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ABOVE: On page 5, we talk to Young Leader Meagan Coddington, who helps her family farm breed for polled and A2A2 cattle; on page 7, we speak to more Canadian producers breeding for specific traits in our Farm Profiles; and on page 18, Janice Kyle shows how you can access your financial statements in Dear Customer Service!

ON THE COVER: Photo courtesy Days Like This Photos: "When the barn aisle becomes an awfully long walk for your little legs, you hitch a ride on Papa's broom."

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CEO Message

VINCENT LANDRY | CEO, HOLSTEIN CANADA

IN LIFE, there are events that mark us deeply and guide our choices. In mine, my deep attachment to the Canadian dairy industry and Holstein breed has continually influenced my career path. Everything I've done or undertaken in the past has been coloured by this love of agriculture.

In the summer of 2019, I gave myself a professional break after having worked concurrently as a dairy farmer and in the industry for more than 15 years. Granted, it has been an enormous privilege to be able to afford this, given the usual pace of agricultural life!

No matter how you do it, taking a moment, whether as an individual or organization, to look ahead and determine what we want and why can lead to success. It helps motivate each of our actions and reach our goals more easily, as it makes the road ahead clearer.

For my part, this moment allowed me to identify what was important to me in my personal and professional life:

- I wanted to work in the Canadian dairy industry for an organization that was close to its members or clients.
- I wanted to work for a company that is adaptable and has the boldness to change.
- I wanted a role that would allow me to influence, foster discussions and analyze options.

During this period of reflection, someone I deeply respect approached me and asked me if I had ever considered the position of Chief Executive Officer of Holstein Canada. I was extremely surprised and honoured that people thought of me for this role. He planted the idea!

A few months later, when the call went out for the position, the idea had grown and I knew why I wanted the job:

- Holstein Canada is an Association that has the interests of Canadian dairy producers at the forefront of its concerns. It also values the diversity of types of businesses regardless of their size, housing, and management type.
- The position of CEO is closely linked to the Board of Directors and the management team, which allows for participation in the development and implementation of projects resulting from the vision established by the Board on behalf of the members. An entity that acts for and through its members.
- Holstein Canada has been part of the Canadian agricultural landscape for 136 years, demonstrating its adaptability. Moreover,



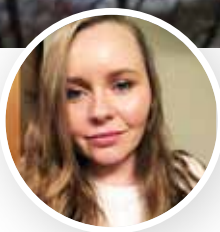
through the Board, Branches and Clubs, the Association cultivates a close relationship with its members. It is through this close relationship and by listening that Holstein Canada adapts to a changing industry.

Faced with this observation, it became clear to me that I wanted to work for Holstein Canada. I had to convince the Board that I could be the ideal candidate for the position and confirm that our visions for the future were heading in the same direction. It was with great pride that I accepted the role. Now I put all my passion at the service of the members, supported by an exceptional team!

I can't conclude without sharing a few elements of my vision:

- I wish for an Association that will be effective in delivering all of its services to reduce the duplication of data entry work between the farm and the various partners.
- I see an Association that will adapt or create its services to meet the objectives and needs of all its members.
- I want an Association that will be able to demonstrate the value of its proposals to the producers of today and tomorrow.

I hope to hear from you soon to discuss your vision of Holstein Canada. 🇨🇦



Breeding for Specific Attributes

Talking to Meagan Coddington of the prefix CODDINGTON

Meagan Coddington and her family own Coddington Farms Inc. in Melbourne, Quebec. Meagan farms with her parents, seven siblings and her extended family, as well two full-time employees. They milk 280 cows (all Holsteins, except for one Brown Swiss!) on 340 acres, using a sand-bedded free-stall system with a Boumatic Double 20 parallel parlour. They milk three times on early lactation and two times on later lactation cows.

Her family purchased their first farmland all the way back in 1856; in 1942, they bought the land where the enterprise is today. Her father started Coddington Farms Inc. in 1992 with 63 milking cows, and they spent the years expanding, building bunker silos, a new free-stall barn, and double 10 parallel parlour (just to name a few!). From 2017 to 2018, they expanded again, adding four new bunker silos and an extension of the current facility. They finished the new parlour in January 2020 and the holding pen in February 2020.

Meagan is a dairy farmer's daughter through and through. She aspires to run the family farm in an efficient manner to make sure that the business survives so that future generations may reap the hard-earned rewards of this profession!

What unique attributes are you breeding for, and what lead you to start breeding for these specific traits? We

are breeding for polled, A2A2 cattle with good production, decent conformation and positive health traits. Our interest in breeding for polled cattle started in 2010 when we used Significant-P in our herd; we did not have to dehorn some of his daughters. We have been exclusively using polled bulls since 2014, with the exception of Brewmaster, because he was both A2A2 and high in fat.

Breeding for A2A2 started in 2016 after we heard that it was easier to digest than regular A1A1 milk. We figured that if consuming it could bring more people back to fluid milk, then it was beneficial for both us as the producers of milk and consumers who want fluid milk but cannot have it due to complications.

Breeding for health traits started in 2016 because we wanted to improve the herd in a way that can also add to financial savings in the future. We've been breeding for low Somatic Cell Count since 1986. We use bulls below 6.5% SCE for our heifers, and for mature cows we stay between 6.5-8%, with the highest bull being at 8.7%. We've been breeding for milking speed since 2015; when choosing bulls for milking speed, we aim to stay above 100 because we want cows to milk out in a timely manner to keep an even workflow in the parlour. Feet and Legs are important for us because we want a cow who is open from behind so it is hassle free when connecting the milker and will last longer in the herd. We've been breeding for Feet and Legs since 2000, with more emphasis now on heel depth. When it comes to choosing a bull for component selection, a minimum of 60 in fat and a minimum of 40 in protein is required. As these components will go up in the coming years, we will put our benchmark up higher when the time comes.

Has any member of your family or prefix done something like this in the past? My dad has always bred for

low SCC, with good Feet and Legs because the dry cows went out on a pasture that was about 25% incline (and a little more in some parts). He also kept an eye out for production levels and components.

What percentage of your herd carries these attributes? Have you started to see success with breeding for this trait? Right now, 75% of our replacement heifers are polled. The milking herd isn't as high since we still have a decent amount of old girls around to pull down our polled averages. We are seeing success in turning the herd polled, but we don't know where we are at yet in terms of percentage of our herd being A2A2, because we have been passively breeding for it.

I know for sure that the replacement heifers, along with the first lactation (and a few more mature lactations), are at least A1A2, with more younger heifers having a higher chance at being A2A2 since it's going on two to three times matings in the pedigrees using A2A2 bulls. Because of this, we can't entirely evaluate the success of this trait, as we need to genomic test our animals to find out the results of breeding. We have seen some success for health traits, but only in milking speed and calving ease, as those are traits you can see trend over time. The others aren't as easily noticed until we test our animals and can see how far we have improved. The Feet and Legs of the heifers calving in have seen an improvement, so we are moving in the right direction. Our fat stays consistent but we are always a little above the breed average and we plan on keeping it that way.

