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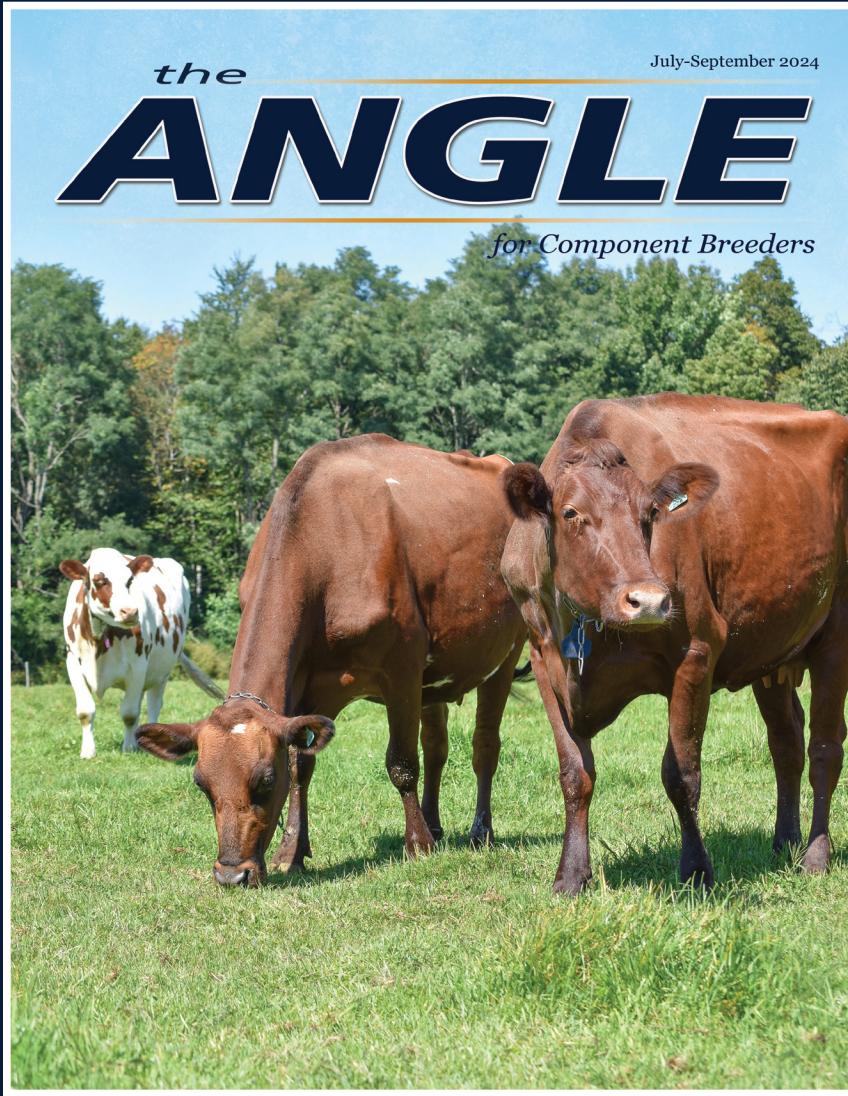
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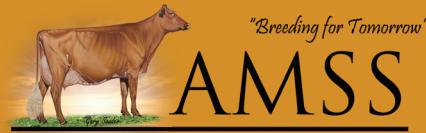
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Front from left: Billy Branstetter, David Hanson, Rhonda Patrick-Winkler, Tom Gillette. Back row from left: Nathan Baumgardner, Gregory Evans, Damian Ullmer, Zachary Damrow. Not pictured: Kurt Wolf, Gay Rodgers, Patrick Parsons, Eric Bogardus, Leanne Robison.

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**Mission Statement:** The purposes of the Association are to maintain the integrity of Ayrshire registrations and transfers, to improve the breed of Ayrshire cattle, to publish a Herd Book, and to maintain other records and registrations as the Association deems necessary or conducive to the best interests of the breeders of Ayrshire cattle.



## DEAR BREEDERS,

The Ayrshire Breeders' Association (ABA) and Holstein Association USA (HAUSA) are pleased to announce a collaboration aimed at enhancing operational efficiencies and member services for Ayrshire breeders across the country. Holstein Association USA will provide managed services for the Ayrshire Breeders' Association, assuming responsibility for ABA's day-to-day functions and services, and working with the ABA board of directors to execute the organization's objectives of promoting and advancing the Ayrshire breed.

"We are excited for this opportunity to work with Holstein USA to facilitate our officer operations and to take care of the needs of our Ayrshire Breeders," said Rhonda Winkler, Ayrshire Breeders Association President. "Holstein Association USA's operational support will strengthen our ability to serve our members and promote all of the Ayrshire breed's unique qualities."

ABA and HAUSA have a strong track record of collaboration, with ABA participating in HAUSA's multi-breed classification program since last year. In this expanded partnership, HAUSA will manage administrative functions, including registrations, transfers, membership services and genetic programs ABA.

"Cultivating strong partnerships within the dairy industry is crucial for fostering innovation and advancing our respective breeds," said John M. Meyer, Holstein Association USA CEO. "Holstein Association USA is honored to collaborate with the Ayrshire Breeders' Association, leveraging our expertise to deliver value and support the success of Ayrshire breeders nationwide."

HAUSA Sr. Manager, Classification Operations Amy Fletcher has been named ABA's Operations Manager. A 14-year employee of Holstein Association USA, Fletcher will continue those responsibilities alongside her role with ABA. "I have enjoyed working with Ayrshire breeders on classification and am excited for the opportunity to work with them in a larger capacity. I look forward to assisting Ayrshire breeders succeed and the progress the Ayrshire breed" said Amy Fletcher, ABA Operations Manager.

