

# Three 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 and Ayrshire Canada, the 2020 recipients are highlighted 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.

- **Lone Pine Jerseys (LONE PINE), Didsbury, Alberta**

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.

- **Ferme Des Acres Royales (BOVI-STAR), Marieville, Quebec**
- **Clanman Jerseys (CLANMAN), Clanwilliam, Manitoba**
- **Huntcliff Dairy Ltd. (HUNTCLIFF), Olds, Alberta**



## HOLSTEIN

Holstein Canada recognized 20 Master Breeders earlier this year. More than 1,000 Master Breeder shields have been bestowed upon the country's most elite Holstein herds since the program's inception 91 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.

- **Frank Barkey and family (ALTONA LEA), Blackstock, Ontario**
- **Birkentree Holsteins (BIRKENTREE), Hunter River, Prince Edward Island**
- **Ferme Boulet Inc. (BOULET), Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud, Quebec**
- **Melvin G. Martin (CLAYHAVEN), Wallenstein, Ontario**
- **Donfield Farms Ltd. (DONFIELD), Brandon, Manitoba**
- **Drewholme Holsteins (DREWHOLME), Gowanstown, Ontario**
- **Kloepfer Holdings Ltd. (DUALANE), Ingersoll, Ontario**
- **Ferme Duhibou Inc. (DUHIBOU), Saint-Lambert-de-Lauzon, Quebec**
- **Annie Lecours and Luc Boisvert (FLECHEDOR), Princeville, Quebec**
- **Kuiperscrest Holsteins (KUIPERSCREST), Bloomfield, Ontario**
- **Lavender Farms Ltd. (LAVENDER), Abbotsford, British Columbia**
- **Lellavan Farms (LELLAVAN), Maitland, Nova Scotia**
- **Ferme Macpes (MACPES), Saint-Narcisse, Quebec**
- **Ferme Mirella Inc. (MIRELLA), St-Bernardin, Ontario**
- **Ferme Raymond Pelletier & Fils Inc. (RAYPEL), Saint-Simon-de-Bagot, Quebec**
- **Ferme Robel (ROBEL), Jonquière, Quebec**
- **Ronbeth Holsteins (RONBETH), Hastings, Ontario**
- **Ferme Royolait Inc. (ROYOLAIT), Ange-Gardien, Quebec**
- **Thornspyc Dairy - Van de Brake Family (THORNSPYC), Lacombe, Alberta**
- **Frizzell's Valleyville Farm Inc. (VALLEYVILLE), Hunter River, Prince Edward Island**



## 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 Jean-Guy Faucher & Fils Inc. (FAUCHER), Sainte-Marie de Beauce, Quebec**
- **Ferme Kildare Inc. (KILDARE), Saint-Ambroise de Kildare, Quebec**
- **Ferme La Sapinière Ayrshire Inc. (LA SAPINIÈRE), Saint-Agapit, Quebec**
- **Mapleburn Farms Reg'd (MAPLEBURN), Brownsburg-Chatham, Quebec**