How has it affected the herd? Breeding for polled animals eliminates the task of dehorning, which means less stress on them as the job itself is unpleasant. When comparing the polled animals to the horned ones, we don't see a growth slump that is attributed to dehorning. Breeding for A2A2 hasn't changed the herd yet because we plan on this trait affecting the herd when A2A2 milk is actually going to be sold in stores. Breeding for health traits is a slow process in some areas, so it is difficult to say how it affects the herd, but we do notice an overall improvement in milking speeds and calvings. And a cow is only as good as her legs are; after breeding for good Feet and Legs, we have more older cows because they can get up and go to eat at the feed bunk and walk around without limping.

Did any programs or people help you when breeding for these attributes? The reps from the various companies in our area have helped us keep an eye out for polled and A2A2 bulls. Being able to talk to others who are passionate about these traits also was a big help (for polled cows, I talked to my friend Nick; for A2A2, my friend Noel). They help me keep going forward because being around passionate people is great for motivation!

Have you noticed an economic change for breeding for these attributes? We get premiums for our low SCC and our good components. As well, polled breeding means our vet bill isn't as high because they don't come to dehorn calves. With milking speed, we can get through the herd more quickly so they aren't in the parlour for as long.



What advice would you give to any producer thinking about breeding for the traits you have focused on?

Polled is a dominant trait, so it is best to stick with bulls that are PP so you can be guaranteed a polled offspring. You can also gamble to get a polled calf (50/50) when using a P bull.

The only way to achieve A2A2 is by exclusively using A2A2 bulls, or try your chance when using an A1A2 bull.

Getting a low SCC takes patience because this trait has a low heritability. Good milking practices also play a role, but breeding for this trait also increases your success of it. The same goes for health traits, milking speed, and calving ease - it takes a little bit of time, but make sure they're positive and you will get to where you want to be. For components and Feet and Legs, it's also about paying attention to the traits you want to improve and setting a threshold that you won't go below. By carefully choosing the bulls to mate to your cows, you will get the traits you desire over time. Patience is a virtue, and many dairy farmers excel at it. A herd (and/or cow) is only as great as those who manage it, so do the best you can do because all potential will show through your work. 🐄

Please Note

Holstein Canada will be releasing the September/October issue of *InfoHolstein* as a **digital-only copy**.

While the choice was not easy, this is a one-time decision as we move past the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Breeding For Specific Traits

By Morgan Sangster, Holstein Canada Western Field Service Business Partner; Amanda Comfort, West-Central Holstein Ontario Representative; Marilie Pelletier, Holstein Québec Advisor for Central Territories; and Natasha McKillop, Holstein Canada Atlantic Field Service Business Partner

Canadian producers have always made breeding choices that improve their individual animals and herds. As we've learned more about genetics, they've found more options at their disposal, allowing them to choose sires and dams that have certain traits that can improve herd health and open up new markets!

Ian Crosbie and Benbie Holsteins Ltd. in Caron, Saskatchewan have an interesting strategy: use Wagyu genetics to make F1 Wagyu/Holsteins, calling this unique product Saskatchewan Snow Beef.

"We try not to sell off replacement two-year-olds, but rather breed the next generation from our best genetics and use the rest of the herd to make F1 animals for our Saskatchewan Snow Beef program."

Benbie Holsteins also uses 100% A2A2 Holstein sires to create their next generations of replacement females for the dairy. "Breeding for A2A2 is more about positioning us for the future," says Ian. "Currently there is no premium for the milk in our area. Should the opportunity arise however, we want to ensure that we have the genetics in place to fill that niche market."

"We test all of our heifers to see which combination of beta casein they carry and it plays into breeding decisions. The goal is to have 100% of the replacements A2A2 within 5 years. We will have achieved this without needing to cull members of the herd who didn't possess the trait."

Expanding the market is also the motivation behind the breeding strategy of François Therrien of Ferme Agriforma Inc. in Saint-Sylvestre, Quebec. He breeds for the A2A2 gene. "We started looking into A2A2 milk in the spring of 2017," he says. "At the beginning of this adventure, we decided to purchase A2A2 bull semen without exception. We did the same thing when buying animals, and we only buy animals that have been tested and are carriers. Moreover, we test the cows and heifers in our herd to ensure that we breed A2A2 replacement animals."

It's a work in progress that François hopes will pay major dividends. "Currently, there is no economic change for us at the farm. However, we hope that a premium will be given to farms producing A2A2 milk in a few years, as is already the case in some countries."



West



BENBIE HOLSTEINS LTD.
Caron, Saskatchewan

PREFIX: BENBIE

PEOPLE INVOLVED: Neil & B.J, Ian & Nicole, Nadine

OF COWS MILKED: 160

OF ACRES FARMED: 2400

FACILITY TYPE: Free-stall/loose housing

HERD PRODUCTION AVERAGE (L/COW): 40kg

WHAT IS YOUR FEEDING SYSTEM? TMR

ARE THERE OTHER BREEDS IN YOUR HERD? Jersey

HOLSTEIN CANADA SERVICES USED: Registration, Genomic Testing, Classification



Aaron Smith of Don-Mair Farms Ltd. in Mount Hope, Ontario focuses on breeding polled cattle. “We simplified it down to a tangible gene selection (you can see if a calf is polled). That was a beneficial trait for animal welfare and as a dominant gene, it would allow us to build forward using our own genetics.

“In the beginning it wasn’t an attribute that we decided to blanket breed our herd to; it started with a simple mating that made sense when you looked at the cow and the sire. The polled attribute was just a bonus, but ‘why can’t our best cows be polled?’ was the thought process behind the mating of Legend-Maker Shaquille Genesis EX 91 4E 4* to Westport Magna P. The result was a terrific Red and White, a modern-style two-year-old with lots of substance and a tremendous udder. She tested well genomically, had great production, and she was polled.” Aaron is currently milking four EX polled cattle in his herd.

David Christie of Christie Farms Ltd. in Lynnfield, New Brunswick also breeds for the polled gene. “It started approximately 15 years ago when we bought a polled test bull to use in our herd,” he says. “We really didn’t start to breed for the trait in earnest until about five years ago. It wasn’t until then that polled sires began to have better type and production traits; the differences in LPI between polled and non-polled sires became much smaller.

“It has influenced the bulls we select and, as we have progressed, the strategy of how we use the bulls in our herd has also changed. We originally were selecting conventional proven bulls and we were using sexed heterozygous polled semen on our best animals, and genomic polled bulls for cleanup.

“The number of polled animals in our herd has increased rapidly, and we expect that number to continue to rise over the next 5 to 10 years,” he says. “We’ve begun to focus on animals that have strong robot-ready traits, and a more stylish cow. The only difference now is that they don’t have horns!”

