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Holstein Canada Announces Committee Memberships for 2025–2026 Term

Brantford, ON – July 18, 2025 – Holstein Canada is pleased to announce the committee memberships for the 2025–2026 year. Our committees are essential to the strength and success of the Association, providing expertise, regional insight, and leadership that help guide our programs and services.

Each year, Holstein Canada invites dedicated members from across the country to contribute their time and knowledge to our standing and advisory committees. These groups play an important role in shaping decisions and supporting the organization’s commitment to excellence in the Canadian dairy industry.

We thank all who expressed interest in serving and are proud to introduce the members of the following committees for the upcoming term:

 Audit, Finance & Risk Committee Benoît Turmel (QC) – Chair Willem Vanderlinde (AB & NW Territories) Melville McLean (Western Ontario) Brian Slaughter (Western Ontario) Jim Parke	 Governance Committee Brian Slaughter (Western Ontario) – Chair Harold Sweetnam (SK/MB) Karen Versloot (Atlantic) Sylvie Mahannah (QC) Somerglen Governance
 Show and Judging Committee Nancy Beerwort (ON) – Chair Brian Hamming (BC) Nicolas Lalande (QC At large) Scott Brethet (ON) Pierre Boulet (QC) Dan Doner (ON) Erica Enright (ON) Jon Raymond Dykstra (Atlantic) Connie McLellan (QC) Bryce Fisher (West)	 Young Leader Advisory Committee Karen Versloot (Atlantic) – Chair Sylvie Mahannah (QC) Emma Prelaz (ON) Lysanne Pelletier (QC) Emma Van Steekelenburg (AB) Leah Newcombe (NS) Rene Harvey (QC) Jordan Vaandrager (West) Kirstan Bennet (ON)

**Breed Improvement Committee****Willem Vanderlinde (AB & NW Territories) – Chair**

Kevin Harvey (Central & Northern Ontario)

Benoît Turmel (QC at large)

Hugh Hunter (ON)

David Crack (QC)

Nick Bokma (Atlantic)

Eleri Morris (At Large)

**National / Branch Joint Meeting
Representatives****Nancy Beerwort (ON) – Chair**

Sylvie Mahannah (QC)

Karen Versloot (Atlantic)

Willem Vanderlinde (AB & NW Territories)

We extend a special thank you to our returning members who are beginning a second term. Your ongoing commitment provides important continuity and depth of experience.

To learn more about the committees and how members contribute to Holstein Canada's work, please visit www.holstein.ca or contact us directly.

We thank all committee members, past and present, for their service, and we look forward to a productive and collaborative year ahead.

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About Holstein Canada

With 9,200 members, Holstein Canada is responsible for maintaining the Holstein Herdbook under the Federal Animal Pedigree Act of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). Holstein Canada provides its members with a wide range of services, helping them manage and advance their herds through innovative genetic improvement programs. For more information, visit our [website](http://www.holstein.ca) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).