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**From East to West: A Shared Journey
to Grand Champion Success
Altona Lea and Lovholm Holsteins**



Message from the President: Gilles Côté



It is with some trepidation that I write these lines for the last time in infoHolstein. My role will be ending in April, after four terms as National Director for Eastern Quebec. When I started out in 2014, I never imagined I would one day serve as President. Motivated by my passion for our community, I simply wanted to get involved.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting many inspiring producers across the country. Your real-life experiences, your ideas, and your outlook on things have helped me grow. As I complete this term, I have gained a broader perspective and a deeper appreciation for our industry.

I sincerely thank you for your trust. The last few years have brought many changes, and I know that these may have raised questions. Thank you for believing in the process and supporting Holstein Canada's evolution. Today, I am proud of how far we have come, with a revitalized team, a solid Strategic Plan, a new CEO, and a Board of Directors committed to the future.

I would also like to acknowledge my colleagues on the Board. Learning how to bring our ideas together and work toward the best possible outcome for our

Association has been a true privilege. I am grateful for your dedication and for the trust you have placed in me by electing me as President.

Holstein Canada is also fortunate to have deeply committed employees who, both in the office and in the field, take obvious pride in serving our members. I have had the opportunity to work with passionate leaders, many of whom have left their mark on my journey.

The end of a term opens up an opportunity for fresh energy, which is why I extend a warm welcome to Hubert Guimond, from Ferme Bard in La Pocatière. His enthusiasm and passion will, I am sure, be a great asset to the Board.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to my family. Being away from Lac Saint

Jean several times a year means that someone has to hold down the fort, which my family has done generously. Thank you to my wife Hélène for her understanding and support, and to my daughters for their patience and their presence. During my involvement with Holstein Canada, I had the great joy of becoming a grandfather—a wonderfully exciting chapter in my life. Needless to say, I already know where I will be spending my free time once my term is over!

Thank you all so much, and all the best to Holstein Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Gilles Côté
President, Holstein Canada 

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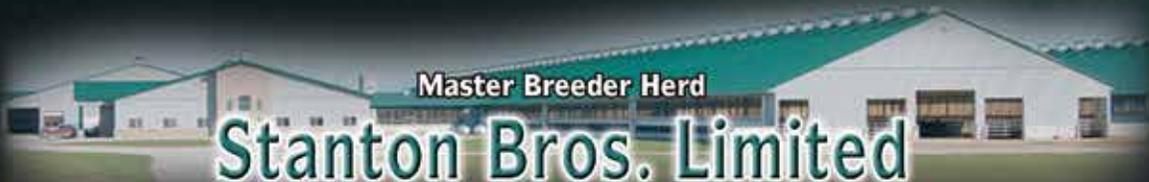
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Message from the Chief Executive Officer: Greg Dietrich

Reading the President's message, one thing is very clear: Holstein Canada is an organization built by committed farmers who care deeply about their association and their industry. As I step into the role of Chief Executive Officer, I do so with great respect for the organization's 144-year history and with genuine enthusiasm for what lies ahead.

I would first like to thank Gilles for his leadership and dedication over the past years. His presidency coincided with a period of significant change, and his steady leadership helped guide the organization through important transitions. Today, Holstein Canada is well positioned, supported by a clear strategic plan, an engaged Board of Directors, and a renewed focus on the future.

I am joining the organization at a time when expectations of service are evolving. For Holstein Canada, this means more than delivering programs or maintaining systems; it requires listening to members, understanding the realities farmers face, and responding in ways that are practical, timely, and relevant. Above all, service is about adding real value for farmers across the country.

Holstein Canada benefits from dedicated employees, both in the office and in the field, who take pride in supporting farmers in their day-to-day. Their experience and commitment will be important as the organization continues to evolve and strengthen how it serves its members.

Over the coming months, my focus will be on advancing the strategic plan developed by the Board of Directors, and built around four key pillars: member engagement, governance and leadership, industry partnerships, and innovation and research. This strategic plan will guide our decisions and help ensure that Holstein Canada remains a strong, credible, and forward-looking organization.

I look forward to working with the Board, staff, and industry partners as we continue this work. Periods of transition bring new energy, and by remaining focused on service and execution, we can continue to strengthen Holstein Canada for the benefit of its members.

Thank you for the trust you place in Holstein Canada. I look forward to the work ahead. 🐾

2025 ALL-CANADIAN RESULTS

ALL-CANADIAN



Summer Heifer

DELCREEK PLEAD THE FIFTH
Delcreek Holsteins



Reserve:

JACKPOT JB BACARDI
Jackpot Holsteins & Radomere Holsteins

Honourable Mention
WILLOWLANE MAJOR BLYTHE
Brian Slaughter

BESLEA HARRIS COCO - Beslea Farms Ltd.
DARLING LEGEND FRUITLOOPS - Darling Holsteins
DUHIBOU FUEL RANDY - Ferme Duhibou Inc.



Spring Heifer

GO-SHO DETECT REVENGE-ET
Clarkvalley Holsteins & Ferme Pierre Boulet



Reserve:

TRENT VALLEY SK ABA
Carl Phoenix & Family & Kawartha Holsteins

Honourable Mention
ARMCREST SELECT LMTD BUDGET
Armcrest Holsteins & Jerseys, Breamont Holsteins, Brian Armstrong & Keaton Phoenix

COBEQUID STRAIT C ROYAL ERLENE - Cobequid Holsteins & Straitside Holsteins
KARNVIEW EYE CANDY BEDAZZLE - Karnview Farms Inc.
RIGHTSTAR UNSTOPAB DE ANGELO - Ferme Blondin & Melanie Parenteau



Winter Heifer

SMYGWATYS UNIX BAILEY
Raymond J. Smygwaty & Terry Smygwaty



Reserve:

CRISDHOME EC TALLHASSEE
Triple-T, Renee Pierick & Tim Cummings

Honourable Mention
PETITCLERC JERRY ADINE
Clarkvalley Holsteins & Dalton J. Faris

DELCREEK PAST CURFEW - Andrew & Joel McOuat
LOKA BULLSEYE PATRON - John McCallum & Keaton Phoenix
KARNVIEW BRAEMAR MASTER ARVADA - Braemar Holsteins & Karnview Farms Inc.
WEEKSDALE HAPPY HOUR - Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins



Fall Heifer

MS MILKSOURCE SUNDAY-ET
Vierra Dairy & Pine-Tree Dairy



Reserve:

MAPLE-AIN BLONDES HAVE MOREFUN
AJ Genetics, Maple-Ain Holsteins, Mary Inn Holstein & Mitchell Anderson

Honourable Mention
SCO-LO LEGENDARY-ET
Clarkvalley Holsteins

GENDARRA ENERGY SPELLBOUND - Gendarra Farm
LAFORSTAR LEMAGIC LYDIA - Ferme Fortale Holstein Inc, Ferme Jean-Paul Petitclerc & Fils Inc., Kevin Jacobs & Laforce Holstein Inc.
WINRIGHT ENERGY CLARA BOW - Butlerview Farm



Summer Yearling

JOLIPRE MASTER ANGEL
JM Valley Holstein



Reserve:

FRICOSONS DENVER AVALANCHE
Westcoast Holsteins

Honourable Mention
DARLING MASTER FREEZE
Westcoast Holsteins

CRAGGAN ANIMATION CALEY - Browntown Farms Ltd., Cobequid Holsteins, Robert Giffen & Weeksdale Holsteins Inc.
KARNVIEW BULLSEYE ABOOM - Triple-T & Tim Cummings
LOA-DE-MEDE WH MASTER BRAZIL - Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd. & Werrhurst Holsteins
ROBBDOT ACTIONMAN FOREVER - Robdot Holsteins



Spring Yearling

SILVERDREAM MAJOR TOOTSIE
Ronald Grandy



Reserve:

KARNVIEW EYE CANDY ANASTASIA
AJ Genetics & Karnview Farms Inc.

Honourable Mention
MICHERET AURELIE DIRECT
Coxlyn Farms Ltd. & Frankhaven Holsteins

JACOBS TARMAC CONSTANCE - Butlerview Farm
KARNVIEW LEMAGIC REVOLVE - Karnview Farms Inc.
KINGSWAY MASTER GANACHE - Kingsway Farms



Winter Yearling

ECHO GLEN MASTER IVY
Ronald Grandy



Reserve:

PETITCLERC LAMBDA SKY
Ferme Fortale Holstein Inc & Ferme Jean-Paul Petitclerc & Fils Inc.

Honourable Mention
GENO ARMADA KILLIAN
Ferme Geno Inc.

KARNVIEW MASTER MAGICIAN - Karnview Farms Inc.
KINGSWAY LMBDA CATCH ME INSIDE - Kingsway Farms & Velthuis Farms Ltd.
PETITCLERC TATOO ATHANIA - Ferme Jean-Paul Petitclerc & Fils Inc.



KARNVIEW LEMAGIC REVOLVE



KARNVIEW BULLSEYE ABOOM



KARNVIEW EYE CANDY ANASTASIA

Junior Breeder's Herd

Karnview Farms Inc.

Reserve: Ferme Jean-Paul Petitclerc Et Fils Inc.

Honourable Mention: Kingsway Farms

Nominees: Ferme Jacobs Inc., Loa-De-Mede Farms
Weeksdale Holsteins Inc.