Selecting For Herd Improvement

Breeding for selected traits often starts with the careful selection of bulls. “When we made the decision to switch entirely to A2A2, we looked at the bulls we were using. Over half of them were A2A2 anyway so we didn’t feel like we were sacrificing anything genetically to add this trait to the herd,” says Ian Crosbie. “The A2A2 is very new to our breeding strategy but crossing our purebred Holsteins to a beef breed has been done for years as there is good value for crossbred calves in our area of Saskatchewan. There are many ranchers in our area and at certain times of the year, these young calves can bring upwards of \$400 for a day old calf.



ONTARIO

DON-MAIR FARMS LTD.
Mount Hope, Ontario

PREFIX: LEGEND-MAKER and DON-MAIR

PEOPLE INVOLVED: Aaron & Michelle Smith and Dale & Marie Smith; Brooke Young, full-time employee; Joel and John, part-time employees

OF COWS MILKED: 70

OF ACRES FARMED: 450

FACILITY TYPE: Compost pack barn/parlour

HERD PRODUCTION AVERAGE (L/COW):
39 L / 4.3 fat / 3.4 prot/ 65k scc

HERD CLASSIFICATION: 20 ME - 14 EX - including 4 EX polled cows, 32 VG, 10 GP, 83 or higher all 2-year-olds

WHAT IS YOUR FEEDING SYSTEM?
PMR with computer feed stalls

ARE THERE OTHER BREEDS IN YOUR HERD? No

HOLSTEIN CANADA SERVICES USED:
Classification, Genomic Testing

"Utilizing 30% beef cross breeding in our herd has benefited it greatly. Each generation of replacement females continues to impress us more. A lot of this is the result of only breeding replacements from our best genetics."

"Cross breeding with Wagyu has brought more income to our herd through beef sales. The beef is worth more than what you could sell a fresh two-year-old for," he says.

"A2A2 is fairly new to the industry. The decision to switch to A2A2 was made from the limited research about it."

For Aaron Smith and Don-Mair, polled breeding is for more than just easing production. "We have been able to market our genetics for extra revenue because of the polled gene," says Aaron. "It has also helped reduce our vet bills and the use of medication related to dehorning.

"One of our sources of revenue is marketing our genetics, so we are always open to adding diversity or a unique trait that allows us to access a certain market," he says. "We have worked with the Red & White gene going back to when my father was running the breeding program. Since then we have expanded our Red and Red carrier population along with expanding our Red Variant genetics.

"The biggest challenge going in was the lack of genetic diversity," he adds. "It became quickly evident that the second generation of mainstream polled sires were all built off of only a couple of cow families and that, for the most part, they didn't cross well on each other. Having worked extensively with Red & White genes, the recessiveness of that trait makes it difficult to move those genetics

forward when the supply of sires available doesn't meet your breeding goals. Being a dominant trait, [the polled gene] can carry forward until a suitable polled sire is available and you can jump right back up the homozygous level, which is the key to introducing new genetics to the polled population."

Breeding for polled cattle wasn't the first time Christie Farms Ltd. made certain genetic selections; they have used selective breeding tactics from the very beginning! "When Philip [Christie] began in the 1970s, he purchased a workbook manual to plan herd development," says David. "He focused on herd life and daughter fertility, as these traits would promote profitability through longevity and to keep our high-producing cows breeding back, ensuring that they'd be back on the line.

"We could reduce the workload on our farm without impacting profitability. By breeding polled, we have fewer animals to disbud. We had originally used a disbudding paste, and then moved to having our vet electrically disbudding, and administering lidocaine and Metacam. We found the disbudding process had set back the calves a little bit, and by breeding to polled bulls, we could improve the health and growth of our calves while reducing stress.

"We also hope breeding polled animals will help with marketability. Where we are remotely located, we needed to differentiate our breeding program and give purchasers added value in order to be able to sell our animals," says David. The results of their devotion to genetic selection have been good. "Right now, our herd sits at 25% polled (2.5% homozygous), and 1/3 of our pregnancies this year will be guaranteed polled offspring, and in the next 5 years our goal is 100%. Currently 50% of our top GPA heifers are polled, with one of them being in the top 40 GPA in New Brunswick. Also, we have two of the top 11 Red homozygous polled females in Canada."



Quebec

FERME AGRIFORMA INC.
Saint-Sylvestre, Quebec

PREFIX: FORMA

PEOPLE INVOLVED: François Therrien, Valérie Jacques, Ormam Therrien & Marcelle Fillion

OF COWS MILKED: 45

OF ACRES FARMED: 80

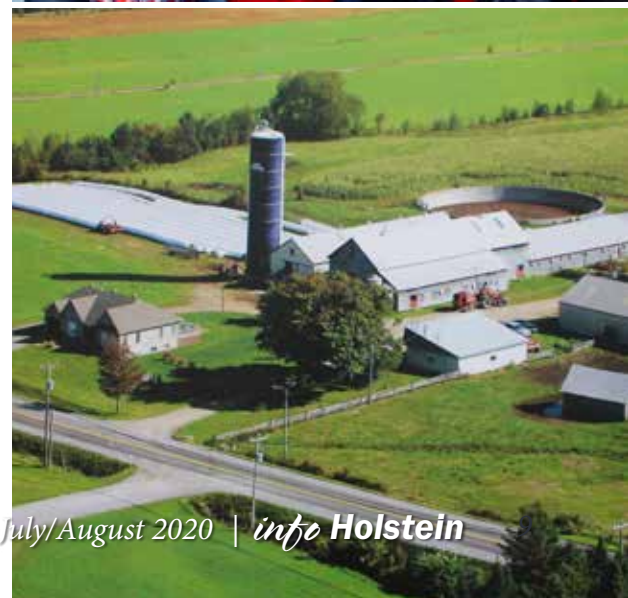
FACILITY TYPE: Tie-stall

HERD PRODUCTION AVERAGE (L/COW):
10,250kg per cow per year

WHAT IS YOUR FEEDING SYSTEM? TMR, round bales and corn

ARE THERE OTHER BREEDS IN YOUR HERD? No

HOLSTEIN CANADA SERVICES USED:
Classification, Registration, Genotyping





For Ferme Agriforma Inc., the decision to breed for A2A2 was based on the marketability of their milk.

"We asked various people and reviewed media outlets about the benefits of this milk, as some of our family members had problems with milk intolerance," says François.

"The following question immediately came to our minds: 'Why can't these people drink our milk?' We discovered that the A2A2 milk is more digestible. As more and more people are suffering from milk intolerance, that is pretty much all it took for us to see this as the milk of the future. Therefore, we decided to transform our herd to have cow genetics that would eventually only produce A2A2 milk.

"Currently, 50% of our cows and almost all our heifers are already A2A2. We expect 100% of our herd to be A2A2 within the next two to three years," he says. "The challenges we faced include a smaller selection of bulls and the purchase of animals, as there are few A2A2 tested animals on the market.

"Outside Canada, the demand for embryos from A2A2 parents is increasing. We are therefore considering the possibility of exporting embryos internationally depending on demand."

