

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HOLSTEIN CANADA



Screening provides Holstein Canada with more information and producer timeframe preferences to help schedule and plan for assessments.

\* The first producers receiving letters will have less advance notice than indicated.

Producer receives mailed screening package 6-14 months before their validation date\*



DFC Handout



Letter



Survey

Producer quickly returns survey by mail, email, fax or phone

YES

Screening complete

NO

Holstein Canada follows up by email or phone to collect missing information



Producer receives call from assessor to schedule date and time of visit 1-2 weeks ahead of visit to region\*

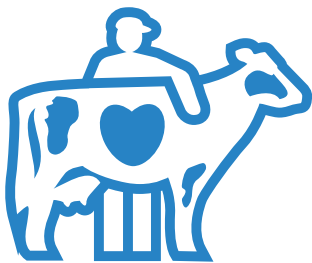
Questions and on-farm process can be addressed at this time

Especially for farms with loose housing, the assessor may discuss options for headlock use, gate set up or pre-sorting animals.

\* Preferred timeframe indicated in the screening survey will be accommodated whenever possible.

1 SCREEN

2 SCHEDULE



3 ASSESS

Set-up discussed during scheduling is done ahead (when applicable)

Random sample of animals is assessed on three parameters

The sample size required is based on herd size to ensure results accurately represent the herd. Sample size calculations by DFC are on a basis of 95% confidence level and margin of error of 15.



Body Condition Score



Injuries



Lameness



4 REPORT

Summary Sheet & Detailed Record reports are emailed or printed on farm

Electronic Reports available to provincial milk boards through data exchange with Holstein Canada

Benchmarking and the establishment of zone thresholds will delay the initial benchmark report for producers. As they become available, provincial coordinators will send them out.



5 BILL

Cattle Assessment completed during classification?

NO

Producer in AB, QC, NB, PE or NL?

NO

Producer pays

Province pays

YES

Producer pays classification fees but no additional Cattle Assessment fees

QC to then reimburse classification visit fee

\$100 visit fee

\$6 / animal assessed



Some provincial milk boards have opted to cover their producers' Cattle Assessment fees.

