

1. Reports - Classification

Submitted by NS/NL Branch

- Whereas, Classification is an educational service Holstein Canada Members pay for;
- Whereas, an explanation of the classification report is included in this service;
- Whereas, reports are no longer printed on the farm;

Be it resolved, that the following be added to the classification reports: a profile, a front view and a back view according to the classification received for each cow for training purposes and classification assessment. The generated cow profile should also be superimposed on the model cow profile to better identify major defects.

2. Reports - Classification

Submitted by QC Branch

- Whereas some producers seem to have noticed that some classifiers favour certain styles of cows for classification, rather than the criteria established by Holstein Canada;
- Whereas currently, the way to judge the accuracy of a classifier is to compare their average classification score to the breed average, rather than by reconciliation with the actual score of the classified animals;
- Whereas with the process of classification regionalization, some producers have mentioned their concern in relation to a regionalization of the conformation;
- Whereas currently, classification is still very subjective since many traits are not measured and only visually assessed;
- Whereas the evolution of the typical cow model is not yet well understood by all producers;
- Whereas presenting classification as a linear score may not be the best visual representation to allow for a good judgment of the classifier's work and to allow producers who are less comfortable with classification to relate the classification to the cow's actual appearance.

Be it resolved, that the following be added to the classification reports: a profile, a front view and a back view according to the classification received for each cow for training purposes and classification assessment. The generated cow profile should also be superimposed on the model cow profile to better identify major defects.

3. Search Function - Tag Replacement Orders

Submitted by NS/NL Branch

- Whereas, sometimes errors and typos are easy to make;

Be it resolved, that Holstein Canada add an animal inquiry option to serve as a search function within the tag replacement orders to make it more user-friendly and avoid mistakes.

4. National Show - Designation

CO-Submitted by BC, AB, SK and MB Branches

- Whereas, due to the vast geographical size of Canada, the existence of a national show in eastern Canada limits western provinces from participating;
- Whereas, for reference, the distance from Charlottetown, PEI to Toronto is about 2600 km and again, for reference, it is about 2600 km west to Brandon, Manitoba and an additional 2100 km to Abbotsford, British Columbia;

- Whereas, the health and welfare of all animals is of top priority and long-distance trips are especially difficult on an animal's well-being;
- Whereas, the trip to participate in the yearly national show requires around 12 stops to milk the cattle on the trip;
- Whereas, a national show is once every 4 years in Western Canada. Western exhibitors must travel extremely long distances with unpredictable winter weather to the Royal in Toronto to participate at a yearly national show;
- Whereas, the cost of transport and expenses is at or higher than \$50,000 for a round trip from Chilliwack, BC to Toronto, ON;
- Whereas, the Westerner Dairy Showcase is already running therefore there will be no additional costs to Holstein Canada;
- Whereas, the western provinces have high-quality animals and a national show would recognize these animals on a national stage;
- Whereas, the show in Western Canada be held in the same regard as a national show in eastern Canada (i.e. points to All-Canadiannominations);
- Whereas, there is opportunity to encourage western participation in more shows and also in promoting the Holstein breed throughout Canada.

Be it resolved that Holstein Canada designate the Westerner Dairy Showcase in Red Deer a National Show.

5. HC Convention - Rotation

CO-Submitted by NB, PEI, NS/NL Branches

- Whereas, the National Holstein Canada Convention rotates turns from regions; Western Canada, Quebec, and the Atlantic provinces, having the opportunity to host once every fourth year giving each of the Atlantic branches a twelve year rotation;
- Whereas, historically participation at the Atlantic conventions have been well attended and received by all those who have attended;
- Whereas, the hosting province and other Atlantic provinces have an opportunity for marketing cattle, networking, and making contact with fellow members;

Be it resolved, that the National Holstein Canada Convention rotation remains the same with the Atlantic Branches having an opportunity to host once every four years.

6. Web Services - List

Submitted by ON Branch

- Whereas, the number and percent of animals genomically tested in Canadian Holsteins is low;
- Whereas, Holstein Canada members need to see more value in having their animals genomically tested;
- Whereas, young animals, especially heifers, often have the highest genetic merit and the most revenue generating potential in a herd;
- Whereas, Holstein Canada members doing genomic testing need Holstein Canada to provide more value for their animals, similar to what is done for members whose animals are show winners; and
- Whereas, potential domestic and foreign buyers need to have a source for being aware of top genetic Canadian Holstein animals.

Be it resolved, Holstein Ontario requests that Holstein Canada allocate resources in 2023 to develop a service whereby at the time of registration and genomic testing of animals (females and males) a list be created and published monthly, on it's website, for at least the top 1% of tested animal listing by LPI, Pro\$ and other traits that Holstein Canada sees as key to the future success of Canadian Holsteins.

7. Pedigrees - Breeders' Cup

Submitted by ON Branch

- Whereas, Breeders' Cups are becoming increasingly popular and help to promote the Holstein breed and encourage social interaction of members;
- Whereas, Breeders' Cups are judged by official judges;
- Whereas, County shows are increasingly struggling with relevancy and sustainability.

Be it resolved, that the top two (2) cows of each Breeders' Cup Competition (as decided by the judge) be recognized on their pedigrees. This should be possible regardless of each County's individual rules and classes as long as the judge chooses the top two (2) at the end of the day.

8. Communication - Inbreeding

Submitted by Holstein Quebec

- Whereas the advent of genomics has accelerated genetic progress, however it has also increased the level of inbreeding more rapidly than in the past;
- Whereas the increased use of sexed semen or beef semen has the impact of reducing the number of different pedigrees;
- Considering that insemination centres naturally favour crossbreeds with ever higher indexes, which leads to an increase in the concentration of inbreeding;
- Whereas there is already extensive research on inbreeding issues being done by the Genetic Evaluation Board (GEB), but few producers are aware of these efforts.

Be it resolved that information regarding the increase in inbreeding goes directly to the producers in concrete ways (e.g.: InfoHolstein, social media posts, etc.) in order to effectively raise awareness on this issue of concern to the industry.