Advice For Producers Looking To Breed For Specific Traits

Much like other parts of an operation, breeding for specific traits requires a plan. "When looking to crossbreed with beef you need to know your endgame," says Ian Crosbie. "Where is the premium? Is it in the baby calves? Finishing animals? When you have a plan, adding beef semen to your breeding program makes sense for all herds.

"For breeding A2A2 it's a matter of asking yourself if it's worth it. It does mean sacrificing the use of certain bulls you might find beneficial to your breeding program. For us, it's a hunch that we hope will pay off."

Aaron Smith says that they are proud that we have been able to move the polled gene forward in their herd without compromising their breeding goals. "Start when you find a sire that fits your goals, don't be afraid to be different. The dominance of the gene means you can get two or three generations away from the source and have something very unique. I wouldn't recommend chasing the homozygous gene generation after generation - your genetic diversity will suffer."

David Christie firmly believes that polled cattle is the direction the breed will take in the future, and his farm is getting on board now. "We feel the faster that we incorporate the polled gene into our herd, the faster we will have more homozygous polled animals in our herd. Then we can choose whichever bulls we would like to bring into our program, as the offspring will be polled. It's really important to set goals with timelines, so that you know the direction you need to go. For us, it was setting what percentage of the herd we would like to have polled in a set amount of time.

"Don't feel like you have to give up production and type to bring positive traits to your herd... bringing a dominant trait into your herd is much easier than trying to bring in a recessive, and it's going to continue to get easier as more quality polled bulls become available, so why not give it a try?"

François Therrien agrees that farmers shouldn't be shy in focusing their genetics on certain traits like A2A2. "We would tell all dairy producers who want to join in on the adventure to do so without hesitation, as we believe that producers have not yet realized the potential for this market." 🇨🇦

East



CHRISTIE FARMS LTD.
Lynnfield, New Brunswick

PREFIX: CHRIPHI and JUST DUCKY

PEOPLE INVOLVED: Partnership with Philip and Betty Christie, daughter Barb and son David

OF COWS MILKED: 58

OF ACRES FARMED: 253 acres (160 acres owned, 93 leased)

FACILITY TYPE: Free-flow, free-stall with DeLaval VMS classic and BCS camera

HERD PRODUCTION AVERAGE (L/COW): 38kg; all-breeds BCA: 251,264, 251

WHAT IS YOUR FEEDING SYSTEM? PMR at the bunk (grass/legume silage, water, and PMR pellet), grass baleage top-dress once a day. Pellet precision fed at robot.

ARE THERE OTHER BREEDS IN YOUR HERD? Brown Swiss

HOLSTEIN CANADA SERVICES USED: NLID, Registration, Classification

MASTER BREEDERS CELEBRATED

Congratulations to the families and individuals who won Master Breeder Shields in 2019! We will celebrate your achievements in a special ceremony at the 2021 National Holstein Convention in Ottawa. In the meantime, here is a little about each winning prefix and what the Shield means to them!



AMIGO

"We are milk producers at heart so we tend to look at milk components overall, and since 2008 when genomics was introduced, we are 100% genomic tested and we continue in the same path. Our philosophy is that the crops should prosper so that one day the next generation can come on board

and the business can be profitable for many more years. It would really be a great accomplishment for us, and in fifteen years' time, aiming for another Master Breeder title would be the icing on the cake."

Of the 382 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	59
VG	120
EX or Multiple EX	32

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999	42
80,000 to 99,999	10
100,000+ kg	2

STAR BROOD

1*: 6 2* or 3*: 9 4*+: 2

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 6 VG 32 GP 22

HERD AVERAGE (61)

10,973 kg M 431 kg 3.9 F%

361 kg 3.3 P%

BCAs

236 250 244



AGGIES

"We are very proud of the longevity of the cows in our herd. We've had 30 cows reach 100,000 lifetime kilograms with one cow reaching 205,000 which is second overall in Canada and another at 192,000. It's a huge honour because it shows that what we've done all our lives and enjoyed has paid off. Besides the fact that our son is continuing that journey, it makes me feel proud."

Of the 963 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	101
VG	189
EX or Multiple EX	13

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999	66
80,000 to 99,999	36
100,000+ kg	21

STAR BROOD

1*: 14 2* or 3*: 20 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 7 VG 70 GP 63

HERD AVERAGE (113)

14,723 kg M 568 kg 3.9 F%

453 kg 3.1 P%

BCAs

316 330 307



BOISBLANC

"I'm proud of having built a high genetic herd with good feet and legs, good mammary systems, cows that produce large quantities with good components. I'm proudest about carrying on the operation with my son, Marco, who is very good at breeding."

"Since I really enjoy hockey, I was saying to people not in this industry that it's like

winning the Stanley Cup. But one of my uncles, who phoned to congratulate me a few days later and to whom I suggested the same idea, told me, 'No, no, Marco, in my opinion, you have just been inducted, just like in the Hockey Hall of Fame.'"

Of the 360 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	45
VG	123
EX or Multiple EX	26

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999	23
80,000 to 99,999	8
100,000+ kg	3

STAR BROOD

1*: 5 2* or 3*: 15 4*+: 4

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 8 VG 47 GP 28

HERD AVERAGE (70)

12,675 kg M 521 kg 4.1 F%

424 kg 3.3 P%

BCAs

287 318 300



CHARPENTIER

"We are happy to have bred 40 EX cows with our prefix, not necessarily in the barn but in other herds through sales we held and that performed well. Yves has been passionate for a long time... I'm happy he reached his goal, and I am sure that he still has other projects, but I will always be there to support him. He is genuine. He is authentic. He is a hard worker... I am very proud that he became a Master Breeder."

Of the 1004 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	131
VG	337
EX or Multiple EX	34

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999	57
80,000 to 99,999	10
100,000+ kg	4

STAR BROOD

1*: 23 2* or 3*: 14 4*+: 9

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 12 VG 80 GP 52

HERD AVERAGE (160)

11,450 kg M 477 kg 4.2 F%

387 kg 3.4 P%

BCAs

250 281 265

2 Superior Type Sire and 1 Class Extra



DARCROFT

"Winning our third Master Breeder Shield was a great accomplishment. It's nice to carry on my father's legacy, and take the cow families he helped build forward. It's nice to be recognized by Holstein Canada on the quality job we've been doing over the years."

Of the 649 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84 64

VG 225

EX or Multiple EX 48

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999 37

80,000 to 99,999 12

100,000+ kg

STAR BROOD

1*: 12 2* or 3*: 11 4*+: 2

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 26 VG 80 GP 27

HERD AVERAGE (115)

12,319 kg M 499 kg 4.1 F%

383 kg 3.1 P%

BCAs

264 287 260



GOLDENFLO

"We are in a tremendous industry here and if you look back through the history of supply management and where we have come from and what we've accomplished... It is something that we can't state strongly enough that milk really is a super product and I'm very proud to be a dairy farmer that can produce something that meets the nutritional needs of Canadians."

