

# Holstein Milestones at the Royal



The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair celebrated a “Century of Champions” as it marked its 100th Anniversary from November 4-13 at Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON. The largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian event in the world, the first Royal was held in 1922.

The Holstein Show has been a vital part of the Royal from the beginning, with Holstein exhibitors from across Canada enthusiastically supporting the Royal with their animals. Joining them most years have been exhibitors from the United States, making it truly a North American competition. Here’s a look at the significant Holstein milestones along the Royal’s historic journey.

## HOLSTEIN SHOW CHAMPIONS



**Brookview Tony Charity  
RWF 1987 Presentation**

**Brookview Tony Charity, who headlined the Hanover Hill Holsteins’ showstring**, Port Perry, ON, and was later owned with Romandale Farms, Unionville, ON, is the only Holstein cow to be Grand Champion four times, 1983-84-85-87. Two Holstein bulls were Grand Champion four times – Abbeker Sylvius Lad, shown by J.W. Innes & Sons, Woodstock, ON, and later Lonsdale Farm, Sussex, NB, in 1927-30-31-32, and Rockwood Rocket Tone in 1951-52-53-55 for Quinte District Breeding Association, Belleville, ON.



**Spring Farm Juliette, Reserve, & Rosehill Fayne Wayne, Grand - 1951**

**Seven females have been Grand Champion three times in the Holstein Show:** Montvic Rag Apple Bonheur (1934-35-36), Rosehill Fayne Wayne (1946-48-51), Spring Farm Juliette (1949-50-53), Silvia Pabst Texal (1957-58-59), Bond Haven Signet Sally (1961-62-63), Acme Star Lily (1997-98-99) and Thrulane James Rose (2006-08-09). Two bulls have been Grand Champion three times: Johanna Rag Apple Pabst (1926-28-29) and Zeldenrust Fond Memory (1971-73-74).



**Grand Champ Female - Royal 1958- Silvia Pabst Texal**

**T.B. Macaulay’s famed Mount Victoria Farms, Hudson Heights, QC, has collectively taken the most Royal Grand Champion rosettes** (female and male) with a total of ten (seven female and three male). Hanover Hill Holsteins (six female, two male) and Romandale Farms (four female, four male) appear as owners and/or joint owners on eight Grand Champions. R.R. Dennis’s Oak Ridges Farms, Oak Ridges, ON, owned six Grand Champions (five different females, one male). Charles Cerswell of Bond Haven Farms, Beeton, ON, owned or partnered in five Grands (three female, two male). R.F. Brown and son Doug of Browndale Farm, Paris, ON, owned or partnered in five different female Grand Champions, while R.F.’s other son, David of Cher-Own Holsteins, was a partner in two Grands.



**Agro Acres Marquis Xmas Pansy and Marquis Patsy, 1969**

**The only full sisters to ever be Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the same year** are Agro Acres Marquis Patsy and Agro Acres Marquis Xmas Pansy from Agro Bros., Hamilton, ON, in 1969.



**Jacobs Windbrook Aimo - Grand Champ 2018**

**Only three breeders have bred two Grand Champion Holstein females:** D.S. Dunton of Glenvue Holsteins, Brampton, ON (Glenvue Noelle Inka, 1947, and Glenvue Rosalie Fond Hope, 1955); Ferme Jacobs Inc., Cap-Sante, QC (Jacobs Gold Liann, 2016, and Jacobs Windbrook Aimo, 2018); and Dean Craswell of Idee Holsteins, Hunter River, PE (Idee Lustre, 2002, and Idee Windbrook Lynzi, 2019).

## HOLSTEIN SHOW CHAMPIONS CONTINUED



### AGRO ACRES MARQUIS XMAS PANSY AND MARQUIS PATSY, 1969

The **Grand and Reserve Grand Champion females** have been bred in the same year by the same exhibitor three times: Mount Victoria in 1935 (Montvic Rag Apple Bonheur and Montvic Champion Abbekerk); Agro Bros. in 1969 (Agro Acres Marquis Patsy and Agro Acres Marquis Xmas Pansy); and Ferme Jacobs in 2018 (Jacobs Windbrook Aimo and Jacobs Lauthority Loana).



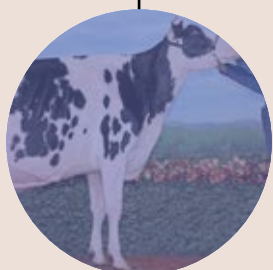
### CONTINENTAL SCARLET RED - 1982 ROYAL GRAND CHAMPION

Two Red & White Holsteins have been Grand Champion at the Royal Holstein Show: **Continental Scarlet-Red in 1982 and Blondin Rd Unstopabull Maple in 2022.**



### DUPASQUIER STARB WINNIE

Dupasquier Starb Winnie and her daughter, Dupasquier Blac Winne ET, from Oscar Dupasquier, Guelph, ON, are the only dam and daughter to be **Grand Champion and Junior Champion at the Royal in the same year (1991).**



### IDEE WINDBROOK LYNZI, 2019 GRAND

**Three Royal Grand Champion females** – Idee Lustre (2002), Winterbay Goldwyn Lotto (2010) and Idee Windbrook Lynzi (2019) – trace to Ravenswell Lydia and Spring Farm maternal bloodlines. They, and two more Grand Champion cows, Sally Francy (1929) and Eastside Lewisdale Gold Missy (2011), were all bred in the small province of Prince Edward Island.