The Ayrshire Breeders Association and Holstein Association USA are actively working on this transition, with plans to fully integrate operations by September 1, 2024.

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## President's Corner . . .



New Hampshire! What beautiful weather, mountains, windy, curvy stretches of highway, and historic covered bridges.

Thanks to the New England Milking Shorthorn Association for a good convention and national sale. Kudos to GMC Farm, Cold Springs Farm, Echo Farm, and all others. Job well done.

Thank you to all buyers and consigners at our national sale.

Thank you, Adam Luchterhand, for your service as a board member.

Thank you also to retiring board member Matt Henkes. Your dedication and countless hours of service are appreciated. As your newly elected President, I welcome Brenda Gudex to the board – and Jerry Merrill for his re-election.

For those of you who may not know me, I have been involved with Milking Shorthorns since I was a child. I was an AMSS junior member and officer and I have exhibited countless times at numerous local, state and AMSS national shows. I've attended nearly every convention and served as queen. My family has owned numerous All-Americans including some well-known sires: Othello and Red Robin.

As an adult member, I have served on the History, Education, and Promotion committee, serving as chair for many of those years. I most recently served as the AMSS Vice President and continue oversee much of the AMSS website and assist with social media, as needed.

In 1990, much of our family 200-acre farm was destroyed by a tornado. However, we have continued to breed and raise animals on the farm. About

10 years ago, we sold several acres of the original farm and now house all animals in one new building. Our cows are milked by Don and Myra Crosby at their nearby dairy.

Now ... on to business.

There continues to be some animosity among AMSS breeders – and in the world in general. We seem happy to find fault and criticize very quickly. Is there anything in our country that doesn't create drama or protest?

Your board, while oftentimes criticized the most, spends immeasurable volunteer hours each week (along with monthly meetings) trying to make the best decisions possible, all while being fair and following AMSS policy. Many days it feels as though we cannot win. We cannot be everything to everyone – although we spend a lot of time trying. Let's try to start fresh. Let's put away the baggage and long-held grudges and close the door on lingering bitterness. Going forward, what can you expect from your board and AMSS staff?

**More frequent communication.** We are working on creating a monthly e-newsletter (which can also be sent via mail for those who don't use email). These messages will include timely updates, deadline and reminder info, and board actions. Please let us know your thoughts on this as we progress.

**Board meetings made available.** Members will be notified 30 days in advance (via the AMSS Google calendar on the website) of each monthly board meeting date/time. Keep in mind, this will be a listen in-only option and executive session conversations are prohibited. We will host these meetings using a free Zoom account that lasts 40 minutes. You will find the minutes from our most recent meetings in each issue of the Angle.

**Finance meetings made available.** Going

forward, quarterly financial statements will be made available on our website. Look for more insight on this after September 30.

**Ongoing feedback is requested.** Thank you to those who took the time to complete our recent online survey regarding ways we can improve. We will continue to evaluate these responses and will likely send a follow-up survey in the next year to gauge our progress.

In return, we need members to **participate and volunteer.** All committee chairs are expected to engage their committees multiple times throughout the year and submit two committee reports (June and December). You'll find the 2024-2025 committee listing in this issue of the Angle. Thank you, to those who have (continually) stepped up!

Similarly, we need states to host conventions. We need folks to support our online sales, raffles, and donation funds. We need positivity. We need collaboration. Over the last several years the AMSS has remained divided on certain beliefs and actions from the past. It was true then; it's even more true now. It's time to move on. In addition, everyone deserves grace. If we don't work together peacefully to find creative solutions, we will find ourselves working alone or all together nonexistent. We have good cattle and good people – no one can argue that. Your board, and office staff, are working hard to improve our communication(s) and (re)build transparency.

This year, I ask you to think positively about the AMSS. I ask you to think about what talents you bring to the table that can make a positive impact. I ask you to treat our office staff and fellow breeders with respect and humility. Let's focus on positive creativity, positive attitudes, and positive means for moving forward. ■

*Joanna Landrum*

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## From the Executive Secretary ...



Thank you, New England Milking Shorthorn breeders, for a successful 2024 convention. The farm tours showcased true New England hospitality and it was great to catch up with friends and meet new breeders.

During our annual meeting the breeder survey discussion highlighted ideas for how we can do more for our breeders. Look for some of those ideas to be implemented in the coming months.

Kathy and I continue to navigate ABRI. As with any new system, it takes time and patience to understand its ins and outs. We continue to learn something new and test ABRI's functionality each week.

Speaking of Kathy, I would like to introduce (or re-introduce) her to our members. Kathy is the backbone of our society; keeping it all rolling with her upbeat personality. She is oftentimes the first line of communication when you call the office. But, her job is much more than just answering the phone and registering and transferring animals. Although she has no formal dairy experience, she has learned a lot in her 9 years working for the AMSS. She has taught me so much, and I'd like to think I have added to her dairy knowledge. At the end of our daily conver-

sations we say, "onward and upward." This has become our motto. She enjoys her job and her dedication to the Milking Shorthorn breed does not go unnoticed. Thank You, Kathy!!!!

Any questions about DNA or Genomics should be directed to me. As a reminder this work can take weeks to complete.

DNA-From the time the lab receives the samples to results-7-10 days.

Genomics-From the time the lab receives the samples to results-6-8 weeks.

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It is hard to believe we are gearing up for another fall show season. Good luck and safe travels to all those attending our national shows. I encourage all of you to reach out if you have questions or suggestions. "Onward and Upward" with the Red, White and Roan. ■

*Kate Gulley*

**Mission Statement:** To recognize and welcome the diversity of the Milking Shorthorn as a unique feature of our breed, distinguishing it from all other breeds in the United States. To encourage each breeder to use all the Society programs which will benefit them individually and respect the rights of other breeders to have a different goal and to use different programs. To administer the Society to effectively use the information generated by the breeders to aggressively market our breed.

