Official Rules for 83rd Annual ALL-CANADIAN COMPETITION

Classes

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

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 2025.
- 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.
- A cow that reaches 70,000 kg of lifetime production *within the show season* may be entered in either the Mature Cow class or the Longtime Production class, but not both. However, if a cow has reached 70,000 kg of production as of March 1, 2025, she must be entered in the Longtime Production class.
- 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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 completed and submitted via AssistExpo by Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

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 with entries selected for nomination will be required to pay a non-refundable nomination fee of $150 per nominated animal or group. Fees will only be charged if the animal or group is officially nominated. The entry fee will be billed to the AssistExpo account used to register the animal and must be paid within the specified deadline.
- 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 December 22, 2025.

All results will be announced early January 2026

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