Reserve:
DELCREEK DOUBLE DIPPING
 Jay Ackley, Jim & Valerie Spreng

Honorable Mention
FAMIPAGE DETECTIVE JAZZ
 Butlerview Farm

Winter Yearling in Milk

BECKRIDGE QUALITY NRGY MEGAPIX

Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins

D-RAY VANGUARD ZOEGARDE - D-Ray Holstein & Ferme Milibro Inc.

FAMIPAGE DETECTIVE JALAPENO - Elmvue Farm

WEDGWOOD BLAKELY REBEL - Wedgwood Holsteins



Reserve:
JACOBS ALLIGATOR BAWL
 Budjon Farms, Peter Vail, Genosource & Farnear Holsteins

Honorable Mention
MILLEN LAMBDA ANNETTE
 Ferme Jean-Paul Pettitclerc & Fils Inc.

Fall Yearling in Milk

BLONDIN DET BACARDI

Butlerview Farm

GENOSOURCE JAWDROPPER-ET - Genosource

MARTIN-VIEW BULLSEYE CROSBY - Breamont Holsteins & David Martin

REPA MARICO JENNYABEL ASHBY - Ferme Ralston S.E.N.C



Reserve:
CRACKHOLM LAMBDA CLEAVAGE
 Budjon Farms & Peter Vail

Honorable Mention
CRISDHOME TSTRUCK ABUDHABI
 Elmvue Farm

Summer 2-Year-Old

JACOBS HAVENOFEAR SHE-RA

Exhibited by: Attaboy Holstein, Ferme Antelimarck 2001 Inc., Ferme Jacobs Inc., Kilian Theraulaz & Ty-D Holsteins
 Owned by: Genosource

DESPERLE CHALOU DELTA LAMBDA - Ferme Laperle ENRG

KARNVIEW EYE CANDY JUNE BERRY - Beckholm Holsteins & Hodglynn Holsteins

KINGSWAY EYE CANDY TENNESSEE - Kingsway Farms, T & L Cattle Ltd.



Reserve:
WEEKSDALE UNIX MEMPHIS
 Butlerview Farm

Honorable Mention
DESLACS LAMBDA PIMPY
 Belfast Holstein ENR & Raphael Chabot

Spring 2-Year-Old

SHADYRAIL MASTER CLOVER

Agriber Societa Agricola SRL, Beckridge Holsteins & Quality Holsteins

CERPOLAIT BRYSAN ARMALY - Elmvue Farm

MS EATONHOLME ALLIGATOR LIZZY - Eaton Holsteins, S.Morrill, J Zeh & Glamourvue

WEEKSDALE JURY ADDICTION - Exhibited by: T&L Cattle Ltd., & Weeksdale Holsteins Inc. Owned by: MilkSource LLC



Reserve:
GOLDENFLO LAMBDA DOMINATE
 Butlerview Farm

Honorable Mention
UNITED-WAY CHIEF BELMONT-ET
 Eaton Holstein, Raymond & Helen Anthony

Winter 2-Year-Old

MICHERET SOUTH BELIEVE

Butlerview Farm

KNONAUDALE MORGAN WALLEN - Knonaudale Farms Inc.

MAPLEBURN LAMBDA LICKEDY SPLIT - Showbox Sires

SANDPIPER SIDEKICK DISCO - Exhibited by: East River Farms, Robert Griffin & Weeksdale Holsteins Inc. Owned by: Butlerview Farm



Reserve:
BONACCUEIL AKI AVENGER
 MilkSource LLC

Honorable Mention
LADYS DELTA LAMBA LAYNIE-ET
 Budjon Farms, Peter Vail, Genosource & Heartland Dairy

Fall 2-Year-Old

MISS GOLDWYN FANTASY-ET

Butlerview Farm

BLONDIN ALPHA AQUILA-RED - Ferme Blondin & Ferme Lafougere Inc.

DELCREEK MANY MIMOSAS - Delcreek Holsteins

PETITCLERC LAMBDA SUSHI - Clarkvalley Holsteins, East River Farms & Ferme Pierre Boulet



Reserve:
HILL VIEW ALONGSIDE PARTON
 Butlerview Farm

Honorable Mention
ARWAY SIDEKICK LIDIE
 R & F Livestock Inc. & Walker Dairy Inc.

Junior 3-Year-Old

WEST-ADUB LAMBDA SADIE

Westcoast Holsteins

MILKSOURCE STRIKEIT RICH-ET - MilkSource LLC & Ransom Rail Farms Inc.

MOSNANG AVENGER LIPPY - Makenzie & Callen Ferris

OMBRE DU CLOCHER RADINE - Country Holstein, Ferme Yvon Sicard, Laurent Lambert & Weavercroft Farms Ltd.



Reserve:
BELFAST BELIEVE FANNY
 Belfast Holstein ENR

Honorable Mention
BUCKLAND BRAVE FLOWERCHILD
 Lindsey Bowen, Kevin Doeberiener, Clarkvalley Holsteins & Duane Bole

Senior 3-Year-Old

FAMIPAGE LEGEND BARABAS

Ronald Grandy

FORTALE LAMBDA LOA - Ferme Fortale Holstein Inc., & Ferme Mibelson Inc.

SILLSWAY DELTALAMBDA SYDNEY - Kaymanor Holsteins & Ferme Pierre Boulet

WEEKSDALE UNIX TIKTOK - Robert Giffen & Weeksdale Holsteins Inc.



4-Year-Old

EIXDALE PWRUP ALONGSIDE
MilkSource LLC



Reserve:
POPLARVALE DOC LIMEADE
Elmvue Farm & Ferme Jacobs Inc.

Honourable Mention
DOUBLE-G CHIEF GOLD
Hodglyn Holsteins & Little Star Holsteins

JACOBS DESTINY BALLA - Butlerview Farm
JENDRO DELTA LAMBDA SANDY - R & F Livestock Inc. & Walker Dairy Inc.
VALEPIERRE ARTISAN ALIC - B. Lehoux & Fils Inc.



5-Year-Old

GLENIRVINE UNIX SALLY
MilkSource LLC, Fischer, CY Letter & R.Sabo



Reserve:
ROYALWATER PARKAVENUE DAWN
Jay Ackley, Jim & Valerie Spreng & William Lund

Honourable Mention
ALL-GLO SIDEKICK MIKA
Ferme Godin ENR & Ferme Ralston S.E.N.C

JACOBS EXCALIBUR BAHAMAS - Ferme Jacobs Inc.
TWEEN BAYS JUDGY ANNIA - Exhibited by: Browntown Farms Ltd., Cobequid Holsteins & Weeksdales Holsteins Inc. Owned by: Stitches Holstein
WESTCOAST CRUSHABULL MISSY - Elmvue Farm



Mature Cow

ALTONA LEA UNIX HERMINIE
Dalton J. Faris



Reserve:
LO-PINE-VA-LADY CRUSH
Butlerview Farm

Honourable Mention
SWEETVIEW TATOO LEGEND RAE
Sweetview Holstein

CARLETON BAD TO THE BONE - Hodglyn Holsteins
FLEURY TATOO TIFFANNY - Fleury Holstein
WENDON SOLOMON ALBY - Wendon Holsteins



Longtime Production

HURCROFT AWE LILLYANN-RED
Oakfield Corners Dairy



Reserve:
TUSC-VU AVALANCHE CALI
Isaac Folts

Honourable Mention
LEXIS SHOTTLE SOFIA
Ferme Pierre Boulet

JERICO-DAIRY BARACUDA - ET - Currie Holsteins
GLEANN B KITCHEN PARTY - Bruce Thomson
WEDGWOOD DEMPSEY CELLIA - Crestomere Holsteins, Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd. & Wedgwood Holsteins



JACOBS EXCALIBUR BAHAMAS



JACOBS UNIX CARFUL



JACOBS DESTINY BALLA-ET

Breeder's Herd

Ferme Jacobs Inc.

Reserve: Ferme Famipage Inc.
Honourable Mention: Sweetview Holstein
Nominees: Ferme Laperle ENR., Weeksdales Holsteins Inc., Wendon Holsteins

ALL-CANADIAN RED & WHITE



R&W Summer Heifer

CAINSVIEW ST BELIEVE GALA
Rovelon Farm, Sunny Terrace Holsteins & Sydney Cain



Reserve:
FRAELAND ANALYST BOMB IT ON
Ferme Blondin & Ferme Famipage Inc.

Honourable Mention
BLONDIN ALPHA WHIPPET-RED
Ferme Blondin & Jean-Philippe Proulx

KARNVIEW BELIEVE BERRY RED - Karnview Farms Inc.
MALIC RINGTONE DISNEY - Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins



R&W Spring Heifer

ROB DOT ILLUSTRATOR SAPPHIRE P
Robdot Holsteins



Reserve:
ROYHAVEN WARRIOR FREEDOM
Langelands Farms

Honourable Mention
MALIC RINGTONE DAISY
Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins

EMBER-LIT BELIEVE LUCKY-RED - B & B Donny & The Lizzy Partnership
LOA-DE-MEDE ALPHA RUBY RED - Loa-De-Mede Farms Ltd.
WINRIGHT ALTITUDE TURPENTINE - Bridgerland Holsteins & Emily Scheer



R&W Winter Heifer

MALIC ALTITUDE ANNE-SOFIE

Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins



Reserve:

KAMPY HULU ABOLISH-RED-ET
Clarkvalley Holsteins

Honourable Mention

MALIC ALTITUDE DESTINY-RED
Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins

KARNVIEW VL APPLE FRITTER - Karnview Farms Inc. & Valleylane Farms

VALLEY-FOLTS JANALEE-RED - Isaac Folts & Jannalee Coleman



R&W Fall Heifer

MAPLE-AIN BLONDES HAVE MOREFUN

AJ Genetics, Maple-Ain Holsteins, Mary Inn Holstein & Mitchell Anderson



Reserve:

MS BELIEVE IN FAITH-RED-ET
T & L Cattle Ltd., Tyler H. Carter, Vanhaven Holsteins & Weeksdale Holsteins Inc.