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Hello! My name is Tanna Luchterhand, and I am currently serving my second year as your American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society President. I live and work on my family's dairy farm in Neillsville, WI, Elm-Roc Dairy. We milk about 50 registered cows which consists of mostly Milking Shorthorns, Holsteins, and a couple of Guernseys. Of the approximate 90 head of cows and youngstock on our farm, I own about 30 head. This fall, I will begin my second and final year of classes at Chippewa Valley Technical College. I will graduate in May with an associate's degree in animal science.



My favorite thing is showing dairy cattle at various shows around the Midwest. Each year, I attend my county fair, Central Wisconsin State Fair, and World Dairy Expo. I am looking forward to showing at the 2025 national convention that will be held in Iowa. This past June, I had the opportunity to attend the national convention in New England. Seeing farms in the area and attending the banquet were great experiences for me. I want to thank all of those involved for their hard work in organizing everything. I met so many new people, and really enjoyed my time there.

I am so very honored to have this opportunity to serve as President for this breed that I love. I'd like to congratulate some great fellow junior members on recently being elected to officer positions. I look forward to working with them this year, serving our fellow junior members and doing our part to ensure the success of the red, white, and roan into the future.

- Charlie Weiss (OH) Vice President
- Owen Halpin (IL) re-elected as Secretary
- Joseph Achen (MN) Reporter

*Tanna Luchterhand*  
2024-2025 AMSJS President



## Queen's CORNER

### Queen Taylor Sparrgrove

Hello fellow Milking Shorthorn enthusiasts! My name is Taylor Sparrgrove and I am beyond excited to be serving as the 2024-2025 National Milking Shorthorn Queen. I am from Waterloo, Iowa. In August I started my second year at Iowa State University where I am studying Agriculture Communications and Dairy Science. I own a small herd of Milking Shorthorn cattle in partnership with my grandparents. I show at the local and state level with the hopes of showing at the national level within the next year or two. With fall shows right around the corner I am excited to represent everyone's favorite red, white and roan cow and connect with breeders across the country! ■

# YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

ALLIE COCKRUM | COMO, TEXAS



At just 17, Allie Cockrum from Como, TX, has already made a name for herself in the world of dairy showing. Allie's journey into the Milking Shorthorn breed is a story of curiosity, hard work, and community support.

Allie's introduction to the Milking Shorthorn breed was not the result of a single influence but rather a series of events. Working alongside her uncle, Bunky Harris, who trims hooves, Allie spent time at Krause Dairy. It was there she met Mikayla Krause, whose cows intrigued Allie's interest. Encouraged by Bunky to start showing, Allie took the suggestion seriously and began working with the cows daily. This dedication led to her first show at NAILE, where she was welcomed by the show community, including the Brandels, Cindy Bahr, and Mena Schmitt.

Outside of her involvement with the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society (AMSJS), Allie is a leader in her school's FFA chapter, serving as Vice President. She also participates in the dairy judging team and is a member of the National Honors Society.

Within the AMSJS, Allie shows deep commitment as well. Guided by Mikayla Krause, she quickly realized the value of being an AMSJS member. Her attendance at meetings and conventions, along with her willingness to help in various activities, shows her respect for the organization's mission and community.

Alongside her brother Kasen, Allie has achieved significant success in showing. Notably, she won her heat and made it to the finals in showmanship at WDE in 2023 and placed 2nd in the Open and Junior Show with Krauses Tanbark Ida P, who was also named Honorable Mention Junior Champion at NAILE 2023. Another highlight includes Krauses Cecilia Mille being named Reserve Intermediate Champion of the Junior Show at NAILE 2022. Additionally, Allie won Supreme Champion Heifer of the Northeast Texas Junior Show with her heifer, Krauses Money Mikala.

Mikayla Krause has been a pivotal figure in Allie's dairy show journey. Teaching her everything from preparing cows to showing in showmanship, Mikayla's mentorship has been instrumental in Allie's success.

Looking ahead, Allie plans to stay deeply involved in dairy farming. She aims to continue developing her animals into productive cows that also excel in shows. Her goal is to showcase her milking cows and highlight their quality and productivity.

## Words of Wisdom

For those looking to follow in her footsteps, Allie offers valuable advice: get involved and put in the hard work at home. The effort invested in preparation at home correlates with success in the show ring.

# INTRODUCING 305-AA

## The New Standardized Yield Measurement

Since 1994, the dairy industry has compared cows in different lactations, geographical regions and breeds using the current 305-ME (Mature Equivalent) adjustments. This production estimation standardizes milk, fat, and protein yields to a 305-day lactation at a mature equivalent status regardless of a cow's current age.

In 1995, a scientific paper was authored by Norman et al and published in the Journal of Dairy Science outlining how genetic selection changes maturity patterns. With this knowledge, the variables impacting the equation used in the 305-ME estimations were re-evaluated by USDA's Animal Genomics and Improvement Laboratory (AGIL) and the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB) this past year after 30 years.

Because of CDCB's stewardship of the National Cooperator Database, the dataset utilized in this project includes 101.5 million milk records, 100.5 million fat records, and 81.2 million protein records!

The result of this study is the introduction of 305-AA – a yield estimation standardized to a 305-day lactation record at 36 months of age – and the discontinuation of 305-ME in August.

### Estimating New Standardized Yields

Before diving into the variables that have changed, it is important to note that two remain unchanged – standardizing lactations to a 2X milking frequency and the methodology for accounting for previous days open. So, what variables have been improved?

**1. Season-Region:** Production is impacted by the geographical region where cows reside and the seasons' weather patterns. These types of impacts are mitigated for comparison's sake through the standardization of data. Previously, cows were grouped into three geographical regions based on the herd code associated with the production record. In the new 305-AA formula, five climate-based regions are utilized accounting for cows residing in the hottest to coldest parts of the US.