## BULLS



### AGRO ACRES MARQUIS XMAS PANSY AND MARQUIS PATSY, 1969

The last aged bull class to show at the Royal occurred in 1974. From 1975-87 only yearling bulls and calves were shown. The bull show was discontinued in 1988.



### ROCKWOOD ROCKET TONE - 4X CHAMP

The same bull sired the Holstein Show's Grand Champion female and male in the same year three times: **Houckholme Sovereign Sky Rocket in 1952** (Rockwood Beulah Pal Rockette and Rockwood Rocket Tone); Roybrook Telstar in 1972 (Green Elms Echo Christina and Briarwood Chieftain); and Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation in 1981 (Northcroft Ella Elevation and Hanover Hill Ansil).



### MONTVIC RAG APPLE BONHEUR - 3X CHAMP

A Get of Sire class was shown at the Royal until 1978. A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign sired the most winning Gets at seven, followed by Montvic Rag Apple Marksman at six. Other bulls siring multiple first place Gets include Johanna Rag Apple Pabst, Rosafe Citation R and Romandale Reflection Marquis.



### ROYAL SIRE SUPREME IN THE RING

Calculations to determine an Overall or Premier Sire of the "Senior" Show began in 1979. Braedale Goldwyn has been Premier Sire a record eight times, with Quality Ultimate at six times, and Hanoverhill Starbuck and Lystel Leduc each at five. The first Premier Sire of the "Junior" Female Show was announced in 1995. Braedale Goldwyn has been Junior Premier Sire eight times, followed by Boulet Charles at five.

## BANNERS

### PREMIER BREEDER

Winning Holstein Premier Breeder a record 13 times is the Romandale prefix of Romandale Farms. They are followed by Jacobs at nine; Glenafton, Rosafe, Hanover Hill and Dupasquier at six; and then Quality and Belfontaine at four. Romandale Farms and Oak Ridges Farms have been Premier Exhibitor a record nine times. Hanover Hill Holsteins follows at seven, and then Dr. Hector Astengo of Rosafe Farms, James A. Walker & Sons of Walkerbrae Farms, and the Alliance Blondin-Pierstein of Simon Lalonde and Pierre Boulet are all at five times. Pierre Boulet went on to win the Exhibitor banner three more times in his own right and Ferme Blondin twice.

### JUNIOR PREMIER BREEDER

The Junior Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards were introduced in 2005. Kingsway Farms, Hastings, ON, has the most Junior Breeder banners at six, while Ferme Jean-Paul Petitclerc & Fils, Saint-Basile, QC, leads the Exhibitor winners at six.



## JUDGES

### AXEL HANSEN

**Axel Hansen, St. Paul, MN, is the only person to have judged the Royal Holstein Show four times** (1927-30-31-32). Five men have judged it three times – James Rettie, Paul Misner, Prof. George Raithby, J.D. (Durno) Innes and Wm. K. Hepburn Jr. Ten more men have judged it twice.

### HARDY SHORE SR. AND R.H. "BOB" SHORE

**Two families have had a father and son judge the Holstein Show – Hardy Shore Sr. (1962) and his son R.H. "Bob" Shore (1973)**, and J.M. Fraser (1959 and 1969) and his son R. Jack Fraser (1996). Three brothers from the Innes family – Durno (1952-53-60), Sandy (1963) and Gordon (1977) – all judged the Holstein Show. In 2017, Official Judge Pierre Boulet and Associate Judge Mélanie Boulet became the first brother and sister to judge the show. Mélanie is the only woman to ever be an Associate or Official Holstein Royal Judge.

### PLACINGS

**Until 1974, the Royal judge rarely, if ever, gave reasons for his placings** over the public address system. Reasons until then were only given to members of the press seated in a special area at ringside.

## RED & WHITE SHOW



**FIRST R&W SHOW CHAMP 2007 -  
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**The first National Red & White Holstein Show was held at the Royal in 2007.** Following its creation, Red & Whites were not allowed to show in the Royal's Black & White Show from 2007-13. In 2014, a challenge to that rule resulted in one R&W cow showing in the B&W Show. While R&W had the option of showing in either show in 2015, by 2016 they were required to show first in the R&W in order to compete in the B&W Show.



