



Official Rules for 81th Annual ALL-CANADIAN COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

Rules for eligibility for nomination in the All-Canadian contest:

- The animal must have been shown at a Holstein Canada recognized show in Canada in 2023.
- Animals who were exhibited in both a heifer and a milking class in the same year can be entered in both a non-milking heifer class and a milking class.
- Animals who were exhibited in both the Longtime Production class and Mature Cow class during the same year can enter into one All-Canadian class, not both.
- In the Breeder's Herd and Junior Breeder's Herd classes, no more than one change of animal will be allowed in the makeup of each herd. A breeder can enter more than one group but there can be no duplication of animals between any two Breeder's Herd groups.
- R&W animals can be entered in both Holstein and R&W classes if they have competed in both Holstein and R&W Shows.
- Exhibitors must be in good standing with Holstein Canada.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A JUNIOR ENTRY:

The contestant must be enrolled in a Canadian 4-H club or a Jeunes Ruraux club in 2023 and show this animal as their project at the local 4-H Achievement Day. The 4-H member does not need to own the animal.

The 4-H member must lead their own 4-H animal at a minimum of two Holstein Association recognized shows, but one of those shows must be an "open" (not 4-H) Holstein Association recognized show in Canada.

The animal must have been shown at a National Holstein Canada Show; OR Place in the top eight at the Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic; OR Have been in the top four 4-H placings at Championship, Provincial, National, Spring Show, Western Canadian Classic Junior Dairy Show, or other major Holstein Association recognized shows in Canada; OR Have been champion, reserve champion or the highest placing 4-H heifer in its class at a County Holstein Show or other Canadian Holstein Association recognized show not previously mentioned.

Only those shows where the 4-H member leads his/her own animal will be eligible for a nomination. Please mark on the entry at which shows the 4-H member was the leadsperson, and give the animal's placing in the open competition as well as their 4-H ranking.

ENTRY FORM & PHOTOGRAPHS

Exhibitors are required to submit an official entry through AssistExpo with a professional digital photo for each animal or group they wish to enter. All 2023 show placings must be listed. All photos must be submitted as high resolution digital images. Pictures must maintain the integrity of the animal and the **eartag of the animal must not be removed digitally**. Photos must be a side-view portrait of the animal from the 2023 show season and show the milking age female in the same stage of lactation as when she competed.

If the animal has been photographed more than once this year, please indicate clearly which photo you wish to submit for the competition.

Entrants in the Breeder's Herd and Junior Breeder's Herd class must submit individual pictures of each of the three animals in their group. No group composite photos will be accepted in the Breeder's Herd Classes.

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries and photographs must be fully completed and submitted via AssistExpo by **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**.

NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCEDURE

A committee of 20 judges will be asked to judge the entries using a predetermined process. Their results will be the final determination of six nominations and All Canadian, Reserve All Canadian and Honourable Mention All Canadian winners for each class.

NOMINATION FEE & RESULTS PROCESS

- Exhibitors who have entries selected for nomination will be required to pay a non-refundable nomination fee of \$150 per animal/group nominated. Exhibitors must provide a valid credit card number when submitting their entry. Charges will only apply if the animal/group is nominated. An alternate nominee will be selected and substituted in any class for which the fee is not paid.
- No fee will be charged for animals nominated in the Junior competition.
- The All-Canadian will be awarded to the last owner(s) at the time the animal was shown.
- The winners and nominations will be promoted on the Holstein Canada website, social media, distributed in printed form and a keepsake prize will be given to the winners.

Nominations will be announced on Holstein Canada's social media on January 15, 2024. All results will be announced on Holstein Canada's social media on January 25, 2024.





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CLASSES

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| 1. Summer Heifer | born on or after June 1/23 |
| 2. Spring Heifer | born Mar. 1/23 – May 31/23 |
| 3. Winter Heifer | born Dec. 1/22 – Feb. 28/23 |
| 4. Fall Heifer | born Sept. 1/22 – Nov. 30/22 |
| 5. Summer Yearling | born June 1/22 – Aug. 31/22 |
| 6. Spring Yearling | born Mar. 1/22 – May 31/22 |
| 7. Winter Yearling | born Dec. 1/21 – Feb. 28/22 |
| 8. Winter Yearling in milk | born Dec. 1/21 – Feb. 28/22 |
| 9. Fall Yearling in milk | born Sept. 1/21 – Nov. 30/21 |
| 10. Summer 2-Year-Old | born June 1/21 – Aug. 31/21 |
| 11. Spring 2-Year-Old | born Mar. 1/21 – May 31/21 |
| 12. Winter 2-Year-Old | born Dec. 1/20 – Feb. 28/21 |
| 13. Fall 2-Year-Old | born Sept. 1/20 – Nov. 30/20 |
| 14. Junior 3-Year-Old | born Mar. 1/20 – Aug. 31/20 |
| 15. Senior 3-Year-Old | born Sept. 1/19 – Feb. 29/20 |
| 16. 4-Year-Old | born Sept. 1/18 – Aug. 31/19 |
| 17. 5-Year-Old | born Sept. 1/17 – Aug. 31/18 |
| 18. Mature Cow | born prior to Sept. 1/17 |
| 19. Longtime Production | 70,000 kg milk or more lifetime |
| 20. Breeder's Herd (3 animals) | animals must have the same prefix |
| 21. Junior Breeder's Herd (3 animals) | animals must have the same prefix |
| 22. R&W Summer Heifer | born on or after June 1/23 |
| 23. R&W Spring Heifer | born Mar. 1/23 – May 31/23 |
| 24. R&W Winter Heifer | born Dec. 1/22 – Feb. 28/23 |
| 25. R&W Fall Heifer | born Sept. 1/22 – Nov. 30/22 |
| 26. R&W Summer Yearling | born June 1/22 – Aug. 31/22 |
| 27. R&W Spring Yearling | born Mar. 1/22 – May 31/22 |
| 28. R&W Winter Yearling | born Dec. 1/21 – Feb. 28/22 |
| 29. R&W Milking Yearling | born Sept. 1/21 – Feb. 28/22 |
| 30. R&W Summer & Spring 2-Year-Old | born Mar. 1/21 – Aug. 31/21 |
| 31. R&W Junior Cow | born Mar. 1/20 – Feb. 29/21 |
| 32. R&W Senior Cow | born Sept. 1/18 – Feb. 28/20 |
| 33. R&W Mature Cow | born prior to Sept. 1/18 |
| 34. Junior Spring Heifer | born Mar. 1/23 – May 31/23 |
| 35. Junior Winter Heifer | born Dec. 1/22 – Feb. 28/23 |
| 36. Junior Fall Heifer | born Sept. 1/22 – Nov. 30/22 |
| 37. Junior Summer Yearling | born June 1/22 – Aug. 31/22 |
| 38. Junior Spring Yearling | born Mar. 1/22 – May 31/22 |