Honourable Mention

INTENSE ALPHA GALLY
Ferme Cerpolait S.E.N.C., Ferme Fortale Holstein Inc. & Kevin Jacobs

KCKK DICE FOR CASH-RED-ET - Cash Partnership

MS BELIEVE ITS TRU-RED-ET - Westcoast Holsteins

POTLUCK WARRIOR LUCKY - Cedarholme Holsteins & Potluck Holsteins



R&W Summer Yearling

REJO GLOSSIP HULU RED

Ferme Rejo S.E.N.C.



Reserve:

KARNVIEW ILLUSTRATOR ALOHA-RED
Caden Finley, J. Dowswell Farms Ltd. & Karnview Farms Inc.

Honourable Mention

VALLEY-FOLTS JD JODI-RED
Isaac Folts & Jannalee Coleman

KARNVIEW WARRIOR ARCHER-RED - Brian Joseph Enright

MALIC ALTITUDE DORITOS - Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins

MOSNANG HAVE TOO GO SHOW - Lin-Den Holsteins & Mosnang Holsteins Ltd.



R&W Spring Yearling

HARVESTACRE PAINT THE TOWN RED

Clarkvalley Holsteins & Ferme Blondin



Reserve:

LOOKOUT DREAMS COME TRUE
David & Debbie Rink & Lookout Holsteins

Honourable Mention

EXCELERANT REAL HOT-RED-ET
Allarway Holsteins, Mt. Elgin Dairy Farms & Sunny Terrace Holsteins

MALIC PONDE DARLANE - Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins

OSCROFT TURBO LIVEMODE RED - Hug Farms & Oscan Farms



R&W Winter Yearling

BRISMER ADVANCER JENA

Breamont Holsteins & Vale-O-Skene Holsteins



Reserve:

POTLUCK EVEREST
Cedarholme Holsteins & Potluck Holsteins

Honourable Mention

MALIC ALTITUDE DIVINA
Ferme Malic & Ponderosa Holsteins



MALIC RINGTONE DAISY



MALIC ALTITUDE DESTINY



MALIC ALTITUDE ANNE-SOFIE

R&W Junior Breeder's Herd

FERME MALIC

Reserve: Potluck Holsteins

Honourable Mention: Winright Holsteins



R&W Fall Milking Yearling

FORTALE AIRCRAFT LYZEE-RED

Ferme Blondin & Ferme Fortale Holstein Inc.



Reserve:

BLONDIN ALPHA SKYLINE-RED
Andrew & Joel McOuat

Honourable Mention

EXTRAMILE ALTITUDE APRICOT ET
Mt. Elgin Dairy Farms

LEACHLAND ALTITUDE WILLOW RED - Colin & Karen Leach



R&W Summer 2-Year-Old

JOLIBOIS FRANTASTIC WARRIOR

Ferme Rolandale ENR



Reserve:

JOLIBOIS FUNKY TURBO
Ferme Rolandale ENR & Marc-Andre Dubois



Reserve:
**KARVIEW ALTITUDE
 JAZZY-RED**
 Karnview Farms Inc.

Honourable Mention
GLEANN REBEL ALPHA
 Sweetview Holstein

R&W Spring 2-Year-Old

JOLIBOIS FEARLESS WARRIOR - Ferme Rolandale ENR

STOLHAVEN JRD ALAINA-RED-ET
 Markhill Holsteins



Reserve:
**KOZAK WILLOWS RED
 DESIRE**
 R & F Livestock Inc. & Walker Dairy Inc.

R&W Winter 2-Year-Old

GARAY AWESOME BAHAMA RED
 Beckridge Holsteins, Quality Holsteins,
 Oscar & Eric Dupasquier



Reserve:
**SHOW-MAR MASTR KLASY-
 RED**
 Eaton Holsteins & Bradley Cates

Honourable Mention
TERRYLEA JORDY JUNGLE RED
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R&W Fall 2-Year-Old

CHARWILL WARRIOR RED RUSTICO - Beckridge Holsteins
 & Quality Holsteins
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Reserve:
**MS DANIELLES DAYANNA-
 RED-ET**
 Exhibited by: Jason Martin,
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 Valley Holsteins
 Owned by: Oakfield Corners
 Dairy

R&W Junior 3-Year-Old

INTENSE DEVOUR GINGER
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Honourable Mention
J-FOLTS ARISTOCRAT JUMP-RED
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 Ltd. & Quality Holsteins

Honourable Mention
DURKACRES APPLE TONIC-RED
 MilkSource LLC

R&W Senior 3-Year-Old

LUCK-E ALTITUD ATTIE-RED-ET
 Farnear Holsteins & ALH Genetics

STONEHAVEN BELIEVE JASPER - Ferme Rougette Inc.
WESTCOAST JRDY ADISN 12810 RED - Madison Boulet



Reserve:
**VALEPIERRE ARTISAN
 ALICE**
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R&W 4-Year-Old

KAMPS-RX APLB ARCHER-RED-ET
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WILDWEED WARRIOR MAUI-RED
 Elmvue Farm

ERNITA DIAMONDBACK BABY-RED - Isaac Folts
INTENSE DEVOUR GORGEOUS - Ferme Pierre Boulet



Reserve:
**HILROSE MOOVIN ADELINA-
 RED**
 Hodglyn Holsteins, Jim
 Phoenix, Joel Phoenix &
 McCallum Farms Ltd.

Honourable Mention
POTTSDALE ALTI TANA-RED-ET
 Elmvue Farm

R&W 5-year-old

GOLDEN-OAKS TEMPTRES-RED-ET
 MilkSource LLC, Fischer, Steinhagen & Crescentmead



Reserve:
**ROUGETTE DIAMONDBACK
 EMA**
 Ferme Rougette Inc

R&W Mature Cow

DOUBLEW-PC GOLDWYN ROSY-RED
 Four-Hills Farm

Honourable Mention
WIL-O-MAR DIAMONDBK ROSE-RED
 Elmvue Farm

JOLIBOIS FELINE AVALANCHE - Ferme Rolandale ENR
JOLIBOIS LEXING ARMY - Ferme Rolandale ENR



Reserve:
MILIBRO DEVOUR LOVELY
Ferme Milibro Inc.

Honourable Mention
SWEETVIEW AVALANCHE MITSOU
Up-Ridge Holsteins

R&W Longtime Production

HURCROFT AWE LILLYANN-RED
Oakfield Corners Dairy

ALL-CANADIAN JUNIOR



Reserve:
ARMCREST SELECT LMTD BUDGET
Junior: Janelle Phoenix

Honourable Mention
KENTVILLE MASTER GRACIE MAE
Junior: Avery McGriskin

Spring Heifer

TRENT VALLEY SK ABA
Junior: Clara Phoenix

CARLDOT LEYHIGH LOTTERY - Junior: Gracie Weitzel
ECHO GLEN MASTER ELOISE - Junior: Quinn McDonald
KINGSWAY LAMBDA HARRY POTTER - Junior: Larissa Walker



Reserve:
DELCREEK PAST CURFEW
Junior: Hannah McOuat

Honourable Mention
WEEKSDALE HAPPY HOUR
Junior: Grace Beckett

Winter Heifer

SMYGWATYS UNIX BAILEY
Junior: Emily Smygwaty

EASTSIDE OUT OF CONTROL - Junior: Kaylin Beckett
KAWARTHA PH SALUTE PATRIOT - Junior: Weston Phoenix
LOKA BULLSEYE PATRON - Junior: Jaelynn Phoenix



Reserve:
LOA-DE-MEDE MASTER 2 BELLS
Junior: Paige Werry

Honourable Mention
WINRIGHT SIDEKICK MADDOX
Junior: Taylor Mathers

Fall Heifer

MAPLE-AIN BLONDES HAVE MOREFUN
Junior: Euan Bagshaw

HARVESTACRE HEARTBREAK HOTEL - Junior: Shawn McOuat
SMYGWATYS LAMBDA TRUFFLE - Junior: Hailey Smygwaty
WEEKSDALE MAJOR LEA - Junior: Layne Whelan



Reserve:
PATIENCE BRAYDEN CINDY-LOU
Junior: Warren Metzger

Honourable Mention
KARNVIEW MASTER JUKEBOX
Junior: Abby Martin

Summer Yearling

TRENT VALLEY MASTER NELLY
Junior: Ty Finley

BECKRIDGE QUALITY MASTER MINTY - Junior: Josh Brander
BROWNTOWN WARRIOR ALEXA - Junior: Brayden Green
MAPLEVUE ALONGSIDE MCCHICKEN - Junior: Hannah Johnston



