

2022 Master Breeders honoured by Canada's breed associations

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Canadian breed associations recently recognized some of Canada's top herds with the prestigious Master Breeder award. Presented by Holstein Canada, Jersey Canada, Ayrshire Canada, and the Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association, the 2022 recipients are featured below.



AYRSHIRE

Four herds were recognized by Ayrshire Canada. The award is presented to breeders in honour of their achievements in both conformation and milk production.

- **Ferme De La Plaine (DE LA PLAINE), Sainte-Françoise, Quebec**
- **Ferme François Beaudry Inc. (DES PRAIRIES), Granby, Quebec**
- **Ferme Ronick Inc. (RONICK), Sainte-Gertrude-Mainneville, Quebec**
- **Ferme Sablière (2007) Inc. (SABLIÈRE), Saint-Rosaire, Quebec**



JERSEY

Jersey Canada awarded one Master Breeder shield to a deserving herd. This elite award is based on long-term excellence in the breed, and it is calculated using both production and classification data.

Master Breeder

- **Meadow Lynn Jersey Farms (MEADOW LYNN), Simcoe, Ontario**

In addition, Jersey Canada recognized these constructive breeders. The Constructive Breeder award recognizes herds that are excelling in Jersey breeding over a shorter time frame than the Master Breeder. Animals eligible for constructive breeder points are born during a five-year window, beginning three years before the year of calculation. Three constructive breeders are awarded per year to the three eligible herds with the highest average points per registration.

Constructive Breeder

- **Daniel and Carine Poirier (CAVA), Lefavre, Ontario**
- **Martin Bergeron and Karine Savard (BERGICEL), Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly, Quebec**
- **Ferme Dulet Inc. (DULET), Saint-Pascal, Quebec**



BROWN SWISS

The Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association recognized one farm this year with the Master Breeder award.

- **Prinsville Dairy Farms Inc. (PRINSVILLE), Bloomfield, Ontario**



HOLSTEIN

Holstein Canada recognized 20 Master Breeders earlier this year. Over 1,000 Master Breeder shields have been bestowed upon the country's most elite Holstein herds since the program's inception 92 years ago. Selected herds are those with the best ratio of cows displaying high production, outstanding type and strong abilities in reproduction, health and longevity.

- **Michel Labbé (AQUAREL), Saint-Lazare, Quebec**
- **Ferme Arthur Lacroix Ltée (ARCROIX), Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse, Quebec**
- **Belmoral Farms LTD (BELMORAL), Teeswater, Ontario**
- **Haag Farms LLC (BREEZY), Brussels, Ontario**
- **Christhill Farms (CHRISTHILL), Tara, Ontario**
- **Elm Bend Holsteins (ELM BEND), Brantford, Ontario**
- **Havenvalley Holsteins (HAVENVALLEY), Wallenstein, Ontario**
- **Ferme J.P Poulin and Fils (JEANLU), Saint-Georges-de-Beauce, Quebec**
- **Mario Lauzon (LAUZONNIERE), Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets, Quebec**
- **Ferme Lessard and Fils Inc. (LOUIDGI), Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, Quebec**
- **Ferme M.G. Lévesque (MAGAMI), Ange-Gardien, Quebec**
- **Holstein Mirabel S.E.N.C (MIRABEL), Mirabel, Quebec**
- **Ferme Parkhurst Inc. (PARKHURST), Saint-Patrice-de-Beaurivage, Quebec**
- **Ferme Pellerat Inc. (PELLERAT), Saint-Roch-des-Aulnaies, Quebec**
- **Robert Jarrell (RJF), Corbyville, Ontario**
- **Ferme Rubis (RUBIS), Lochaber, Quebec**
- **Cleon Gingrich (SPRUCE LAWN), Drayton, Ontario**
- **Vriesdale Holsteins (VRIESDALE), Mountain, Ontario**
- **Wendon Holsteins (WENDON), Red Deer County, Alberta**
- **Yorellea Farms (YORELLEA), Saint-Eugene, Ontario**

