Windbrook, Today we love our Lambdas and Alligators.

14. What are the management practices in place on your farm that you feel contribute the most to the success of your operation? Why?

We try to make good feed. Forage that is cut at the optimal time will put milk in the tank and keep the animals healthy. We make sure the newborn calves get high quality colostrum in the first couple of hours after birth, they are our future.

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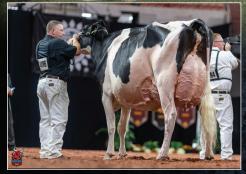
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