Reserve:
MICHERET AURELIE DIRECT
Junior: Keaton Phoenix

Honourable Mention
CERTIFIED WARRIOR IMMOBILIZED
Junior: Emily McOuat

Spring Yearling

KARNVIEW LEMAGIC REVOLVE
Junior: Mitchell Anderson

ELDRSLIE DEALMAKER MEDALIST - Junior: Ethan Bloomfield
HIDDENVIEW MASTER BRADY - Junior: Donovan Martin
JACOBS TARMAC CONSTANCE - Junior: Alyson Doiron

ALL-CANADIAN FULL RESULTS



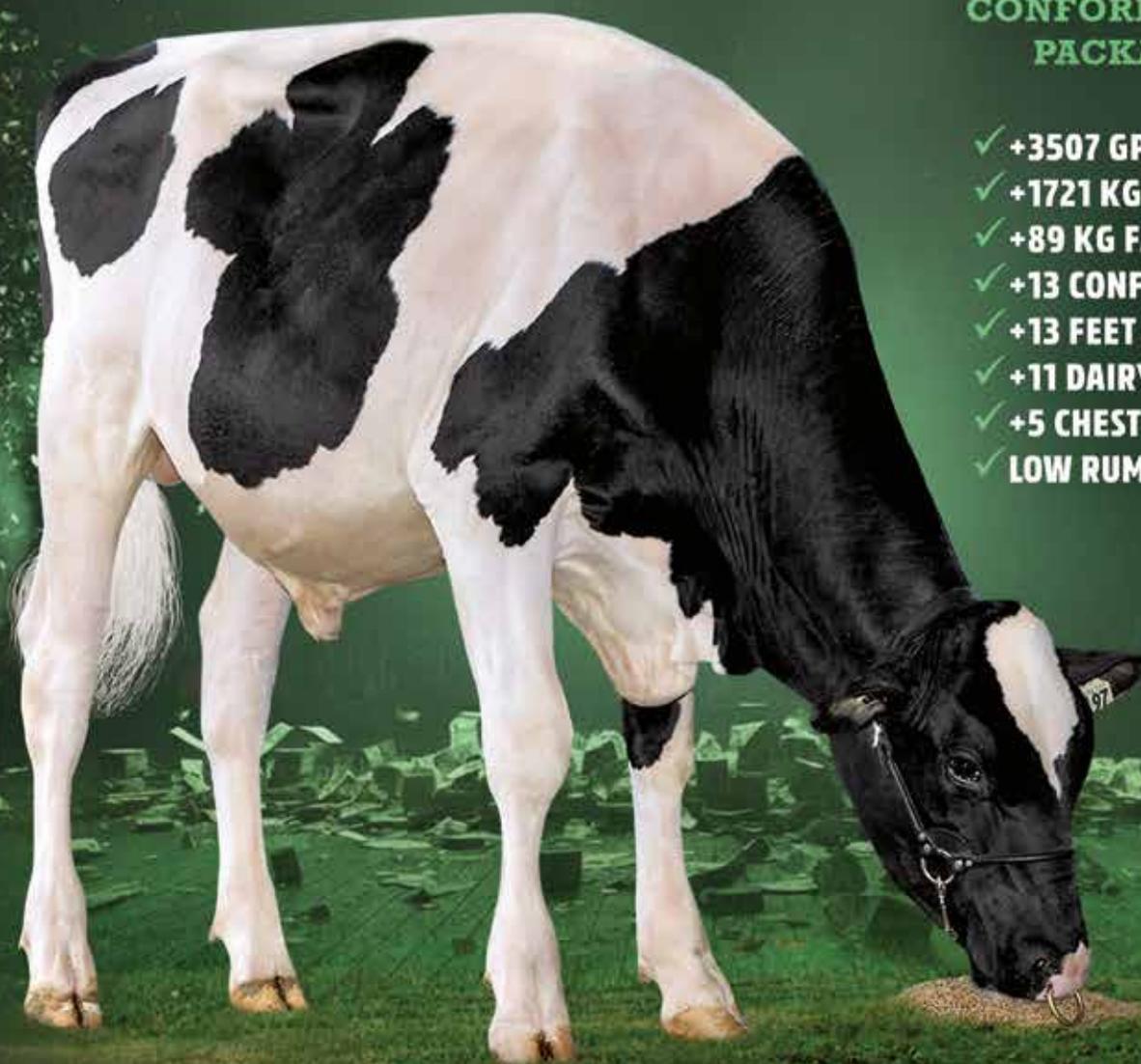
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Monthly Genetic Evaluations for Females in Canada



Lactanet is now offering monthly official genetic evaluations for cows and heifers in milk-recorded herds. These more frequent female evaluations, which launched in October 2025, **allow for faster access to up-to-date data and improved accuracy for decision-making.**

Since 2007, official cow evaluations have been updated three times a year to include additional data, implying that the official genetic evaluations for females stay the same for four months. Specific milk recording requirements are needed for an evaluation to be official, i.e. Estimated Breeding Value (EBV), and those not meeting the requirements receive parent average (PA) values as their official evaluation. Similarly, for type evaluations, a classification in first lactation is required for a cow to get an official evaluation. However, an opportunity exists for Lactanet to revise the publication of official evaluations using the most complete and current data.

With official evaluations being updated in April, August and December each year, data cut-off dates are scheduled approximately six weeks prior to each official release to allow enough time to receive and process national and international data. By moving to monthly official evaluations, the same cut-off dates will be applied for usual tri-annual releases for all bulls and females. For the other nine months, however, all data accumulated up to roughly **two weeks** prior to the monthly release date, will be used to

calculate updated official genetic evaluations for cows in Canada and their affected female relatives. For example, the cut off for production data for the February 3rd, 2026 release is Friday, January 16th, 2026. This means any production data received by Lactanet in between that time would not meet the cut off for the February release and would be included in the next monthly update on March 3rd, 2026.

What are the benefits of more frequent female evaluations?

Providing Canadian females with monthly official genetic evaluations:

- ✓ Provides faster access to updated genetic data, allowing Canadian producers to make more timely selection and mating decisions
- ✓ Improves accuracy of cow evaluations as performance data is added
- ✓ Expands opportunities for cows and heifers to appear in top animal lists searchable on the LactanetGen.ca website

Which females will be updated?

The Lactanet database currently includes over 35 million animals, with the vast majority being females. The focus of moving to more frequent updates of official genetic evaluations is to provide the most current evaluation possible for females in Canadian herds. For this reason, all active females in Canada will receive an updated evaluation on a monthly basis.

On December 9th, 2025, the criteria for assigning official production evaluations were also updated to reflect the increasing adoption of on-farm technologies, including Lactanet's **eDHI** service. Qualifying records shifted from protein to milk yield, enabling cows in eDHI herds to be assigned a public EBV for production traits, instead of a PA. To receive an official production EBV, females will continue to require a minimum of 2 test-days, with at least one test-day after 60 days in milk.



How will updated cows and heifers be identified on the LactanetGen.ca website?

The new monthly official genetic evaluations are displayed on the LactanetGen.ca website for females meeting the criteria. The genetic evaluation run date displayed on an animal's Genetic Evaluation Summary page will change to correspond to each monthly update (ex. 26*FEB), when applicable. All males and any females not updated during a monthly release will continue to show a date of 25*DEC until the next official tri-annual release in April 2026.

The genetic evaluations report page on Lactanet.ca was also updated to align with the transition to monthly female genetic evaluations. Top lists for cows and heifers are now released monthly, providing timely visibility to any rerankings that occur with the addition of new data.

Will bull evaluations be affected?

Official bull evaluations will not change between the official tri-annual releases, except when moving from PA to GPA and/or

if there are pedigree changes. That said, the monthly female evaluations between official proof releases will also reflect changes in the monthly interim evaluations of their sire, maternal grandsire, etc.

Additional Changes to Production Evaluations

Prior to December 2025, Lactanet calculated two different cow evaluations for production traits, depending on the inclusion of supervised test day records. For cows enrolled on a "Publishable" milk-recording service, cows normally qualified to receive an "official" EBV for production traits. For cows in herds without sufficient supervised milk-recording data, Lactanet calculated "management" production indexes, which were updated monthly for the herd owner's use. These "Official" and "Management" evaluations for production traits, as well as LPI and Pro\$ values, were used for Lactanet's Genetic Herd Inventory reports, Compass and DairyComp, and were also shared with AI companies offering genetic mating programs in Canada. Cows with "Management" production indexes received Parent Average (PA) values on the Lactanet and breed association websites.

The fact that some cows and heifers had different genetic evaluations available depending on the degree of supervised testing was a longstanding source of confusion. However, as of December 2025, each female only has one genetic evaluation available regardless of whether the herd is enrolled on supervised milk recording or not. Top lists for cows now include qualifying cows that were considered as having an unofficial "Management" genetic evaluation for production traits as well as LPI and Pro\$.

Summary

As of October 7th, 2025, active females in Canada now receive monthly official genetic evaluations with the most up-to-date information. This move aligns with industry trends toward enhanced data collection, helping producers make accurate genetic decisions. Moreover, as of December 2025, cows now only receive one production evaluation regardless of the data source.

