

The award logo is positioned in the lower right quadrant. It features a laurel wreath in gold, framing the text "COW of the YEAR" in red. Below the text is a silhouette of a cow's head in white, with a red maple leaf positioned to its left. The year "2013" is written in gold below the cow silhouette.

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2013



COMESTAR GOLDWYN LILAC VG-89-5YR-CAN 6* (5/28)

- **Breeders:** Comestar Holstein, Victoriaville, QC; Cormdale Genetics Inc., Bethany, ON; Genervations Inc., Campbellville, ON; Todd J. Whittier, West Sutton, MA; Mark Falshaw, Skipton, North Yorkshire
- **Owners:** Genervations Inc., Campbellville, ON; Mapel Wood Farms, Jerseyville, ON; O'Connor Land & Cattle Company, Ajax, ON
- **Best 305:** 4yr. 19,612 kg M 902 kg F 4.6% 669 kg P 3.4% BCA 404-496-429 Dev. +164 +242 +190
- **Lifetime:** 2 lacts. 45,451 kg M 2,112 kg F 4.6% 1,654 kg P 3.6% Average BCA 386-476-429
- 2 Superior Lactations, All-Ontario Senior Two-Year-Old 2008, Nominated All-Canadian Senior Two-Year-Old 2008

Comestar Goldwyn Lilac, the very best of *Lylehaven Lila Z* (EX-94-CAN 16*) combined with *Goldwyn*, has left many exceptional offspring – both male and female. Males from *Lilac* dominate the LPI and Type charts, while the females from this family are all outstanding in production, type and transmission. Her son, *Genervations Lexor*, is the former number one GPA LPI sire, while his full brother, *Genervations Lingo*, is the former number one genomic bull in Switzerland. *Lilac's* Snowman grandson, *Vendairy Shopping*, was the number one genomic bull in Spain last year.

Lilac herself is a triple threat as an accomplished show cow, genomic brood cow and prolific flush cow – all qualities that she has transmitted to her offspring. Not only is she believed to be the highest genomic tested cow ever nominated All-Canadian or All-American, she is also the third generation to be nominated. Her daughter, *Mapel Wood Shottle Lili* (VG-88-2YR-CAN), was nominated All-Ontario Senior Two-Year-Old in 2012, and 13 of her 17 daughters that are classified are scored VG as Two-Year-Olds.

The demand for *Lilac* and her high-type and high-genomic descendants is incredible with daughters and granddaughters topping numerous sales. Granddaughter *OConnors Last Hope* set a Canadian heifer price record at \$475,000 in 2012. *Lilac's* demand has also extended internationally with several offspring resulting from embryo sales having topped sales throughout Europe leading to a nomination in Holstein International's All-World Cow competition in 2012.

Comestar Goldwyn Lilac has established herself as a tremendous foundation cow and has certainly left her mark on the Holstein breed!



VIEXSAULE ALLEN DRAGONFLY EX-94-2E-CAN 14* (7/66)

- **Breeder and Owner:** Mario & Jimmy Perreault, Ferme du Vieux Saule, St. Esprit, QC
- **Best 305:** 5yr. 13,814 kg M 553 kg F 4.0% 432 kg P 3.1% BCA 277-296-272 Dev. +31 +68 +18
- **Lifetime:** 4 lacts. 65,462 kg M 2,671 kg F 4.1% 2,123 kg P 3.2% Average BCA 273-301-270
- 2 Superior Lactations, Nominated All-Canadian 4-H Junior Yearling 2003

With great type, a 95-point mammary system and superior production, *Dragonfly* is a balanced cow with ability to transmit her best qualities to her progeny. She has been featured three times in articles by Holstein International and once by Holstein World. A great brood cow, she has also made a name for herself in the North American genomic market with her high-genomic progeny in high-demand.

Dragonfly left her mark in the show ring as a heifer placing well at a number of shows in 2003 earning All-Québec and All-Canadian 4-H nominations as a Junior Yearling. *Dragonfly* continues to shine in the ring through her descendants at many regional, national and international shows.

This *Allen* daughter's ability to transmit is evident in the show ring, but also in the barn. *Dragonfly* currently has over 30 classified daughters here in Canada and throughout Europe – 11 are scored VG 87 or higher! Her daughter, *Toystory Haley* VG-87-5YR-CAN 2*, continues the legacy with 100% of her 10 milking daughters scored GP or better. Daughter *Bolton Halia* VG-87-2YR-CAN 2* was the top selling milking animal in the 2009 Sale of Stars.

A very prolific flush cow and popular bull dam, *Dragonfly* has sold embryos to and has daughters in 20 different countries, and has four sons in AI – two being Superior Type sires. She has a number of grandsons in AI with *Vieuxsaule Flame* being one of the top young genomic bulls in the world.