**2. Breed Impact:** Previously, breed adjustments were calculated along with the season-region and age-parity adjustments, but now the breed-age-parity and season-region effects are estimated separately as two different multiplicative factors. When computing PTAs over the past thirty years, age-parity adjustments

for smaller population breeds – like Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn – were heavily influenced by Holstein data but are now better estimated using their own data from recent years.

**3. Standardized Age:** The most visible change in the implementation of 305-AA is the evolution from Mature Equivalent (ME) to Average Age (AA). According to the 1994 report by Schutz that outlined the variables most recently utilized in 305-ME, Ayrshire cows reach mature production in the fourth lactation at 72 to 77 months of age and Milking Shorthorn cows in the sixth lactation at 76-86 months of age. This maturity value varies by breed.

Based on industry trends of today, the average cow in the US herd is three years old, meaning that most cows never reach their mature equivalent age outlined in the 1994 report. Without achieving this age, it is not informative to compare cows at a mature equivalent status. Therefore, 305-AA standardizes lactations to 36 months, regardless of breed, to give a more realistic comparison of cows in the US.

### Impact on PTAs

At the time of this writing, the impact of this evolution from 305-ME to 305-AA on Predicted Transmitting Abilities (PTAs) is still being validated. Test runs of the new 305-AA model utilizing phenotypic data from April suggest a small reranking of bulls will take place, alongside a visible impact on trait values in each breed. The preliminary genomic data suggests stability in yield traits – milk, fat, and protein – for Ayrshire animals which will not result in large impacts to indices that heavily incorporate these traits like Net Merit \$.

More details and information on this change are available at <https://uscdeb.com/august-2024-changes-impact-on-evaluations/>.

### Bottom Line

Dairy producers rely on a variety of measurements to compare animals of different ages, geographical locations, and breeds. Whether by using Net Merit \$ to measure the economic potential of a cow's genetics, Breed Age Average (BAA) to compare type conformation or the new 305-AA for yield traits, each is a tool designed to help producers make informed decisions.

# A LOOK BACK

## Milking Shorthorn History Highlights

### Celebrating AMSS through the decades...

#### 1944

President Noran Shaver (Marcia Shaver-Floyd's dad) presided over the national meeting. W. J. Hardy, Executive Secretary, reported that the long advocated "Grading Up" program was adopted by the AMSS membership. Members adopted a plan similar to the "Grading Up" program in England that would allow those with grade cattle to elevate them to purebred status.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Cross = 50%**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Cross = 75%**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Cross = 87.5%**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Cross = 93.75%**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Cross = 96.875%**

**"...after much cussing and discussion, a compromise was reached."**

January 1954 Milking Shorthorn Journal



The controversy centered around two subjects:

- 1) The decision to adopt (along with the other major dairy breeds) the "Standard Dairy Classification" at the Waterloo and Chicago

Shows. Up until this time the AMSS continued the beef standards for showing i.e. classes for a pair of calves, three cows in milk, yearling herd, etc.

2) The second subject involved the prorating of premium money and equalized freight. Both those practices were dropped for the 1954 Waterloo show...and so did the number of state herds. Folks were up in arms. Members reached a compromise after "much cussing and dicussion." They adopted the standard Dairy Classification class descriptions to follow all other dairy breeds AND state herd money, put up by AMSS, would be paid on a mileage basis.

#### 1964

*National Futurity "Lucky #7"*

Futurity Chairman Kitchell Sayre really went above and beyond to make this class a special celebration. Thirty-one entries, with nineteen shown, paraded around three judges. Dr. Fred Foreman, John C. Gage, and Stuart Rowe placed the young cows. Everyone won a prize ranging from bushels of certified oats to souvenir dice.

#### 1974

A sale of 50 Milking Shorthorns - males and females- at the Uniontown, Alabama sale barn was an experiment. They sold along with 100 head of Jerseys and between 900 and 1000 feeder cattle. It attracted the largest crowd of the season in an area of the country that was starved for cattle. As Secretary Harry Clampitt reasoned, it was impossible to evaluate whether or not it was a success. But, he did admit we made a lot of new friends, many acquaintances, and did a heck of a positive promotional impact. Kudos to the breeders who braved the terrible road conditions...more than a few heard the raging semi drivers through the icy, rough terrain over the CB radio, "Get that bossie wagon outta my way."

#### 1984

*Changing of the Guard*

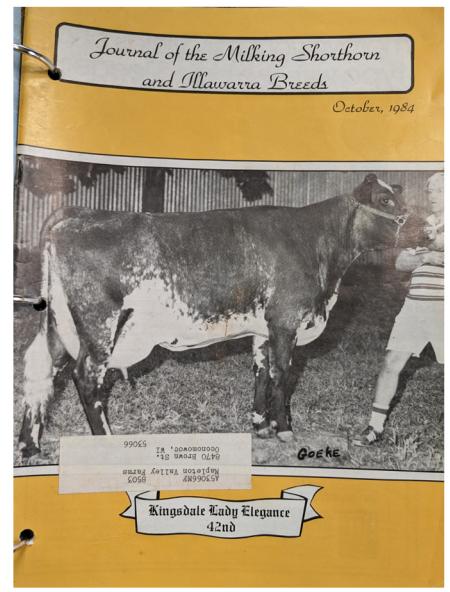
Stuart Rowe named Brad Ellsworth the new AMSS secretary. A bit of history about the six secretaries prior to Mr. Ellsworth. In the early 20's, Roy Cook, the first AMSS Executive Secretary, worked out of his home in Independance, Iowa.

W. J. Hardy (Bill), an Englishman, succeeded him as number two. Bill had immigrated with a shipment of imported dairy Shorthorns. During his reign AMSS split from the Shorthorn Association and moved from Chicago to Springfield, Missouri.