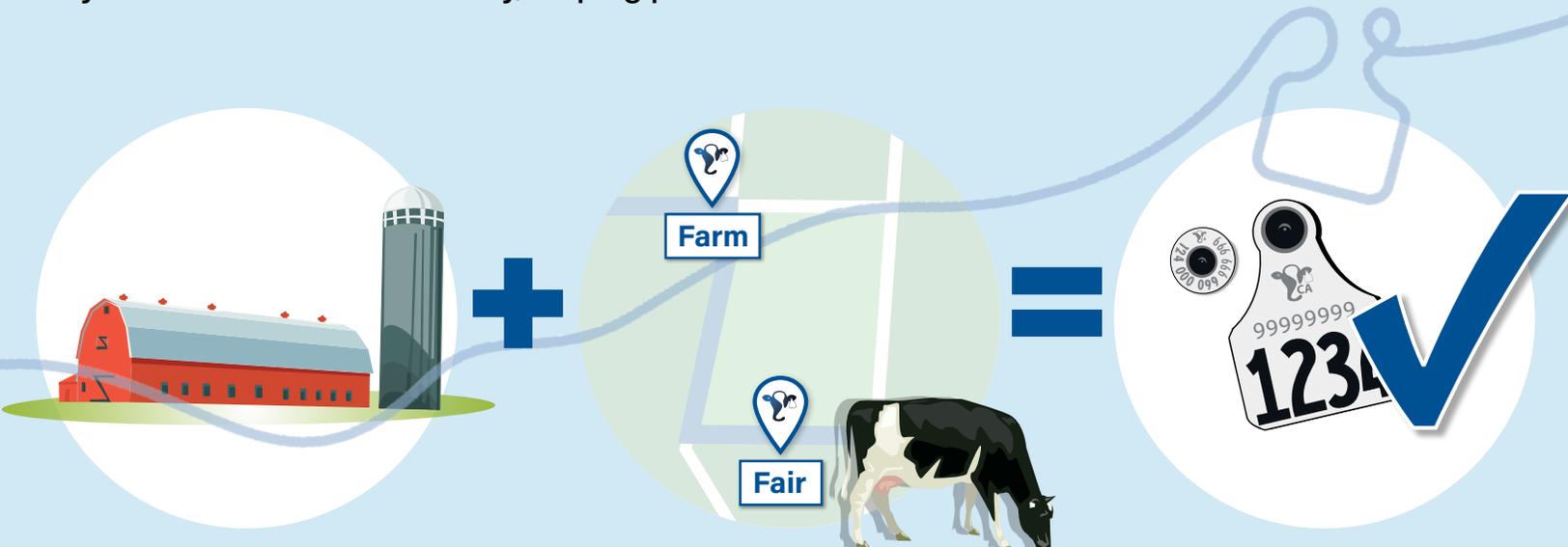
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Fueling Passion and Growing Leaders – Perspectives on Holstein Canada’s Young Leader Program

By: Emma Van Steekelenburg, Young Leader Advisory Committee Member

Holstein Canada’s Young Leader Program offers experiences to passionate young leaders to build and improve on skills and knowledge, and network with other young leaders from across the country and around the world. From the Young Leader Convention to attending the Young Breeders School in Belgium, there are many opportunities for young leaders to create long-lasting friendships and memories. Rachel Boonstoppel and Martin Rypma, two young leaders from Western Canada, were asked about their experiences and memories from the Young Leader Program.

Describe your current occupation/role in the dairy industry.

RACHEL: I am employed full-time as Herd Manager at Skyline Dairy in Grunthal, Manitoba. The operation milks approximately 220 cows using four DeLaval V300 robots under the prefix Eljon. My responsibilities include daily herd management, genetic selection, animal health oversight, and performance monitoring. In addition, I assist as needed at my parents’ operation, Tri Lea Farm, which milks 85 Holsteins and Jerseys on two Lely A5 robots under the prefixes Alcorn and Tri Lea.

MARTIN: For the past 6 years, I have been a Genetic Advisor for Blondin Sires in BC.

What Holstein Canada Youth programs (i.e., Junior Member, Young Leader, etc.) have you been involved in?

RACHEL: I have participated in the Young Leader Program at the National Holstein Convention as well as the Westgen Canadian Classic. I was also a Holstein Canada Education Award recipient.

MARTIN: I had the privilege of attending the European Young Breeders School in Belgium and have attended a convention with the Young Leader Program and the Westgen Canadian Classic.

What are some memories you have from some events or your involvement in these programs?

RACHEL: Some of my favourite memories include meeting lifelong friends who are just as passionate about the dairy industry as I am, learning from other young leaders, and building valuable connections within the dairy community.

MARTIN: There are too many memories to pick from! The best part of my experience was meeting all the great people across Canada and other countries. As well, visiting a Belgium Blue AI facility was pretty interesting!

How has your experience with these programs influenced you over the years?

RACHEL: Being part of the Holstein Canada Young Leaders Program has had a big impact on me over the years. I’ve had the chance to meet and learn from so many peers who share the same passion for dairy farming, which has inspired me to try new ideas and improve my own operation. Beyond the practical knowledge, it’s the friendships and connections I’ve made that have meant the most—they’ve encouraged me, challenged me, and reminded me that I’m part of a community that shares my drive and values.

MARTIN: There’s a lot to learn about our industry and getting to learn other breeders’ perspectives, not only on genetics but also practices on their farms that are unique to what we see in BC.

What advice would you give to youth and young adults looking to get involved in any of these programs?

RACHEL: My advice is, put yourself out there and apply for these opportunities, as you never know who you will meet or what kind of experience you may have.

MARTIN: My advice to young people who are thinking about getting involved with these youth programs would be just do it! You won’t regret your experience, and you’ll never forget the great people you’ll meet along the way! 

For more information on the Young Leader Program, email: youngleader@holstein.ca



Calling all Youth and Young Adults, Holstein Canada wants to hear from you!

Are you between the ages of 12 – 30 and passionate about the future of Canada’s dairy industry? Well, we want to hear from you!

We are inviting all youth and young adults to take part in a short survey that will build and shape the direction of Holstein Canada’s Youth Programs (Junior Member and Young Leader).

Your feedback will directly influence how our programs evolve and whether we introduce new programs to better support, inspire, and connect the next generation of dairy leaders.

Share your perspective and shape what’s next for the future of Holstein Canada’s youth programs!

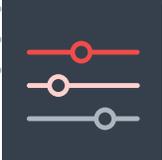
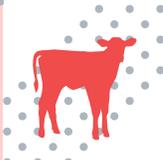


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NOTICE OF MEETING HOLSTEIN CANADA’S 143RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, April 18, 2026, | 8:00 am PST
Delta Hotels and Conference Centre,
Burnaby, British Columbia



In accordance with the By-Laws of the Holstein Association of Canada, you are hereby notified that the 2026 Annual General Meeting will be held at 8 am PST on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Delta Hotels and Conference Centre in Burnaby, British Columbia.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- ◆ Receive the audited financial statements of the Association for the financial year ended December 31, 2025.
- ◆ Appoint the Auditors of the Association for the ensuing year
- ◆ Consider and approve proposed amendments to the by-laws
- ◆ Vote on Member Resolutions
- ◆ Present the 2025 Cow of the Year and other awards

We hope to see you at the meeting. All details (including a detailed agenda) will be available on Holstein Canada’s website in March. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

DATED the 4th day of February, 2026.

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A New Report for Benchmarking the Performance of Your Genetics



By Shannon Cartwright,
Extension and Education Technical Specialist

Canadian dairy producers have long recognized that investment in genetics is a powerful driver of herd improvement. Unlike many other investments, genetic gains are cumulative and permanent—improvements in conformation, production, or health traits benefit not only today's herd, but future generations as well.

Producers invest in genetics at varying levels, ranging from selecting sound sires to implementing sexed or beef semen strategies to advanced programs such as embryo transfer. Each additional level of investment can accelerate genetic progress. With so many options available, it is reasonable—and important—for producers to ask: ***How well is my herd actually performing relative to its genetic potential?***

Coming Soon, Holstein Canada will introduce a new report designed to help answer this question. The Benchmarking Performance of Genetics report allows producers to evaluate how well their herd's first-lactation animals are expressing their genetic potential for conformation (and its four major scorecard sections), relative to comparable animals across Canada.