Of the 678 females born between 2002 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84 55

VG 269

EX or Multiple EX 127

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999 53

80,000 to 99,999 24

100,000+ kg 4

STAR BROOD

1*: 13 2* or 3*: 22 4*+: 4

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 30 VG 62 GP 30

HERD AVERAGE (105)

12,726 kg M 519 kg 4.1 F%

403 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

278 306 277



FAMIPAGE

"Our ideal cow is Famipage Andrée Rocquette VG 88 points in her second lactation. She is what we are looking for since she's not too big, has very good type, and produces large quantities of milk. Eventually, we would like to get more daughters from her since she is a cow we like to see each morning when we enter the barn."

Of the 351 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84 38

VG 149

EX or Multiple EX 27

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999 18

80,000 to 99,999 7

100,000+ kg 1

STAR BROOD

1*: 5 2* or 3*: 6 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 5 VG 13 GP 2

HERD AVERAGE (140)

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BCAs

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HAMMINGVIEW

"I'm very proud for my wife in that his has been her biggest goal... She's worked very hard and I know this has been her passion and every year, we've been sitting on pins and needles waiting for that phone call. And every year we look at it, well not this time but this year it was a pretty exciting morning..." "He thought somebody died!" "Yeah, with her reaction to the phone call, I actually thought someone had passed away. She was yelling and screaming in tears and I thought, 'Oh what now?' But, no, it was cries of joy and made us all very excited."

Of the 615 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84 82

VG 213

EX or Multiple EX 38

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999 36

80,000 to 99,999 16

100,000+ kg 1

2 Superior Production

STAR BROOD

1*: 16 2* or 3*: 11 4*+: 5

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 16 VG 59 GP 28

HERD AVERAGE (88)

13,735 kg M 524 kg 3.8 F%

430 kg 3.1 P%

BCAs

302 311 297



IDEE

"The Master Breeder Shield to me means accomplishment of excellent breeding and management over a longer period of time. I've exited the industry and don't think there'll be another Master Breeder Shield coming down so I'm just going to enjoy this even though I'm no longer actively milking cows. I look forward to maintaining my activity in the Holstein breed."

Of the 440 females born between 2001 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84 45

VG 162

EX or Multiple EX 60

LIFETIME PRODUCTION

60,000 to 79,999 23

80,000 to 99,999 3

100,000+ kg 1

STAR BROOD

1*: 8 2* or 3*: 21 4*+: 18

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX VG GP

HERD AVERAGE (140)

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BCAs

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LARENWOOD

"I think it's important to remain dedicated and patient and also humble through the process and on individual breeding of the cattle, I think a balanced approach and really breeding for both production, type and health will, in the long run, create good cows... Knowing the strengths

and weaknesses and selecting the best bulls to breed on to your cows. At the end of the day, we have a simple goal here: it's to make every daughter better than her mother."

Of the 593 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION	
GP 83-84	58
VG	152
EX or Multiple EX	16
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	44
80,000 to 99,999	20
100,000+ kg	10

STAR BROOD

1*: 12 2*or 3*: 22 4*+: 2

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 8 VG 48 GP 59

HERD AVERAGE (104)

13,391 kg M 527 kg 3.9 F%

422 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

306 323 302



LESBERTRAND

"The desire and inspiration to be a Master Breeder came from another Master Breeder in our area, Ferme Legaudière. When I was young, it always inspired me to go visit their herd. Through bus tours, I went to see large and good herds throughout the province. It always motivated me when I went to visit

their barns. I always told myself, 'One day, it will be my turn.' And today, I am proud. I am now on equal footing with them, and I am very happy."

Of the 300 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION	
GP 83-84	45
VG	92
EX or Multiple EX	24
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	27
80,000 to 99,999	8
100,000+ kg	4

STAR BROOD

1*: 3 2*or 3*: 11 4*+: 2

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 11 VG 36 GP 25

HERD AVERAGE (53)

11,367 kg M 482 kg 4.2 F%

379 kg 3.3 P%

BCAs

246 282 259



LEHOUX

"What makes me very proud of this second Master Breeder title is really reaching the objectives we had set at the very beginning. It's not about the goals that we had set for ourselves when we won our first banner or Shield in 2000, but it's the perseverance that comes with the second Master Breeder Shield. That's

what I'm very proud of. I'm even prouder to see the next generation taking over. The Master Breeder Shield often takes two generations. We can see the new generation settling in and even the grandchildren who seem to like it."

Of the 519 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION	
GP 83-84	51
VG	147
EX or Multiple EX	60
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	41
80,000 to 99,999	20
100,000+ kg	7

STAR BROOD

1*: 10 2*or 3*: 12 4*+: 11

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 22 VG 44 GP 20

HERD AVERAGE (73)

12,125 kg M 500 kg 4.1 F%

392 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

268 298 273

1 Superior Production



LESPERRON

"Being a Master Breeder a second time for me is as rewarding as the first time. It is teamwork. You cannot do it alone. We realize that the LESPERON prefix is going to leave its mark on Quebec breeding. It's a nice way to come full circle."

Of the 1028 females born between 2002 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION	
GP 83-84	137
VG	335
EX or Multiple EX	41
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	57
80,000 to 99,999	14
100,000+ kg	8

STAR BROOD

1*: 17 2*or 3*: 19 4*+: 14

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 8 VG 90 GP 65

HERD AVERAGE (140)

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BCAs

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1 Superior Production and 5 Superior Type



MAPLEBROUGH

"I think anyone can become a Master Breeder. Anyone who is milking registered cows, is on test and classifies... anyone can become a Master Breeder... There is really nothing special we do here. We just try and focus on the details and get the best we can out of every cow. We are hoping the future will allow us to build a new facility so Maplebrough Farm can carry on for generations to come."

Of the 251 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION	
GP 83-84	36
VG	88
EX or Multiple EX	29
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	15
80,000 to 99,999	6
100,000+ kg	3

STAR BROOD

1*: 7 2*or 3*: 4 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 11 VG 21 GP 6

HERD AVERAGE (33)

13,722 kg M 525 kg 3.8 F%

440 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

297 308 301



MAURICIENNE

"We are really proud of becoming Master Breeders for a second time. The uniformity of our herd, the consistency of our performances in production and in type, come from several animals from a few cow families, the same ones as our first Master Breeder Shield in 2004. We are also very proud to have bred 55 EX cows in the last 15 years."

Of the 421 females born between 2001 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	48
VG	121
EX or Multiple EX	55
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	34
80,000 to 99,999	12
100,000+ kg	6

STAR BROOD

1*: 12 2*or 3*: 11 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 20 VG 26 GP 14

HERD AVERAGE (50)

11,038 kg M 454 kg 4.1 F%
374 kg 3.4 P%

BCAs

238 266 255



SUNNYHOME

"It's a huge achievement and a goal that I think we've all had since the last one and I'm sure it will be a goal to get another one after this too. We're very happy to have won another one... We've gone through some expansion in the last few years and increased the herd, so we'll probably be a little bigger in another ten years."