In 1960 Bill Dixon took the reins after Hardy's death. Then in 1961, Ray Schooley, a recent Kansas State graduate, became our fourth secretary. He delighted Milking Shorthorn breeders by marrying the daughter of one of our breeders. They then moved on to start a Jersey herd.

Harry Clampitt came aboard in 1967. He had a flair for writing and stressed the "milk" in Milking Shorthorns.

Marvin Kruse followed Harry in 1981. He was known for his promotion efforts. Now, in 1984, we have Brad Ellsworth, a lawyer by profession and a cattleman at heart.



# 2024 MCKOWN MASTER BREEDER AWARD

## PRESENTED TO MAPLE-DELL FARM

Family, tradition, and love for the Ayrshire breed are pillars of Maple-Dell Farm of Woodbine, Md. The generational farm owned and operated by David Patrick and his wife Ann, along with their two sons Mike and Denny, and a grandson, Derek was selected by the Klussendorf Association as this year's recipient of the Robert "Whitey" McKown Master Breeder Award. Exceptional dairy cattle breeders are awarded the title, and embody attributes associated with the Klussendorf award including character, ability, endeavor, and sportsmanship. The Patrick family is distinguished for their success in breeding excellent Ayrshires and the positive image they've established for their family farm.

The dairy farm's beginnings date back to 1928. However, it wasn't until 1941 that David Patrick's father bought him two Ayrshire calves which sparked a passion and love for the breed. Just 14 years later, the two calves had developed into a herd of 45 registered Ayrshires. The family now farms 1,200 acres, milks 165 cows, and raises over 160 heifers in the same location where it all began. The herd has been production testing for over 60 years and classified for 40, with the ultimate goal of getting productive cows with solid feet and legs and high scoring udder traits. Maple-Dell Farm earned the title of the Ayrshire Association's Master Breeder in 2010 and 14 constructive breeder awards for the herd's outstanding production and type. It's undeniable their breeding program is an indisputable success, with their pre-fix Md-Maple-Dell.

The Maple-Dell herd has proven instrumental to the Ayrshire breed, setting a high bar for quality cattle. Over 100 cows in their herd have been classified as Excellent, with one cow scored at 95 points. Several cows with the Maple-Dell prefix have been awarded prestigious titles, with 17 All-American, 18 Reserve All-Americans, and multiple cows ranking on the Cow Performance Index (CPI) with high lifetime milk production.

Maple-Dell farm is widely recognized for producing high-profile cattle, the most recent family line being the "D's", leading with Maple-Dell Zorro Dafourth. The iconic cow was selected as Grand Champion at the 2006 All-American Dairy show and World Dairy Expo (WDE) Reserve Grand Champion. Following four generations, cows produced from the family line have ranked at high levels on the CPI cow list. The breeding line has also produced accomplished bulls seeing that three bulls from the family, Maple-Dell Modem Drew, Maple-Dell Modem Diego, and Maple-Dell O Dixon, have all had active A.I. usage.

Other infamous cows of the Maple-Dell herd include Maple-Dell Hi-Kick Sweet Pea, which represented the Ayrshire breed on the Purina Mills "Dairy Breeds of North



America" painting by Bonnie Mohr. The cow continued on as Grand Champion at the Eastern National show in 1988 and is the dam of popular A.I. sire, Maple-Dell Soldier.

Success for the Patrick family goes far beyond the breeding pen. Showing Ayrshire cattle for over 75 years, their pre-fix has traveled as far as international shows, demonstrating the quality and excellence of the family's herd. Maple-Dell Farm has championed many winning cows at various shows, including the All-American Dairy show for over 50 consecutive years, and winning the show's Obie Snider award in 2006. The accolades continued onto the Maryland State Fair with 12 grand champions, and WDE with back-to-back Grand Champions, Maple-Dell Luby in 1981 and Ardrossan Kellogg Soft Eye in 1982. The awards at WDE continued with two Junior Champions, Maple-Dell BBK Shea in 2006 and Maple-Dell Diligent Gift in 2007. One of Maple-Dell's cows made Ayrshire breed history, with Maple-Dell I.R.S. Sweetnine who won at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Canada. This same cow was a junior champion Ayrshire at WDE.

The Patrick family is familiar with service and leadership, being active members of the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association for several decades. The Patrick family has supported a multitude of associations, including the Maryland Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Wills Fair Association, Maryland/Delaware Ayrshire Association, and All-American Dairy Show Board.

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## AYRSHIRE AMBASSADORS CHOSEN

The 2024 Ohio National Ayrshire Convention was held in Fremont, Ohio and is where the new Ayrshire Ambassador team was selected. Left to right delegate Addison Bailey from Oklahoma, delegate Madeline Headings from Ohio, and Ambassador Ava Kaskela from PA will represent the Ayrshire breed for 2024-25. Please congratulate these young ladies and we encourage you to reach out to the youth committee to schedule their help at your function be it a workshop, a show or meeting.

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Being recognized for this leadership in 2007, Maple-Dell farm was inducted to and now holds a place in the Maryland Governor's Agricultural Hall of Fame. In 2020, National Dairy Shrine awarded Maple-Dell its highest honor for a cattle breeder with its Distinguished Cattle Breeder Award.

Beyond their farmland, the Patrick family is actively involved in their surrounding community by providing opportunities for youth in agriculture. Whether hosting fitting and judging workshops or leasing over 20 head of dairy cattle each year to 4-H members for show, the Patrick's have inspired positive agricultural experiences among the younger generations.

Maple-Dell farm has driven success in the Ayrshire breed, having proven influential to the dairy community around them. Their motivation for producing quality Ayrshire cattle has resulted in astounding achievements for their herd and their combined love for dairy and family has un-

doubtedly earned Maple-Dell Farms the title of the 2024 McKown Master Breeder Award.