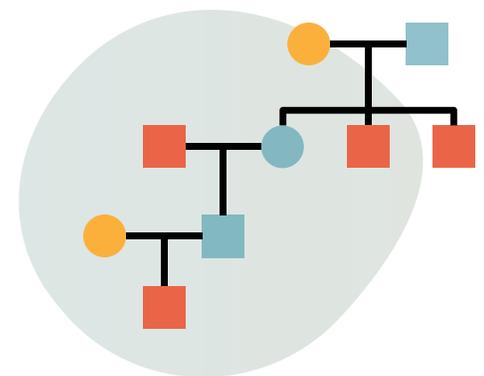
UNDERSTANDING GENETIC POTENTIAL VS. PERFORMANCE

Genetic evaluations estimate an animal's potential for traits such as conformation. However, whether that potential is fully realized depends heavily on management and environment. By comparing genetic potential to actual performance, this new report helps identify whether animals are:

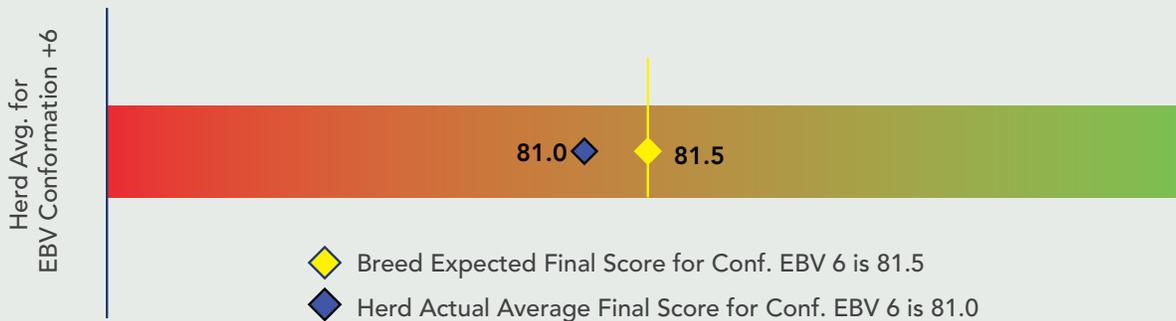
- **Meeting genetic expectations**
- **Exceeding genetic expectations** due to strong management and environment
- **Falling short of genetic expectations**, indicating opportunity for improvement

Herds that consistently outperform their genetic potential often do so because of excellent nutrition, housing, cow comfort,

and overall management. Conversely, herds not meeting genetic expectations may be leaving value on the table—value that could be recovered by addressing environmental or management limitations.



First Lactation Conformation in last 12 months



Example

In the example shown above:

- The average Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) for conformation of first-lactation animals in the herd is +6.
- Across Canada, first-lactation animals with a +6 conformation EBV have an average final score of 81.5. This represents the expected performance for that genetic level and is shown by the yellow diamond and line.

- In this herd the average final score of first-lactation animals is 81.0.

This indicates that the herd's animals are performing below their genetic potential for conformation. To fully meet expectations based on genetic investment, the herd's average final score would need to be 81.5.

HOW THE REPORT WORKS

The report benchmarks your herd's performance for conformation and major scorecard sections using first-lactation animals classified within the last year. Your herd's results are compared to a national peer group of first-lactation animals with the same genetic merit for conformation.

In other herds, the opposite may occur as to what was outlined in the example above. When first-lactation animals perform above their expected final score for a given EBV, the blue diamond appears to the right of the yellow marker, in the green area of the graph. This indicates that management and environment are enabling animals to express more than their expected genetic potential.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This report provides meaningful insight into both genetic strategy and on-farm management:

- **Below genetic potential:** Signals opportunity to improve housing, nutrition, cow comfort, or other management factors to better capture return on genetic investment.
- **Meeting genetic potential:** Confirms that genetics and management are well aligned.
- **Above genetic potential:** Demonstrates exceptional management and environment, often justifying greater confidence in future genetic investment.

Herds consistently performing above the benchmark are typically achieving a higher return on their genetic spend than average or below-average herds.

ACCESSING THE REPORT

The Benchmarking the Performance of Genetics report will be available to all classification customers through their WebAccount.

To access the report:

1. **Log in** to your WebAccount
2. From the homepage, select **"Last Classification Results"**
3. In the top-right corner, navigate to **"Other Reports"**
4. Select **"Benchmarking the Performance of Genetics"**

ELIGIBILITY AND REPORT DETAILS

The report will be available to producers who meet the following criteria:

- At least 10 first-lactation animals of the same breed classified within the last year
- Available for each breed in the herd that meets this requirement

Herds with multiple breeds may therefore see multiple reports. If a report is not visible, it is likely that the eligibility criteria have not yet been met.

The report includes data from all first-lactation animals classified within the past year, measured from the most recent classification visit. It is updated after each classification visit, provided first-lactation animals are scored.

In addition to overall conformation, the report also benchmarks performance for the following scorecard sections:

- **Mammary System**
- **Feet and Legs**
- **Rump**
- **Dairy Strength**

TURNING INSIGHT INTO ACTION

This new report gives producers a practical and objective way to assess how well first-lactation animals are converting genetic potential into actual performance. By applying these insights to both genetic selection and on-farm management, producers can make more informed decisions and maximize return on investment.

When the right genetics are paired with the right environment and management practices, animals are given the opportunity to fully express their potential—resulting in stronger performance, greater efficiency, and long-term herd improvement. 🐄





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From East to West: A Shared Journey to Grand Champion Success

By Melissa Kemmere, Marketing & Communication Specialist
Molly Sayers, Field Service Business Partner

They are the breeders behind the Royal National Holstein Show Grand Champion, Altona Lea Unix Herminie EX-97 3E CAN, and the World Dairy Expo International Holstein Show Grand Champion, Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane EX-96 2E USA. We sat down with Altona Lea and Lovholm Holsteins to learn what those special moments meant to them and to gain insight into life behind the scenes on their farms.

Altona Lea Farms operates as a joint venture between Glenn and Karen Barkey and their sons Cameron, Grant, Ian, and Reid, alongside Frazer and Carolyn (Barkey) Puterbough and their sons Cooper, Callum, and Sawyer. The Altona Lea prefix traces back to the 1960s, when Frank and Donna Barkey began milking cows and investing in purebred cattle. Today, Altona Lea milks approximately 60 cows near Blackstock, Ontario, while farming close to

1,000 acres of hay, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lovholm Holsteins is located in Balgonie, Saskatchewan, where Michael and Jessica Lovich, along with their three daughters, Reata, Renelle and Raelyn milk 72 cows in a tie-stall facility. The family produces nearly all their own forages, including corn and barley silage, alfalfa hay, grass when available, and occasionally oat balage.



The Altona Lea crew with Herminie after being named Grand Champion
Photo: ©Ella Wright

Let's start at the ring – what was that win really like in the moment?

ALTONA LEA: It was hard to believe it had finally happened. We are incredibly grateful that the kids were all old enough to be part of watching Herminie's journey over the last few years, and to truly appreciate and understand just how rare it is to have bred a Royal Grand Champion.

LOVHOLM: It's indescribable — your heart is racing and your hands are shaking, because you truly understand how rare and special those moments are.

When did you first think, "Okay... this one might be special"?

ALTONA LEA: We always felt she was so correct — not too big but built right. Over the last four years, there were many times she had shown where we believed she was truly competitive with the cows placing just ahead of her. It really highlights just how close the top cows in each class are, and how that small margin can change with age and development.

LOVHOLM: We always had our eye on Kandy Cane — she was a strong, square heifer who stood out in the pen, but at that point she wasn't anything too special. She simply continued to develop the way you always hope an animal will. Somewhere between selling her to Oakfield and watching her win throughout the 2024 show season, we started to wonder just how far she might be able to go.

Be honest — did you expect Herminie and Kandy Cane to go all the way, or did this surprise you?

ALTONA LEA: Herminie had come close on several occasions but hadn't quite been able to go all the way, aside from her wins at the Ontario Summer Show in 2023 and 2024. We were hopeful she might have a chance to get the job done this past year, but we certainly had to manage our expectations.

LOVHOLM: There's always a part of you that hopes an animal can go all the way, but with so many factors beyond your control,

it's something you hold onto loosely. In 2024, our main goal was simply for Oakfield to be happy with their purchase and to see how much Kandy Cane could develop under their care. By mid-2025, it became clear that she could be something truly special, and we really began to hope she could be a standout cow for their future.

Can you share the story of how Kandy Cane found her new home at Oakfield and how Herminie came to be owned by Dalton J. Faris?

ALTONA LEA: Adam Clark came to visit and purchased her, and when he left, he mentioned he wasn't yet sure where she would be heading next. Later that day, he called to let us know that Dalton and Alan Faris would be her new owners. The Faris family had been asking Adam for some time to find them another good one to have some fun with for a while.

LOVHOLM: The power of livestreams and honest cow conversations. Perhaps she was always meant to be a New Yorker! As by chance, once again, Michael found himself on a convention bus with the Lamb family, two years after they had toured together in Regina and first seen Kandy Cane as a fresh two-year-old. Word of Kandy Cane's potential had begun to spread through various channels following her win at the 2024 Western Dairy Expo in Saskatoon. The Lambs inquired about her, and within weeks, she was headed south to the U.S.

Who's the first person you texted or called after the win?

