



Master Breeder Schedule 2025

October 2025	Preliminary Master Breeder run Point updates mailed to members
January 2026	Final Master Breeder run Press release of Master Breeders
April 2026	Presentations at Holstein Convention in Burnaby, British Columbia

Master Breeder Regulations

- Over 16-year birth window (2025: births 2006 to 2021)
- ┌ According to the Prefix included in the animal's name
- ┌ Minimum of 7 females (75%+ purity) per birth year on average
- ┌ One or more females born & registered in 14 of the 16 years
- ┌ Animals contributing points to a previous shield do not contribute points to a subsequent shield

REGISTRATION COUNTS AND POINTS/FEMALE REGISTRATION

Registration count (A)	Females 75% pure or higher – born from 2006 to 2021 Excluded if exported prior to 3 years of age
Number of years (B)	Number of years with one or more females registered [in registration Count (A)]
Average female registrations per Year (C)	Registration Count (A) / Number of Years (B)
Animals eligible to contribute points (D) and males	All females [in registration Count (A)]
Points earned (E)	Total points for all eligible animals according to point table
Points earned per female registration (F)	Points Earned (E) / Average Female registrations per Year (C)

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Eligible members for Master Breeder

(2025 – 3,175 MEMBERS)

(*Please note: the values in this table are estimated.)

GROUP MEMBERS ACCORDING TO AVERAGE # OF FEMALE REGISTRATIONS / YEAR (C)

7 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 59	60+
# OF HERDS (2025)						
364	508	510	423	507	483	380
# OF FEMALE REGISTRATION (2025: BORN 2006 TO 2021)						
67,539	141,322	181,581	184,200	277,226	371,942	644,824
PERCENT OF FEMALE REGISTRATION (2025: 2006 TO 2021)						
4%	8%	10%	10%	15%	20%	35%
NUMBER TO BE AWARDED IN EACH GROUP (*)						
2	2	3	2	3	4	5

STAR BROOD AND MASTER BREEDER POINTS TABLE

Production						Classification		Longevity		
	Composite Deviation (fat + protein)	or	Composite BCA (**)	or	Lifetime Production	Points	Type	Points	Total	Points
1 Lact.	[(+40)]	or	(+120)]	or	60,000 kg	1	83-84	1	7	1
2 Lacts.	[(+40)]	or	(+120)]	or	70,000 kg	2	85-86	2	8+	2
2 Lacts.	[(+60)]	or	(+150)]	or	80,000 kg	3	87-89	3		
3 Lacts.	[(+60)]	or	(+150)]	or	90,000 kg	4	EX	4		
3 Lacts.	[(+80)]	or	(+180)]	or	100,000 kg	5	EX-2E	5		
4 Lacts.	[(+80)]	or	(+180)]	or	120,000 kg+	6	EX-3E+	6		

(**) Over the composite of the National BCA averages

Foreign lactation can be included in the Lifetime Production criteria as long as the cow has a Canadian classification of GP-83 or better. Holstein Canada's will add foreign lactation to database upon request.

All data and other information submitted is subject to verification or review as Holstein Canada considers appropriate.

Males	Points
Superior Production	5
Superior Type	5
Class Extra	15

All recipients must be members in good standing.