*Past winners of the Robert "Whitey" McKown Master Breeder Award include: Spring Valley and Heath Jerseys, Westminster, Md., 2023; Palmyra Farm, Hagerstown, Md., 2022; Cutting Edge Brown Swiss, Copake, N.Y., 2021; (no winner named in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) Woodsmansee Holsteins, Preston, Conn., 2019; Ovaltop Holsteins, Richfield Springs, N.Y., 2018; Wendon Holsteins, Innisfail, Alberta, 2017; Ferme Jacobs Inc., Cap-Santé, Quebec, 2016; Walk-Era, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., 2015; Pond View Farm, Danville, Vt., 2014; Quality Holsteins, Vaughan, Ontario, 2013; Windsor Manor Farms, New Windsor, Md., 2012; Moondale, Monona, Iowa, 2011; Snider Homestead, New Enterprise, Pa., 2010; and Windy Knoll View, Mercersburg, Pa., 2009. No award was given in the pandemic year of 2020.*

*The Robert "Whitey" McKown Breeder Award was made possible by the family and friends of the 1997 Honorary Klussendorf honoree after his passing in 2009. McKown joined the Holstein World staff in 1956 and became widely respected as he traveled nationally and internationally, reporting on shows, sales, meetings, and other Holstein events. The 1987 National Dairy Shrine president also developed McKown Holsteins at Belleville, N.Y. He had great admiration for the farmer breeder.*

*The Klussendorf Memorial Association, considered by many as the Hall of Fame for dairy cattle exhibitors, began in 1937 in memory of Arthur B. Klussendorf, considered the outstanding dairy cattle showman of his time. Each year, the Klussendorf Association votes to add a new dairy cattle exhibitor to its rolls with lifetime membership for their cumulative works. ■*

# Beyond THE BARN DOOR



## MICHELLE UPCHURCH BOARD MEMBER

### ***How did you get started in Milking Shorthorn?***

My parents bought their first grade Milking Shorthorn in 1989. My family continued to breed and purchase Milking Shorthorns throughout the 90s to build their herd.

### ***What is the most interesting thing you have seen or read this week?***

City people looking at the animals during county fair.

### ***What word is a lot of fun to say?***

Shenanigans

### ***What is the most useless talent you have?***

I can't imagine any of my talents are useless.

### ***What is the last song you sang along with?***

Last Resort by Papa Roach.



## DARREN ROPP BOARD MEMBER

### ***How did you get started in Milking Shorthorn?***

I grew up on a Jersey farm and we showed at many fairs. My oldest daughter Samantha was always getting teased by George Halpin and Mark Baxter about getting a Milking Shorthorn. When she turned 12, I finally caved in. George gave Samantha his best heifer. She was Junior Champion of the Junior show at the Illinois state fair. Fourth and 1<sup>st</sup> Junior at World Dairy Expo. She and I were both hooked.

### ***What is the most interesting thing you have seen or read this week?***

The most interesting thing this week has got to be the Turkish 10 meter pistol shooter that used no special equipment and shot his way to a silver medal.

### ***What word is a lot of fun to say?***

Sowbeacon. Doesn't really mean anything. However, when spoken things usually aren't going well.

### ***What is the most useless talent you have?***

I make really good peppers and Cajun pickles.

### ***What is the last song you sang along with?***

Friends In Low Places by Garth Brooks. It reminds me of the partners I have in my Milking Shorthorn syndicate (The Last Call Syndicate).



## BRENDA GUDEX BOARD MEMBER

### ***How did you get started in Milking Shorthorn?***

I grew up on our family farm - Easter Brook - in Juneau Wisconsin. My mother, Donna Gerner Damrow and my dad helped me grow my love for the Milking Shorthorn breed. I am instilling that same love for the breed into my girls - Madison, Mackenzie, and Macyn as we continue our family farm into the future.

### ***What is the most interesting thing you have seen or read this week?***

I currently work with Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association. The most interesting thing I read this week revolves around our trade policies.

### ***What word is a lot of fun to say?***

Coolbeans

### ***What is the most useless talent you have?***

I make a great bedding pack at shows - complete with a square "bank" or edge. I still bring my bank board along to shows incase someone needs it!

### ***What is the last song you sang along with?***

Lavender Haze by Taylor Swift. We have named some of our calves this year after songs - Madison's fall calf for this year is Easter Brook LM Lavender Haze

# THE HOME OF BREED'S LEADING CONFORMATION SIRES



BULL PHOTOS: HOLLY MCFARLANE

## TOP SHELF ROYAL LASER © Semex

0200MS00130 ROYALTY x RR ZEUS x IDEAL

AVAILABLE SEXED!

Laser is an attractive sire that combines breed-leading type and production while offering a unique sire stack, making him an attractive outcross option. His dam, Trilow Zeus Lala, demonstrates tremendous production with more than 9200 lbs of combined Fat and Protein over 6 lactations. Lala reigned Unanimous All-American and Reserve Grand Champion, World Dairy Expo 2019.



Dam: TRILOW ZEUS LALA EX-94-3E-USA

## KUSZMAR MERCURY STARGAZER A2A2 © Semex

0200MS00129 REMINGTON x MUDSLINGER x MEGADETH

AVAILABLE SEXED!

Stargazer is an exciting full herdbook A2A2 sire from the award winning Kuszmar herd. His dam was an HM All-American Aged Cow and has produced more than 160,000 lbs in six lactations. His sire, Remington, is an Innisfail Red Robin son from the O My cow family, and has an EX-94 daughter at the Kuszmar herd. Stargazer is tested free of all recessives.