ALTONA LEA: My mom Donna, she was at home watching online that day, having prioritized attending the TD Classic earlier in the week to see her grandchildren compete. My phone had been left in a jacket in the pack for a couple of classes before the Mature Cow



Jessica and Glenn at the 2025 Royal Winter Fair

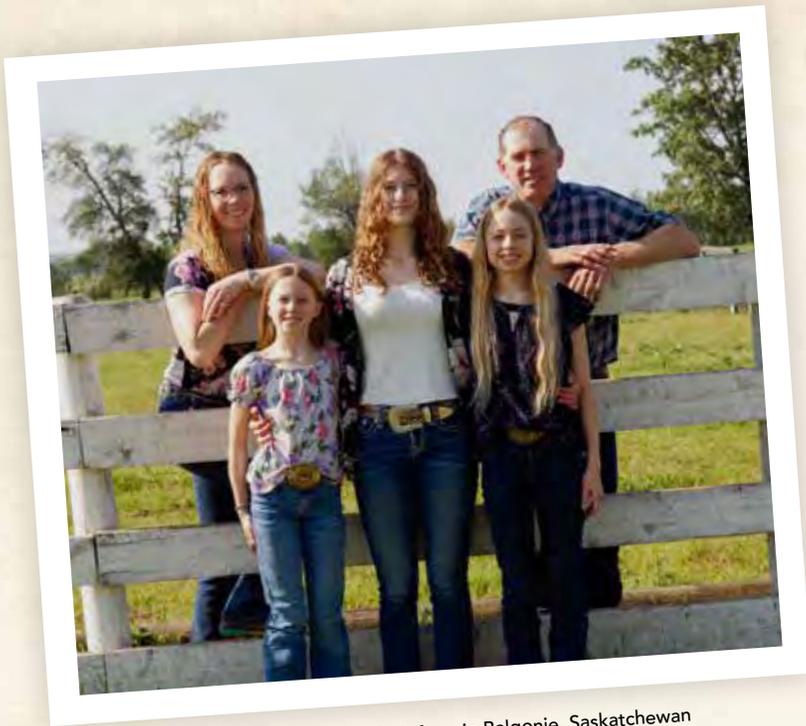
class, and after the excitement of Herminie's win, when I finally retrieved it, I truly understood the phrase, 'my phone blew up!'

LOVHOLM: Each other — we briefly called one another and then phoned our kids at school. In that moment, it was hard to keep up with the constant stream of calls, texts, and emails, and every message meant something truly special to us.

When you're making mating decisions, what's the one thing you refuse to compromise on? Or are there a few things?

ALTONA LEA: A Canadian genetic evaluation is important to us because it provides the full picture we need when choosing bulls. The traits unique to Lactanet's evaluations play a key role in guiding our breeding decisions.

LOVHOLM: Type is a top priority for us — this includes strong rumps, sound feet and legs, and quality mammary systems. Beyond that, we focus on the individual cow and identify other traits we'd like to strengthen within the herd as a whole. There is no one-stop solution for us; we are continually evaluating where we can improve and how best to achieve it.



The Lovich family at their farm in Balgonie, Saskatchewan



Herminie during her time as a 4-H project, exhibited by Cooper Puterbough.

Is there someone who has had a big influence on how you breed or manage cattle today?

ALTONA LEA: My dad, Frank Barkey, has had the biggest influence on how we breed and manage cattle today. His enthusiasm for improving cattle and building community was legendary. He always tried to have his grandkids say “big beautiful Holstein” as part of their early vocabulary — especially the Jersey grandkids.

LOVHOLM: So many people have influenced us, but most importantly our parents — Garry and Dianne Lovich of Lovhill Holsteins, and Everett and Marylee Simanton of Crestomere Holsteins. We also credit mentors such as Glen Felske and Dale Bienert, who have played an important role in helping propel us forward.

What’s something people don’t see behind the scenes that really matters?

ALTONA LEA: The care cattle receive year-round, and particularly in the months leading up to a show, plays a significant role in their overall development and success in the ring. This includes consistent management, proper nutrition, daily attention, and careful preparation, all of which play key roles in the final presentation at the show.

LOVHOLM: Faith plays a central role in our lives, reminding us that while these accomplishments are special, it’s the relationships built along the way that truly last. We’re grateful for the trials that make moments like these even more meaningful. Success in the show ring is always a team effort. While Michael was the face of Lovholm that day at WDE, he’s often the one behind the scenes keeping the farm running. You don’t raise cows like this without a strong team — even if not everyone is there for the spotlight moments.

The family photo taken together at the Royal with Herminie captured a powerful moment. What did that moment represent to you both personally and professionally?

ALTONA LEA: The photo of so many of our family members who were able to be at the Royal that day was especially meaningful, capturing a truly once-in-a-lifetime moment. Cooper is on the halter, as Herminie was his winter 4-H project calf in 2019. Brian O’Connor, who is part of our extended cow family, is also pictured. During his 4-H career, Brian had calves at Altona Lea and even worked with Harriett herself at our original farm in Altona and at shows in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

When you look back on this past season, what moments stand out as the most meaningful, not just as breeders, but as families?

ALTONA LEA: Being able to share Herminie’s win with so many people made the moment even more meaningful. Celebrating alongside the Faris family, the Clark team, our Holstein Club family, and the entire Barkey clan was incredibly special. It truly highlighted how much of this journey is built on teamwork, friendships, and generations of support.

LOVHOLM: 2025 has been a huge year for our family. Ten years ago, we left our home farm to build something of our own, but our roots and support system never changed. Lovhill gave us our start, while Crestomere and Charlyn have been our biggest cheerleaders.

This year truly felt full circle, with Jon Kingdon serving as an Associate Judge at World Dairy Expo, Kandy Cane’s big wins, and Crestomere earning their first Master Breeder Shield. The most meaningful part has been the relationships — the hugs, high-fives, and messages from fellow breeders and industry partners.

You both bred Champions this year on the biggest stages in North America. Had your families crossed paths before? You both understand what the Grand Champion handshake represents — did you get to talk about that moment?

ALTONA LEA & LOVHOLM: The dairy industry is truly small! Grant began coming west to fit for Lovholm a few years ago, and Cam has also made several trips west. Michael, Glenn, and Reid first connected while sitting together in the stands at the World Dairy Expo, and Jessica met Glenn in person for the first time at the Royal — just before the big win.

Celebrating that success together was a special moment for both families. As Jessica shared, “There were lots of laughs and hugs, and we even took a picture. It’s always special to make new connections with people who share the same passion, especially when you already have that east-to-west connection.”

Two farms, two families, and one shared passion serve as a reminder that behind every championship moment are years of dedication, faith, and teamwork. While great cattle may stand in the spotlight, it is the relationships built along the way — across provinces, generations, and the industry that truly define success. 🌹

BELOW: Lovhill Kandy Cane is pictured at the World Dairy Expo with breeder Michael Lovich and her owners, Jonathan and Alicia Lamb of Oakfield Corners Dairy, along with their team. Photo: ©Cowsmopolitan.



2025 Royal National Holstein Show Grand Champion - Altona Lea Unix Herminie. Photo: ©Cowsmopolitan



2025 WDE International Holstein Show Grand Champion - Lovhill Sidekick Kandy Cane. Photo: ©Cowsmopolitan



Young Artist Spotlight: Colouring Contest Winner Ludovic Beauchamp

Over the Christmas season, Holstein Canada hosted a festive Colouring Contest and received an incredible 375 entries from across the country. We are pleased to announce our lucky winner — Ludovic Beauchamp of Repentigny, Quebec.

Ludovic is 13 years old and the second child in a family of four. He comes from the Eri farm prefix, where the family milks 110 purebred Holsteins, including 55 cows in their newly built robotic barn, along with 100 kilograms of quota.

An active part of the daily farm routine, Ludovic helps with chores such as cleaning, feeding the heifers and dry cows, adding straw to the bedding packs, and moving hay bales with the telescopic handler.

His favourite cow in the barn is Eri Reddit Liri VG-87, a first-calver known for her calm nature and love for attention.

Looking ahead, Ludovic has big dreams for the future. He hopes to one day take over the family farm or pursue a career as a mechanic. When he's not busy on the farm, he enjoys playing hockey, video games, building with Lego Technic, and riding the ATV.



Holstein Canada classifier, Dany Trottier presenting Ludovic his prize.

Congratulations to Ludovic on winning the Holstein Canada Colouring Contest!



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Wednesday, April 15th: Spirit of the West National Convention Sale, Heritage Park, Chilliwack, BC; Taste of BC Tradeshow with fireside chat at the Delta Burnaby.

Thursday, April 16th: Farm Tour day; Jersey Show at Heritage Park, Chilliwack, BC; Best of the West Dairy Showcase at WestGen; Grouse Mountain Presidential evening.

Friday, April 17th: National Holstein Show at Heritage Park, Chilliwack, BC; Alternate Tour; Pacific Celebration BBQ, Chilliwack, BC.

Saturday, April 18th: Holstein Canada AGM & Master Breeder Gala.

Sunday, April 19th to 21st: Post Conference Paradise on the Pacific Tour (Vancouver Island)

Convention & Master Breeder Gala Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026

Hotel Booking Deadline: March 7, 2026

Top Sires According to Average Final Score of 1st Lactation Daughters

Based on 1st Lactation Classifications September, October and November 2025

Top 10 Sires with 100+ Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

Sire	Daughters Classified	Avg Daus Score	Avg Dam Score
MASTER	108	82.98	83.54
SIDEKICK	176	82.82	82.89
CRUSHABULL	110	82.55	83.19
EYE CANDY	230	82.31	82.45
BREAKSHOT	145	82.00	82.09
ACTIONMAN	206	81.60	81.54
DOC	259	81.28	81.93
A2P2-PP	356	81.12	81.15
ILLUSTRATOR-P	202	80.99	81.79
PARFECT	307	80.93	81.41

Top 10 Sires with 30-100 Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

Sire	Daughters Classified	Avg Daus Score	Avg Dam Score
HARRIS	39	83.13	82.54
HANIKO	77	82.58	82.90
HAS IT ALL	38	82.53	82.71
ALONGSIDE	37	82.49	81.76
LOYALL	82	82.11	82.89
CORONA	44	82.07	81.45
AVENGER	78	81.91	82.26
ALPHA	93	81.78	82.58
ROBIN-RED	59	81.59	80.93
ARMADA	88	81.45	81.47

NOTE: Daughters are included in these statistics only if both the daughter and her dam calved for the first time before 30 months and were both first classified within the first six months of lactation. Sires listed must have >=50% of daughters that improve in score over the dam.

