

Four 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 and the Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association, the 2019 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.

- **Spruce Avenue Farms Inc. (SPRUCE AVENUE), Paris, 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.

- **Ferme Elégance (ELEGANCE), Saint-Gervais, Quebec**
- **Ferme Bellaska Jersey (BELLASKA), La Durantaye, Quebec**
- **Jada Jerseys Senc (JADA), Sainte-Anne-du-Lac, Quebec**



HOLSTEIN

This year, Holstein Canada recognized 19 master breeders. More than 1,000 Master Breeder shields have been bestowed upon the country's most elite Holstein herds since the program's inception 90 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.

- **Hueging Dairies Ltd. (AGGIES), Woodlands, Manitoba**
- **Ferme A.M.Y. Martin Inc. (AMIGO), Saint-Valentin, Quebec**
- **Ferme Boisblanc Holstein Inc. (BOISBLANC), Saint-Justin, Quebec**
- **Ferme Charpentier (CHARPENTIER), Sawyerville, Quebec**
- **Darcroft Farms Ltd. (DARCROFT), Embro, Ontario**
- **Ferme Famipage Inc. (FAMIPAGE), Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague, Quebec**
- **MacBeath Farms Ltd. (GOLDENFLO) Marshfield, Prince Edward Island**
- **Hammingview Farms Ltd. (HAMMINGVIEW), Pitt Meadows, British Columbia**
- **Idee Holsteins (IDEE), Hunter River, Prince Edward Island**
- **Larenwood Farms (LARENWOOD), Drumbo, Ontario**
- **B. Lehoux & Fils Inc. (LEHOUX), Saint-Elzéar, Quebec**
- **Georges Bertrand (LESBERTRAND), Saint-Polycarpe, Quebec**
- **Ferme Lesperron Inc. (LESPERRON), Bury, Quebec**
- **Maplebrough Holsteins (MAPLEBROUGH), Uxbridge, Ontario**
- **Ferme J.M. Cossette & Fils Inc. (MAURICIENNE), Saint-Maurice, Quebec**
- **Nicole Parkinson (NICREST), Chilliwack, British Columbia**
- **Sunnyhome Farms Ltd. (SUNNYHOME), Salmon Arm, British Columbia**
- **Wilmarlea Farm (WILMARLEA), Embro, Ontario**
- **Wisselview Farms (WISSELVIEW), Pitt Meadows, British Columbia**



BROWN SWISS

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

- **Nor Bella Acres (NOR BELLA), Kincardine, 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.

- **Guimond & Fils Farms (GUIMOND), Sainte-Blandine, Quebec**
- **Pierre Bleu Farm (PIEREE BLEU), Saint-Agapit, Quebec**
- **Forever Schoon Farm (FOREVER SCHOON), Vernon Bridge, Prince Edward Island**
- **Du Petit-Lac Farm (DU PETIT-LAC), Compton, Quebec**