Dam: KUSZMAR MERCURY EX-93-4E-USA

  
CELEBRATING  
**50 YEARS**  
1974-2024

# SEIZING THE MOMENT

*Lessons from the 2024 World Ayrshire Federation Conference*

By Kenzie Ullmer

## **“When you get the chance, do it.”**

This is advice my grandparents often share with me, especially as I navigate my twenties. Their words ring truer every day; life is short, and the world is full of wonders waiting to be explored. So, when the opportunity arose to represent the United States at the 2024 World Ayrshire Federation Conference, it was an easy “yes” for me.

The World Ayrshire Federation Conference, held every four years, brings together Ayrshire breeders, enthusiasts and icons from around the globe. Each conference is hosted in a different country, showcasing Ayrshires in various environments and management styles. This year’s took place in the United Kingdom over 19 days. While I only attended for a week, many delegates stayed longer, with some even extending their European adventures beyond the three weeks.

This year’s conference offered a perfect mix of farm visits, free days and tourist activities. One hundred ten delegates from nine countries traveled 1,890 miles by coach, visiting 16 farms, enjoying eight tourism days and staying in eight different hotels along the way. The best part was that we were all there because of our shared passion for the Ayrshire cow.

## **How amazing is that?**

What began as an exhausting 26-hour journey to the UK transformed into the trip of a lifetime. As I acclimate back to daily life, I’ve had the opportunity to reflect on the profound impact of this trip. I hope these insights inspire, motivate or simply provide you with something to ponder, too.

## ***Takeaway #1: Connecting with people who share your same passion is sometimes the only therapy you need.***

First, let me say that Ayrshire people are truly some of the best people. Perhaps I’m biased, having grown up with the breed, but this conference proved my point. Everyone there was so welcoming and a joy to be around. I strengthened relationships with breeders from my home country, reconnected with international friends and forged new connections with global breeders I had followed for years.

***“When  
you get the  
chance,  
do it.”***

As someone who really cherishes deep, meaningful conversation, I was thrilled when a group of us from the U.S. and Canada discussed the challenges and triumphs in the dairy industry over dinner one night. Women I’ve long admired shared their struggles as females in the industry, and successful breeders offered life advice I’ll cherish forever.

Leaving those conversations, and many others that week, I felt inspired and refreshed

by the stories I heard. It’s a powerful reminder that nothing compares to connecting with others who share your passions, experiences and challenges. It’s good for the soul – a chance to recharge and restore.

## ***Takeaway #2: Ayrshires are a cow for the future. It’s up to us to make sure everyone knows.***

One of my favorite parts was the third day of the trip, which featured the World Ayrshire Federation General Meeting. Each country presented on the Ayrshire population in their part of the world, the dairy climate and updates since the last conference in 2020.

I learned so much about Ayrshire cows worldwide and their global impact. A consistent theme emerged from every country’s presentation: The Ayrshire cow’s health, durability and dependability, which reinforced why we all love and appreciate them. They’re efficient, low-maintenance and adaptable to various setups, environments and management styles. They’re easy-keepers.

At the Genetic Sale later that evening, U.S. genetics were prominently featured. Kurt Wolf’s Iowa consignment of four sexed Kingsire x Margot Precious EX-93 embryos topped the sale, selling for \$2,198 to Stuart Mullen of the UK. The second-highest (tie) selling embryo lot was from Tanner Topp in Ohio – four sexed Reynolds embryos from a Player daughter of the renowned renowned Topp Glen Wishful Thinking-ET EX-95, purchased by Kevin Lang of South Africa for \$1,097.

Also selling for \$1,097 was Palmyra Farm's four Blackjack or Robinson embryos from Palmyra Ringer B Rayna-ET VG-87. They were purchased by Marilie Ayrshires of Canada.

As the dairy industry evolves, pushing farmers to improve efficiency and productivity, our breeders have a unique opportunity to showcase why Ayrshires are the cow of the future. We must continue to promote the Ayrshire cow's key strengths: their ruggedness, versatility, moderate size, exceptional milk quality and longevity. Ayrshires can excel on large dairies, stand out on small farms and are a joy for show enthusiasts.

If there was ever any question of where the Ayrshire breed is headed, recent sale prices and global show recognition underscore the growing demand. At the 2023 World Dairy Expo, both the Ayrshire cow and heifer won Supreme Champion honors in the junior show, marking a first in Expo history. Earlier in 2023, the famous Klassy was crowned Supreme Champion of International Dairy Week in Australia – another historic first.

At the Conference, we learned the Ayrshire cow and heifer that had earlier clinched the Champion title at the Great Yorkshire Show went on to win the Supreme Champion award, further solidifying Ayrshires' competitive edge across the globe.

It's clear that Ayrshires have a bright future, and it's up to us, U.S. breeders, to ensure that we capitalize on this momentum moving forward.

**Takeaway #3: Embrace new perspectives, ideas and backgrounds. There's a place for all of us.**

As I continue to seek purpose and meaning in my life, I see the Ayrshire cow and the dairy industry playing a significant role. This trip made that abundantly clear.

I encountered a diverse range of people, each bringing their unique background and perspective. I met young enthusiasts, experienced

breeders and retirees who once milked a barn full of Ayrshires. One conversation in particular stood out when I met a young woman from Minnesota who had recently become involved with Ayrshires through her work at Gay Rodgers' Hameau Farm in Pennsylvania. Like me, she was preparing to return to her home state and pursue her own farming journey on her family's 40-cow organic dairy.

This conversation struck me for two reasons:

- 1) How ironic is it that I had to travel thousands of miles from home to connect with someone who lives just a state away?
- 2) I found it incredibly refreshing to hear from someone my age who is new to the Ayrshire breed and eagerly seeking opportunities to learn more. Her enthusiasm is clear in her proactive approach to deepening her understanding and experience with the breed. She plans to take over her family's farm and create a farm-to-consumer experience with Ayrshires as a part of it. We both agreed to keep each other in mind and offer support whenever possible.