Top 15 Sires with the first 10+ daughters Classified Daughters in a Six-Month Period (June 1st to Nov 30th, 2025)

Sire Name	Daughters Classified	Avg Daus Score	Bull Proof for Conformation*
GRINCH	10	83.20	16
MAJOR	18	82.61	14
HAS IT ALL	50	82.54	12
IPASS-P	18	82.39	14
ALTAKAMARA-RED	10	82.20	7
CORONA	66	81.71	12
MOOVIN PP RED	15	81.67	10
MUDSLINGER-PP	18	81.56	13
MIGOS	21	81.33	11
OCD TAOS DEMUR-ET	12	81.17	3
CLUSTER-P	13	81.15	11
ARMADA	143	81.11	13
LEYTON	151	81.05	12
BLAKELY	180	80.92	10
ALTAPARSONS	27	80.89	4

Top 10 Sires for Health and Welfare Index with 100+ Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

Sire Name	Daughters Classified	Sire Health & Welfare	Avg Daus Score
SPEEDUP-P	236	710	80.2
MONTEVERDI	224	647	79.5
AVENGER	131	640	82.0
ROCKNROLL	103	639	78.8
RANGER-RED	516	630	80.6
ALMAMATER	459	627	79.5
GYMNAST	189	619	79.4
RANDALL	432	606	80.7
CHIEF	268	599	81.9
MAYFAIR	197	599	79.9

NOTE: Some bulls have a small amount of daughters in a small number of herds. *Proof may be genomic, MACE or phenotype-based.

Classification Schedule

Mid-round **MR**

FEBRUARY

ON Huron, Durham, Ontario, Halton York, Peel, Lennox
 QC Rimouski, Matapedia, Matane, Deux-Montagnes, St-Hyacinthe, Arthabaska, Lotbiniere

EARLY

ON Oxford, Hastings, Middlesex, Dundas
 QC Nicolet, Iberville, Argenteuil
 BC **MR**

MID

QC Papineau, Vercheres, Bagot, Joliette

LATE

MARCH

ON Lambton, Prince Edward, Simcoe, Dufferin
 QC L'Assomption, Papineau, Gatineau, Terrebonne, Bagot, Montcalm, Joliette
 MB

EARLY

ON Frontenac, Waterloo
 QC St-Hyacinthe, Beauce, Richelieu, Berthier, Maskinonge
 SK Large Herds
 NS, NB, PEI, NL

MID

ON Nipissing, Algoma, Timiskaming, Cochrane, Thunder Bay
 QC Riviere-du-Loup, Temiscouata, Rouville, St-Maurice, Champlain, Laviolette, Portneuf
 AB Large Herds

LATE

APRIL

ON Wellington, Russell
 QC Bellechasse, Montmagny, Dorchester, Lévis, Abitibi, Témiscamingue, Labelle

EARLY

ON Prescott
 QC Portneuf, L'Islet, Compton
 BC

MID

ON Carleton, Glengarry, Niagara, Haldimand-Norfolk
 QC Kamouraska, Beauharnois, Missisquoi

LATE

This schedule is subject to change within a 1-2 week period

Top 10 Sires for 305d Fat Production with 50+ Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

Common Name	Classified Daughters	Avg Daus Score	Average 305-Day Fat	Sire Proof for Fat
ZOAR	89	80.8	495.0	108.0
ALTASTARSKY	106	79.2	486.6	131.0
MECCA	57	79.4	467.4	130.0
ALTATUBULAR	104	79.6	465.0	112.0
CONWAY	230	80.3	462.8	113.0
MERCY	246	80.0	456.2	83.0
ETESIAN	65	80.5	455.8	35.0
RENEGADE	223	81.1	454.6	98.0
PARFECT	314	80.9	454.2	101.0
ALTABARBAZZA	82	77.9	453.9	87.0

Note: Daughters are included in the statistics if they had their last milk test/lactation termination date beyond September 1st, 2025.

Top Sires (based on official proof) According to Trait Section Average Score of 1st Lactation Daughters

Based on 1st Lactation Classifications September, October & November 2025

Top 10 Sires for Mammary System with 100+ Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

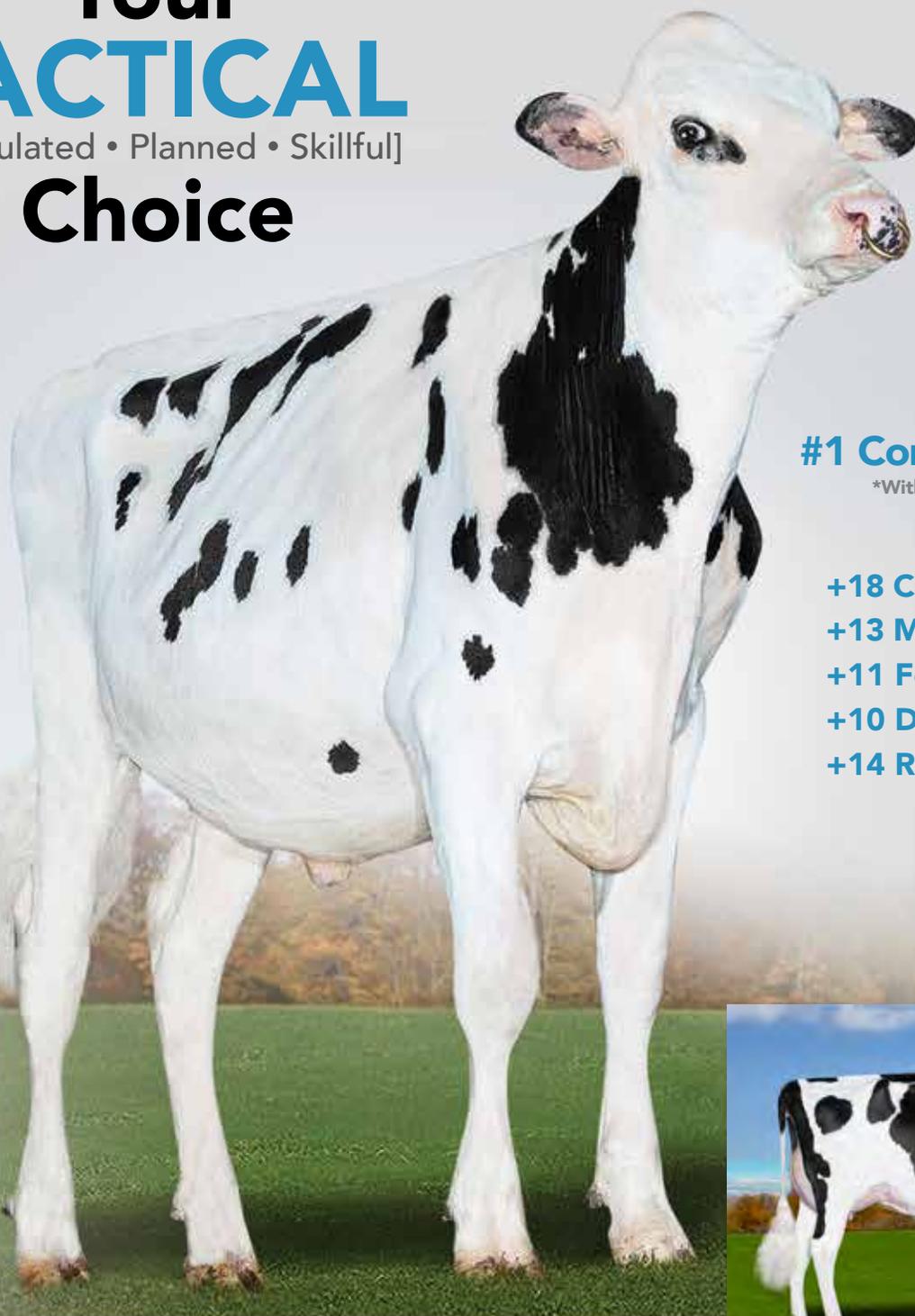
Sire Name	Daughters Classified	Avg Score of Daughters	Sire Mammary System
ENERGY	117	82.4	13
SIDEKICK	267	82.4	12
LOYALL	106	82.3	12
EYE CANDY	275	82.3	12
A2P2-PP	529	81.1	12
DEALMAKER	429	80.6	12
TATOO	166	83.1	11
MASTER	131	83.0	11
PATHWAY	129	80.5	11
APTITUDE	218	80.3	11

Top 10 Sires for Feet & Legs with 100+ Daughters Classified in Three-Month Period

Sire Name	Daughters Classified	Avg Score of Daughters	Sire Feet & Legs
DESTINATION	309	81.6	18
ANGLE	148	79.8	17
PARFECT	437	81.1	16
ENERGY	117	82.4	15
LOYALL	106	82.3	15
RENEGADE	416	80.6	15
EYE CANDY	275	82.3	13
HANIKO	101	82.6	11
DELTA-LAMBDA	934	82.2	11
ARMADA	114	81.3	11

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