Of the 682 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	73
VG	242
EX or Multiple EX	59
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	60
80,000 to 99,999	16
100,000+ kg	7

STAR BROOD

1*: 11 2*or 3*: 18 4*+: 5

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 33 VG 73 GP 34

HERD AVERAGE (95)

11,735 kg M 485 kg 4.1 F%
379 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

256 285 260



NICREST

"Winning the Master Breeder Shield is a lifelong dream realized. It was a goal I'd set from a young age and it's bittersweet to have done so now. I'm so blessed to be able to do this with [my children] Caitlyn and Brayden, and I see their keen interest. Caitlyn has even started her own prefix and it's wonderful to see."

Of the 115 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	19
VG	39
EX or Multiple EX	16
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	9
80,000 to 99,999	3
100,000+ kg	1

STAR BROOD

1*: - 2*or 3*: 3 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 20 VG 78 GP 62

HERD AVERAGE (132)

11,059 kg M 448 kg 4.1 F%
367 kg 3.3 P%

BCAs

249 272 259



WILMARLEA

"Now that we've got a Shield, [as for the future], just carry on. We're pretty happy with the farm the way it is and continue to keep evolving and improving, you know, through production and conformation and, you know, keep our industry going is really our goal."

Of the 1012 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	99
VG	221
EX or Multiple EX	24
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	67
80,000 to 99,999	30
100,000+ kg	10

STAR BROOD

1*: 17 2*or 3*: 11 4*+: 3

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 9 VG 73 GP 84

HERD AVERAGE (154)

12,701 kg M 551 kg 4.3 F%
407 kg 3.2 P%

BCAs

280 326 281

1 Superior Production Sire



WISSELVIEW

"It's something for which we've been striving for quite a few years and to finally get it, I don't know if it's really sunk in... After this Master Breeder, we're going to continue celebrating what we've achieved and to continue with family and friends and employees, continue breeding well-balanced animals to strive for another Shield."

Of the 644 females born between 2000 and 2015...

CLASSIFICATION

GP 83-84	92
VG	165
EX or Multiple EX	16
LIFETIME PRODUCTION	
60,000 to 79,999	44
80,000 to 99,999	19
100,000+ kg	12

STAR BROOD

1*: 7 2*or 3*: 13 4*+: 1

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

EX 15 VG 109 GP 94

HERD AVERAGE (158)

14,004 kg 542 kg 3.9 F%
456 kg 3.3 P%

BCAs

305 318 312

Improving Canada's Shows: Class Changes Coming in 2021

THE HOLSTEIN CANADA SHOW & JUDGING COMMITTEE is excited to reveal our new class structure plan, coming into effect for the 2021 show season. These new classes maintain the existing heifer classes, offer a better platform for young cows, and respect the older cows.

For the past two years, the members of our Committee took an in-depth look at show classes. Four resolutions were brought forward by the Holstein Canada membership at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, asking us to evaluate the traditional class structure to see if it still represents the needs of today's dairy industry or if there was a way to make it better.

Two Extra Milking Classes

The Show & Judging Committee has divided the younger milking classes into more appropriate groups for date of calving. By adding these two new milking classes, the Committee hopes to make shows more relevant to industry trends related to calving dates. Seeing more young cows is beneficial with today's quick sire rotations, while maintaining the older cow classes displays the animals as they develop.



Heifer Classes: Changes in Name Only!

There are no changes to the dates of heifer classes, but the Committee has changed the names of the classes to represent the season in which the calf was born. As it is, heifers are grouped in three-month windows; though this is a short time frame, we have every confidence that judges place them by correct conformation and development for their age group. As such, we saw no value in changing this structure.

These decisions were based on the input of exhibitors and Holstein Canada members, through the participation in the panel sessions. The hard work and dedication of the Committee members made it possible to present this new plan with confidence, and we are eager for the 2021 show season!

Please go to www.holstein.ca - Membership-Programs - Shows & Judging Program to see the full class list.

2021 Classes

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
2021	Winter calf		Spring calf			Summer calf						
2020	Winter yearling		Spring yearling			Summer yearling			Fall calf		Winter calf	
2019	Milking int. yearling		Junior 2			Milking yearling			Fall yearling		Winter yrl.	
2018	Sr. 3 yr.		Junior 3 yr old			Senior 2 yr old			Milking int. yearling		Int. 2	
2017	4 year old								Sr. 3 yr.			
2016	5 year old								4 year old			
2015	6 year old								5 year old			
2014									6 year old			

Classification 2021: Big changes coming to the Canadian Classification Program

Canadian producers have enjoyed the benefits and successes of Classification on the evolution of the national herd over the last 70 years. For decades, producers have used Classification to make informed breeding decisions based on a cow or herd's phenotypic output and to benchmark their genetic progress. All this time, the Canadian Classification system has had four major type sections: Mammary System, Dairy Strength, Feet & Legs, and Rump.

In 2009, the industry was introduced to Genomics, and over the past decade, the combination of historically proven tools like Classification with the modern, advanced science of Genomics led to an incredible culmination of fast and important improvements on the stage of dairy conformation. However, one major type section – Feet & Legs – continued to lag behind the evolution of the rest of the sections.

The mobility of the cow is vital to production, reproduction and longevity, and as such, many things can be attributed to the lack of improvement in the Feet & Legs section. Though we have seen drastic gains in genetic merit and improved management systems, the breed is seeing an increase in cows that are straight legged, and when combined with front legs that knock inward or bow out, this causes major mobility issues.

Making Mobility More Exact

At the December 2019 Classification Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee discussed how to tackle current issues facing Feet & Legs in Canadian dairy animals. The Committee, which is made up of two veterinarians, a member of the AI industry, Classifiers, and producers from across the country, analyzed and discussed many scenarios. The final decision was that although the feet and legs cannot work apart, they are still individual parts that deserve their own weighting so producers can work to improve them independently.

Currently, genetic evaluations for Feet & Legs combine all the individual traits together to give a cow its Genetic Evaluation (GE) and contribute to sire proofs. Simply put, if a cow has a great foot but is challenged with extremely straight legs, her final Feet & Leg score may not reflect the actual mobility of the cow. Because

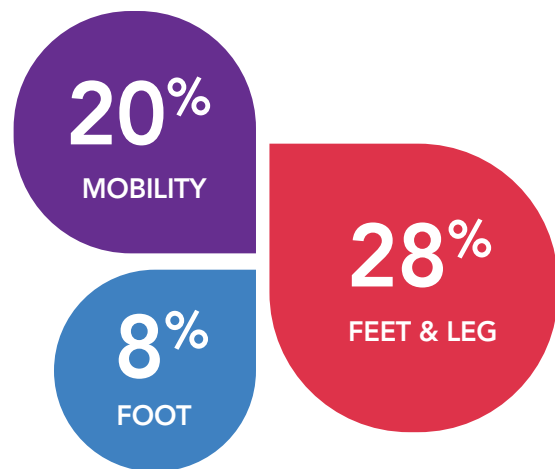
Classification data is used in Genetic Evaluations, this could lead to an inflated Feet & Leg section in a bull's proof. By separating the foot from the leg, producers can concentrate more specifically on improving each section.

