

Five breed associations honour Canada's master breeders

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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, Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society and Canadian Guernsey Association, the 2021 recipients are featured below.



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

- **Michael & Monique Bols (DRENTEX), Russell, 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

- **Rexlea Jerseys Inc. (REXLEA), Schomberg, Ontario**
- **Stéphane Marceau and Marie St-Cyr (TOP GENE), Roxton Pond, Quebec**
- **Colin Martin (SPRUCEHEDGE), Elora, Ontario**



HOLSTEIN

Holstein Canada recognized 19 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.

- **Belfast Holstein Enr. (BELFAST), Saint-Patrice-de-Beaurivage, Quebec**
- **Bergeroy Holstein Inc. (BERGEROY), Saint-Samuel-de-Horton, Quebec**
- **Ferme Cloutier & Frères S.E.N.C. (COTI), Saint-André-D'Argenteuil, Quebec**
- **MacGregor Dairy Farm Ltd. (EXPO), Churchville, Nova Scotia**
- **Ferme Floroma Inc. (FLOROMA), Pont-Rouge, Quebec**
- **Ferme Germec Inc. (GERMEC), Hérouxville, Quebec**
- **Hazelhill Farm Ltd. (HAZELHILL), Sussex, New Brunswick**
- **Shawn Koopmans (KOOPLYCREST), Picton, Ontario**
- **Harry & Joanne Van Der Linden (LINDENRIGHT), Brierly Brook, Nova Scotia**
- **Ferme Mercury Inc. (MERCURY), Ange-Gardien, Quebec**
- **Milvalea Holsteins (MILVALEA), Baltimore, Ontario**
- **New Mars Dairy Ltd. (NEW MARS), Millet, Alberta**
- **Ferme Pierriche Inc. (PIERRICHE), Saint-Apollinaire, Quebec**
- **Ferme Plainelac Inc. (PLAINELAC), Saint-Vallier, Quebec**
- **Ferme Jaton & Gremion ENRG (PROVETAZ), Compton, Quebec**
- **Ferme Dave Tourigny Inc. (RIGHTSTAR), Saint-Germain-de-Grantham, Quebec**
- **Rockymountain Holsteins (ROCKYMOUNTAIN), Cochrane, Alberta**
- **Murrel & Martha Sauder (SAUDER HOLME), Wallenstein, Ontario**
- **K. Dean & Debbie Squibb (SQUIBBLAND), St. Pauls, Ontario**



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 Guy & Johanne Bergevin (BERGEVIN), Howick, Quebec**
- **Guy Sim (BIRGHDALE), Comox, British Columbia**
- **Ferme Coqueron Inc. (COCK ROND), Saint-Odilon-de-Cranbourne, Quebec**
- **Ferme Mardel S.E.N.C. (MARDEL), Saint-Prime, Quebec**



MILKING SHORTHORN

The Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society recognized one herd based on accumulating points per registration from highly classified cows, superior production awards, lifetime production awards, star brood cows, BCA class leaders and proven sires.

- **Oceanbrae Farms (OCEANBRAE), The Barrett Family, Belmont, Prince Edward Island**



GUERNSEY

The Canadian Guernsey Association honoured one Master Breeder who had won the Gold Star Breeder award five out of eight consecutive years. To achieve the Gold Star Breeder award, a home-bred herd will have at least 15 completed records, with classification score average of at least 82.5% and BCA 10 points above the national herd average for butterfat and protein.

- **Maplehurst Farm (KEN D. FORSTER), Lynden, Ontario**

