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Canada once again well represented at 2018 EYBS



Brantford, ON – For the past several years, Holstein Canada has teamed up with the provincial Holstein branches to send a team of young enthusiasts to Battice, Belgium, to compete at the European Young Breeders School (EYBS). This international dairy event assembles over 120 youth from 12 different countries in Europe as well as Canada. This year's team Canada was composed of Teresa Hylkema (Sask.), Connor Halpenny (Ont.), Rebecca Redner (Ont.), Bobby Tolhurst (Que.), Martha MacKinnon (Que.) and Cynthia Campbell (N.S.).

Team Canada had a strong team once again this year, with all the delegates finishing in the top five of their respective heats in showmanship. Furthermore, Connor Halpenny finished 8th overall, and in the overall top 10 in showmanship. Cynthia Campbell also had notable results, finishing second in her heat and in the final six for showmanship. She finished 33rd overall. Rebecca Redner finished 22nd overall, Martha MacKinnon was 25th overall, Bobby Tolhurst was 38th, and Teresa Hylkema was 42nd.

The Canadian delegates took part in the five-day event with numerous workshops, activities and competitions. The delegates at EYBS compete for top honors in fitting, judging, showmanship and conformation competitions. Each team was also judged on participation, display and team work.

Holstein Canada has been partnering with the provincial branches for the past five years to send six delegates from across the country. Delegates are chosen from their respective provinces by winning provincial competitions and/or successfully completing an interview process.

A hands-on interactive event, EYBS falls under the "Practical Learning Opportunities" pillar of the Holstein Canada Young Leader Program, with the added bonus of the international travel component. Young Leaders interested in becoming members of the future EYBS team are encouraged to contact their provincial Holstein Branch for more information, or visit the Holstein.ca website!