As a result, the Classification Advisory Committee recommended to the Holstein Canada Board of Directors that the Feet & Leg section be split into two major type sections: "Mobility" and "Foot." The Holstein Canada Board of Directors approved this change in February.

Holstein Canada recognizes that these changes to the Classification program will dramatically affect the industry and our partners. Because of this, we have set a delayed implementation date to early 2021 to allow industry partners to make the appropriate changes within their systems and give us time to promote and educate producers over the next several months. These changes have been accepted by all Canadian dairy breeds.

The current Feet & Leg weighting in the final scorecard is 28%. The new final scorecard weighting for "Mobility" will be 20% and "Foot" will be 8%.

Within the Mobility section, the individual traits will be comprised of Bone Quality, Rear Leg Side View, Rear Leg Rear View, Thurl Placement and two new traits, Locomotion and Front Leg View. The Foot section will include Heel Depth and Foot Angle.





Foot

- Heel Depth
- Foot Angle



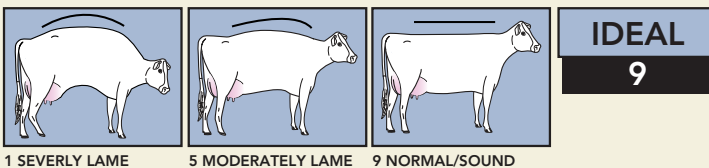
Mobility

- Bone Quality
- Rear Leg Side View
- Rear Leg Rear View
- Locomotion **NEW**
- Front Leg View **NEW**
- Thurl Placement

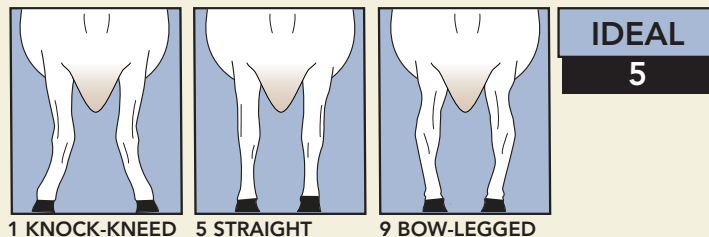
Locomotion and Front Leg View

Locomotion has been a research trait for over a decade, but due to the varying management systems in Canada, the trait was never made an official scored trait. During the research period, trait information is collected for analysis, but is not included in the animal's final score and does not contribute to genetic evaluations. Canada is the only country in the world that does not officially score Locomotion, in spite of how important good Locomotion is to the cow's health, production, and longevity.

LOCOMOTION



FRONT LEGS FRONT VIEW



Due to a noticeable increase in structural challenges of front legs, Front Leg View was added as a research trait in June 2018. Front Leg View directly affects the Locomotion of an animal, and the addition of both of these traits to the Classification scorecard creates a long-awaited, much-needed genetic evaluation for these traits resulting in sire proofs for both.

In Canada, we still have two predominant management systems: loose housing (also known as free-stall) and tie-stall. As tie-stall environments do not let the animals roam freely during Classification for fear of injury (slippage or otherwise), the weighting on Locomotion will be distributed to other traits (including Rear Leg Side View, Rear Leg Rear View, Front View Leg, thurl placement, and bone quality) for the first year of the new Classification changes.

Using common statistical analysis (R^2), Holstein Canada will be able to predict how the individual traits in a loose-housing

Mobility section (including Locomotion) would correlate to the individual traits in a tie-stall environment Mobility section where Locomotion is excluded. In simpler terms, Locomotion can be predicted in tie-stalls without recording it because of the significant correlation data retrieved from loose-housing animals. Our current model shows a reliability of 88%, essentially meaning that 88% of the animal's final score from tie-stall environments would not change with a predicted Locomotion official score included. The remaining 12% would change by +/- 1 final point.

To ensure the accuracy of this equation, the Classification Advisory Committee recommended that we follow the trait in tie-stalls for one (1) year without implementing it officially. After the first year, and if Holstein Canada is happy with the success and accuracy of "Predicted Locomotion" in tie-stalls, it will be applied to the official weighting in 2022.

The weightings of the traits in the Foot section will be similar to Foot Composite, with 75% weighting on Heel Depth and 25% on Foot Angle. The weighting of the traits in the Mobility section will vary on animal housing style for year one.

Recent research* has indicated that ideal Body Condition Score (BCS) for animals in peak production is 2.5; similarly, transition cows and cows at dry-off are more favorable at 2.75-3. In response to this research, the Committee moved to include linear code 5 alongside 6 & 7 as a BCS ideal. With Board approval, BCS will now have three linear ideals – 5, 6 and 7 – that will come into effect June 2020.

As our dairy cows continue to evolve, they adapt to the demands we require of them. Helping them in this adaptation requires us to adapt as well, by modernizing our tools, both old and new. These new changes will benefit all producers and will more specifically help producer's pinpoint Mobility and Foot areas requiring improvement within their respective management systems.

For additional information on how these changes will affect the industry, please contact Brad Eggink at beggink@holstein.ca

* Optimal Body Condition Score for Dairy Cows at Calving – MSU Extension



Dear Customer Service Team

This issue's question is answered by Customer Service Representative **Janice Kyle**: "During COVID-19, I had two work stations set up in my home: one for customer service (laptop behind me) and one for my sewing machine! During the day, I worked on my laptop remotely and enjoyed helping producers by phone and email with their orders, registrations and payment options. In the evening and on weekends I helped our church make hospital gowns for People Care for essential workers to wear."



How do I access my statements? How much do I owe? Can I make a payment online?

Follow these steps to access the financial section of your Web Account. First timers will experience some delay since there are additional validations to go through when creating a Web Account.

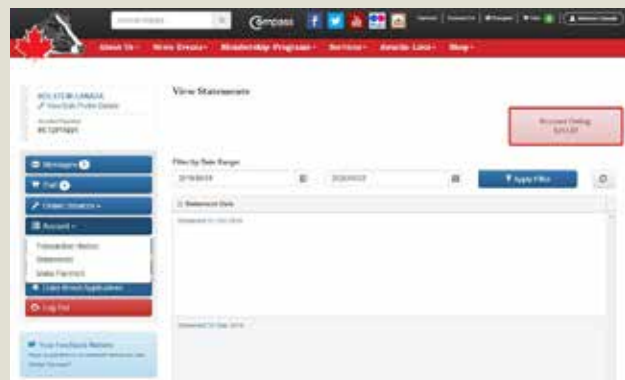
1. Go to www.holstein.ca
2. Create or login to your web account.
3. Look for 'Account' on the blue tool bar on the left hand side of the screen.
4. Click on the drop down arrow to reveal option.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE THREE OPTIONS FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT:

- 1 **Transaction History** lets you view all previous invoices, which can highlight all the services rendered in the past three years.
- 2 **Statements** lets you view all your monthly statements, which combine all billable invoices in a monthly period.
- 3 **Make Payment** lets you provide a payment and/or provides some details to help with other payment types.