**2012 RW GRAND-BLONDIN  
REDMAN SEISME**

**Two cows have been Grand Champion three times in the Red & White Show:** Blondin Redman Seisme (2010-11-12) and Meadow Green Absolute Fanny (2016-17-19). Elmbridge FM Loveable Red was Grand Champion in 2008-09, and her daughter, Elmbridge Lookout Lady In Red, took Grand in 2013. Three generations of Loveables were class winners in 2013. Three different Red & White Grand Champion cows have carried the Blondin prefix.



**2016 RWF FERME ROLANDALE  
RW BANNERS 2016**

**Ferme Rolandale (prefix Jolibois), Saint-Flavien, QC, has won the most Red & White Premier Breeder banners** at six and leads for most Premier Exhibitor titles at five. The bulk of the Rolandale points have come from Dala-Star RL Feather-Red-ET family members. KHW Kite Advent-Red has been Premier Sire of the Red & White Show a leading five times.

## OTHER AWARDS/CLASSES

### ROYAL SUPREME DAIRY CHAMPION

A Royal Supreme Dairy Champion was first selected in 2000 in honour of the new millennium. The award proved so popular, it has continued. Quality B C Frantisco from Quality Holsteins, Vaughan, ON, and Thrulane James Rose from Pierre Boulet, Montmagny, QC, have won the title twice. A Junior Supreme Champion was first selected in 2017.

### BREEDER'S HERD CLASS

The Breeder's Herd class originally required four homebred animals, but changed to three homebred animals in 1996. Ferme Jacobs has won this class a record 10 times in the Holstein Show. Three farms – Spring Farms, Romandale and Quality – have won it nine times. A Junior Breeder's Herd class was started in 2005 in the Holsteins and Kingsway leads the victors at six.

### HAYS CLASSIFICATION

Adoption of the "Hays Classification" in 1965 had a major impact on all shows, including the Royal, drastically cutting the number of classes and limiting the number of entries per exhibitor. Revisions to the show program continue, reflecting changing breed trends.

### THE FIRST "MILKING" SENIOR YEARLING

Mawacres Warden Patricia was the first "milking" senior yearling to be Junior Champion at the Royal in 1985. A separate milking yearling class was added in 1992. The senior yearling class was dropped in 2015.

### CHAMPION BRED & OWNED COW

A Champion Bred & Owned cow has been selected in the Holstein and Red & White Shows since 2015.

### LAWARA SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION FOR YOUTH

From 1953-89, a Lawara Showmanship Competition for youth was held during the Holstein Show. In 1990, this was replaced with the Holstein Canada President's Cup Showmanship Competition which ran until 2010 when the award was rolled over into the Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.

### CURTIS CLARK ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Curtis Clark Achievement Award, given in honour of Curtis Clark of Acme Holsteins, Carstairs, AB, has been presented at the Royal since 1988.

## MORE MEMORIES

### THE FIRST ROYAL HOLSTEIN SHOW

The first Royal Holstein Show in 1922 attracted 263 animals. In 2022, the Holstein Show set a new record high of 429-head shown. The Holstein Show has gone over 300 animals 35 times. From 2003-07, no American based cattle participated in the Royal due to border restrictions related to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

### A ROYAL TRAIN

Cattle from western and eastern Canada travelled by "train" to the Royal well into the 1960s. The importance of the Royal as a "marketplace" for Canadian genetics led the Alberta Government to finance a "Royal Train" – six to ten boxcars of dairy and beef cattle – to the Royal from the 1930-50s, and match any prize money won by Alberta exhibitors. In 1933, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Strathmore Farm in Alberta had the Grand Champion female, Strathmore Wayne Sylvia. Trains eventually gave way to semi-tractor trailers for transportation. In 1981, Continental Holsteins, Leduc, AB, sent Continental Scarlet-Red by airplane to the Royal, and in 1999 Rainyridge Tony Beauty and two stabledmates from Stanhope-Wedgwood, Victoria & Cobble Hill, BC, travelled by airplane to the Royal.

### SHOW ETHICS

Show ethics enforcement efforts began in the mid-1990s, with ultrasound testing of udders beginning in 2000.

### THE ROYAL WORLDWIDE EVENT

In 2008, the Royal introduced lights and music for the selection of the Grand Champion Holstein cow and did its first webcasting of the show. Live video streaming of the show now permits spectators worldwide to watch the show from their homes.

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### THE 2022 ROYAL

In 2022, Blondin Rd Unstopabull Maple made history when she became the first cow to ever be Grand Champion of both the National Red & White Holstein Show and National Holstein Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Owned by R & F Livestock Inc., Cudworth, SK, Kevin Doeberienner & Lindsay Bowen, West Salem, OH, and William Schilling, Decatur, MI, she was also the Royal's Supreme Champion. Congratulations!