Combining great conformation and extreme components with the ability to pass it on, *Dragonfly* continues to shine and has become an ambassador for Canadian Holsteins around the world.



RAINYRIDGE TALENT BARBARA EX-95-5YR-USA 3* (4/12)

- **Breeders:** Ronald Boerchers, Laurier, MB; Fred Fornwald & Sons Farms Ltd., Carlyle, SK; Lakefield Farm, Petersfield, MB; Dr. Quinn Gavaga, Cache Creek, BC
- **Owners:** River Valley Dairy LLC, Tremont, IL
- **Best 305:** 3yr. 13,762 kg M 500 kg F 3.6% 443 kg P 3.2% BCA 308-298-303 Dev. +111 +110 +105
- **Lifetime:** 3 Lacts. 45,920 kg M 1,770 kg F 3.9% 1,478 kg P 3.2% Average BCA 288-297-286
- **1 Superior Lactation, All-Canadian and All-American 5-Yr-Old 2010 and Honourable Mention All-American Mature Cow 2011**

Rainyridge Talent Barbara is the epitome of the true Canadian Holstein and has taken the show, production and genomic world by storm. Following her first-place finishes at the RAWF and WDE, this RDC *Talent* daughter was the Unanimous All-Canadian and All-American 5-Yr-Old in 2010. It was then that “*Barbara Fever*” set in throughout the Holstein world.

This fourth generation EX and great-granddaughter of *Rainyridge Tony Beauty* has proven that she too possesses the ability to transmit her exceptional genetics to her progeny. Her daughters topped three different sales and now her granddaughters continue to top sales at record prices. *Barbara* currently has 10 milking daughters – nine of them are already scored VG! Like their dam, her daughters combine fantastic conformation with superior production and have already earned *Barbara 3** brood status to date.

She has not only left her mark in the show ring, *Barbara's* influence has also been noted in the genomic index world. Currently, her granddaughter, *Calbrett Supersire Barb*, is the number one GLPI and GTPI Red Carrier heifer in the world with a number of other granddaughters found at the top of the red carrier lists as well. *Barbara's* sons, *Rainyridge Bernie* and *Hylite Barbwire* are the former number one RDC type bull and R&W type bull respectively. Both bulls have sired numerous show winners at R&W shows across the US and Canada.

Barbara is the ideal balance of show type, superior production and high genomic values. She is a true ambassador for Canadian Holsteins and there is no sign of “*Barbara Fever*” breaking anytime soon!



GEN-I-BEQ SHOTTLE BOMBI EX-92-6YR-USA 6* (4/28)

- **Breeders:** Syndicat Gen-I-Beq, St. Patrice, QC
- **Owners:** Siemers Holstein Farms Inc, Newton, WI
- **Best 305:** 5yr. 21,900 kg M 827 kg F 3.8% 712 kg P 3.3%
- **Lifetime:** 2 lacts. 48,391 kg M 2,044 kg F 4.2% 1,634 kg P 3.4% Average BCA 311-413-331
- **1 Superior Lactation**

Gen-I-Beq Shottle Bombi is one of the most unbelievable brood cows in the breed today. Virtually every bull she has been crossed with has resulted in exceptional offspring, and to date, *Bombi* has 163 registered progeny with many more pregnancies on the way and embryos in the tank. She has 20 classified daughters all scored GP or better with an average BCA of 254-287-257. *Bombi* has earned 6* brood status to date, but with many more progeny to come, this number is sure to increase significantly.

Transmission of genetics is one thing that this *Shottle* daughter has proven she can do. At only nine years old, *Bombi* has hundreds of descendants and many of them, females and males, rank at the top of the genomic lists. She herself still sits at +2811 GLPI. Her daughter, *Mapel Wood Man O Man Brooke*, is currently in the top 20 with a GLPI of +3274. Her son, *Mapel Wood Boulder*, is the sire of *Generations Liquid Gold*, one of the world's hottest young genomic bulls.

Bombi is a great barn cow that loves to eat and do her job. She is a fantastic producer, whether it is 22,000 kg of milk in a single lactation or phenomenal numbers of embryos flush-after-flush. “If this is what genomic cows are supposed to look like, then I’m sold on genomics!” Sherry Siemers had it right!

Bombi is just that; a cow that has the ability to transmit her impressive genetics and is a shining example of the complete package: High genomic numbers, high type and high production!

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Voting deadline is **Friday, March 14, 2014**

Announcement of the 2013 Cow of the Year winner will be made at Holstein Canada's Annual General Meeting of Members, Saturday, April 5th, 2014 in Sherbrooke, QC.

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