Under the Transaction History and Statements options, you'll find blue hyperlinks that open up a copy of your Statement or Invoice. You can also save or print statements or invoices for your records, as these are important documents for your accountant!

One common feature for all three options is the "Amount Owing" box. This box is displayed in the same area and directly links to your current account balance at Holstein Canada. If you submitted a payment, please allow some time for the office and bank to process and update the revised account balance.



Through the Make Payment option, you can pay by credit card right on that screen. For your assurance, you will have to re-enter all the required information every time you use this option, as we do not store credit card information. We follow very strict financial and privacy rules for your protection. If you want to know more, we have a privacy officer available to answer your questions.

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Our Holstein Canada Customer Service team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience while we were working at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Do you need more assistance?

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TOP SIRES FOR HEALTH & FERTILITY AND FAT RELEVANT TO DAUGHTER'S AVERAGE FINAL SCORE

Based on 1st Lactation Classifications January-April 2020

Top 10 Health & Fertility Sires with 100+ Daughters Classified in Four-Month Period

Sire	Daughters Classified	Sire H&F	Avg. Dau Score
ALTAKERMIT-ET	105	656	79
NUMERO UNO ET	463	619	81
PINKMAN	107	609	79
KINGBOY RAMBO-ET	266	580	81
GALAPAGOS-ET	195	580	79
ADAGIO-P-ET	222	571	80
PORTER	123	562	81
CONTROL	1213	561	81
MUSTANG	114	552	80
VSG AIRINTAKE	300	544	81

TOP SIRES ACCORDING TO AVERAGE FINAL SCORE OF 1ST LACTATION DAUGHTERS

Based on 1st Lactation Classifications January-April 2020

Top 10 Sires with 100+ Daughters Classified in Four-Month Period

Sire	Daughters Classified	Sire EBV Fat kg	Avg. Dau Score
MONTROSS DUKE-ET	247	134	81
BREWMASTER	727	118	81
SILVER-ET	241	105	81
ALTAMORENO-ET	139	89	80
DISPLAY-ET	132	87	81
SSI DCY MOGUL-ET	349	82	81
MASTERFUL	104	81	80
LAUTRUST	112	76	81
PORTER	123	76	81
V ENTIRE	147	74	80
ORION	138	74	80

Top Classifying Herds in Canada

Holstein Canada will be publishing the Top 20 Classifying herds based on number of registrations in 2019. Here is a sneak peek at the lists with the Top 5!

Prefix	Farm Name	Class. # - 2019	Average Final Score - 2019	Province
7-14 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
LITTLE STAR	LITTLE STAR HOLSTEINS	6	85.50	ON
RALSTON	FERME RALSTON S.E.N.C	10	85.00	QC
BLUE-TOP	MARTIN LIECHTI	5	85.00	QC
LONDON-DF	LONDON DAIRY FARMS	6	84.83	ON
MARTHAVEN	MARTHAVEN HOLSTEINS	8	84.63	ON
15-19 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
DAMESTAR	DAMESTAR HOLSTEIN	11	85.09	QC
LOVSHIN	LOVSHIN FARMS LTD	19	85.00	ON
PATIENCE	PATIENCE HOLSTEINS LTD	8	85.00	ON
WIKKSHAVEN	WIKKSHAVEN HOLSTEINS	17	84.94	BC
RIVERMAR	RIVERMAR HOLSTEINS	11	84.45	ON
20-24 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
J-STAR	J-STAR HOLSTEINS	5	85.60	ON
CEDARPATCH	CEDARPATCH HOLSTEINS	9	84.89	ON
MAPLEKAY	MAPLEKAY FARMS LIMITED	19	84.79	ON
KENTVILLE	KENTVILLE HOLSTEINS	14	84.57	ON
CALAWAY	CALAWAY HOLSTEINS	7	84.43	ON
25-29 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
LEACHLAND	COLIN & KAREN LEACH	11	84.55	ON
MALIC	FERME MALIC	10	84.50	QC
RIVER DALE	RIVER DALE HOLSTEINS	17	84.47	ON
MABEL	FERME MAGUY NORMANDIN INC	26	84.27	QC
KAWARTHA	KAWARTHA HOLSTEINS	18	84.22	ON
30-39 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
LOOKOUT	LOOKOUT HOLSTEINS	12	85.25	QC
AROLENE	FERME AROLENE INC	10	84.90	QC
KAROLSTEIN	FERME KAVEN GRANDMONT INC	17	84.88	QC
HODGLYNN	HODGLYNN HOLSTEINS	21	84.86	ON
GLENVUE	GLENVUE HOLSTEINS	17	84.82	ON
40-59 REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
GARAY	GASPAR FILLION	22	85.27	QC
RUTI	WERNER RENGGLI	26	84.92	ON
BROWNLANDS	BROWNLANDS FARM	11	84.55	ON
FLORBIL	FLORBIL FARMS LTD	27	84.52	ON
SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE HOLSTEINS	12	84.50	ON
60+ REGISTRATIONS PER YEAR:				
JOLIBOIS	FERME ROLANDE ENR	20	85.35	QC
VOGUE	VOGUE CATTLE CO.	7	84.71	ON
KINGSWAY	KINGSWAY FARMS	46	84.39	ON
BOSDALE	BOSDALE FARMS INC	62	84.31	ON
COBEQUID	COBEQUID HOLSTEINS	48	84.29	NS

Thank You Canada

Holstein Canada is gradually returning to normal operations, making our way back to the office and into the field.

A lot has changed in recent months. One thing, however, remained the same: the strong relationship we have with Canadian producers. Thank you to all Holstein Canada members for your support and patience when our services and mail were slowed down by work-from-home and physical distancing adjustments. We appreciate your patience!

In this time, you continued to support the services that didn't stop, like Registration and Genotyping. So many producers adjusted their routines and submitted information electronically and through Web Accounts, and you kept investing in Registration for unique IDs and pedigree information to help reduce losses from recessives and inbreeding. That is great, because

a drop in inbreeding from 10% to 7% in a 100-cow milking herd can increase the herd's income by roughly \$5000 a year!*

It's a low investment, but you've shown that Registration lets you correctly identify every member in your entire herd. As we all know, solid information gives you a head start to make confident decisions that lead to good production and accurate breeding choices. We keep investing in this program to make registering your animals as convenient as possible and returning the data you need to make wise choices!

Our team can't wait for the time when we can greet our members and provide services like Classification and in-person advice again to the whole country. Regardless of how long that will be, we're always going to be here for you!

*https://www.holstein.ca/PublicContent/PDFS/HC_EconomicStudy.pdf



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