It was powerful to see so many people from various backgrounds come together over a singular purpose. Experienced farmers exchanged ideas with young enthusiasts, sparking new perspectives and broadening horizons. I realized that ensuring the breed's future requires all of us – from enthusiasts with a few show heifers to farmers with small or large herds.

There's a place for everyone, and our diverse perspectives are valuable and required to sustain the Ayrshire breed.

Life often pulls us in different directions, but this trip was an important reminder to seize opportunities. Despite the many reasons I could have used to postpone the experience – moving multiple times, saving for a farm and the general busyness of life – the trip proved my grandparents' advice true.

**When you get the chance, take it, embrace it and make the most of it.** You never know how it might impact the rest of your life. ■



Left: Bagpipers young and old created a lively atmosphere on every Edinburgh street corner. Some even enjoyed a leisurely beer while playing, like this man! Center: Huntington Fragy 12 EX97, a 19-year-old breed legend, stole the show at the Huntington farm tour. PC: Cattle Services - Ayr Ltd Facebook Page Right: Judge Mary Creek from Maryland had a tough job at The Great Yorkshire Show, sorting through high-quality Ayrshire cows like these. Background: On our way to Scotland, we visited Morwick Farm to see their herd and savor their delicious homemade ice cream made from fresh Ayrshire milk.





# BROOD COW OF THE YEAR

## Maple Fudge of 12 Oaks

Written by: Ashley Brandel

Fudge was purchased as a baby March calf at the Wisconsin Dairy-land Milking Shorthorn Sale in April 2014. At the time, I was just an 8-year-old little girl determined to ensure that a calf with my name was being loaded onto a trailer to head home.

It was nearing the end of the sale. Not many bidders left, but there was me. I was sitting in the top row of the bleachers, just waiting for my turn. Meanwhile, my mom was busy wrangling up my younger siblings, Katie and Justin, and assisting my older brother, Colton, who had just purchased his first Milking Shorthorn calf that day.

It took me about three seconds to raise that bidder number when Fudge came bouncing in the ring. Mom was distracted; it was perfect timing! "Sold to the little girl," said the auctioneer. I remember being so proud, and my mom stood in dismay, wondering what had just happened.

I am grateful to the Wisconsin Milking Shorthorn Breeders for their dedication and passion for the breed. Fudge's journey has been once in a lifetime, and she continues to impact people in more ways than she will ever know.

Fudge is currently in her 7th lactation and is classified 4E-96 (E95 E97 E94 E97 E96) and has received many honors throughout her lifetime:

- Junior All-American 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021 & 2022
- All-American 2018, 2020, 2021
- Grand Champion International Milking Shorthorn Open Show 2018 & 2021
- Grand Champion International Milking Shorthorn Junior Show 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2021

Production records:

- 2-00 2x 365d 29,785 3.7% 1129F 2.9% 881P
- 3-03 2x 289d 26,840 3.8% 1013F 3.1% 820P
- 4-03 2x 365d 31,000 4.2% 1354F 3.1% 989P
- 6-00 2x 325d 32,036 4.0% 1289F 3.0% 954P
- 7-00 2x 365d 36,220 4.1% 1479F 3.1% 1105P
- 8-05 2x 365d 34,950 4.0% 1406F 3.1% 1074P
- 9-06 2x 210d 25,977 4.1% 1070F 3.0% 791P RIP

Lifetime production: 2,427D 228,191M 9,205F 6,985P

Production is no stranger to her pedigree; her paternal granddam, Twin Elm Snowwhite, had a lifetime production of 3717d 255,480M 10,1059F 8198P in eleven lactations.

Unfortunately, Fudge has not had many natural daughters; however, she has had several ET daughters born. Highlights of her milking daughters include:

**Brand-New Patriot Frannie, VG-87**

- Finished her third lactation with 24,638 pounds of milk
- Lost shortly after calving this lactation

**Brand-New Fallin In Love EXP-ET, EX-90**

- Junior All-American 2022
- Reserve Intermediate Champion of the International Milking Shorthorn Junior Show 2022
- Completed her third lactation with 24,357M 952F 810P

**Brand-New CW Fuji-ET**

- Owned by Lisa Demmer, Discovery Genetics
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior 2-Year Old International Milking Shorthorn Show and National Futurity 2023

Fudge also has two sons that have been collected:

**Brand-New Just Flamin EXP (Justice x Fudge)**

owned by Arne Poser

**Brand-New Hot Fudge (Money x Fudge)**

owned by Krause Dairy

Fudge is housed at Hildebrandt Family Farms in Hustisford, WI. I am very thankful for the daily care and support provided by the Hildebrandt family. They took a chance on a Milking Shorthorn many years ago in 2016, getting Fudge ready for World Dairy Expo; their guidance and talents have played a significant role in shaping Fudge into the cow she is today.

Fudge may be a brood cow for her genetic and reproductive accomplishments, but that did not happen without a village of special people who have been by our side over the years as Fudge and I have grown together. My parents (Matt & Tracy), siblings, the crew at Maunesha Creek, family, friends, breeders, and my home farm for understanding the times when I am missing milking and chores. I express my gratitude to each of you for believing in myself, Fudge, and your unwavering support every single day.

What is Fudge up to these days? She continues to put her share of pounds in the bulk tank and is currently on an IVF program with embryos available from Inspire, Money, and Stargazer. Thank you to the breeders who have invested in her genetics and guided me along the way, as Fudge's pedigree is being built from the ground up! ■

# AMSS CALENDAR

## DEADLINES

### Classification Sign-Up Deadline

See page 42

## MEETINGS

DECEMBER 6-7, 2024

### AMSS Winter Board of Directors

Meeting,  
Albany, NY

## SALES

TBD

### AMSS Holiday Fun Auction,

Watch Facebook for more details!

## SHOWS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

**Eastern National Junior Show**, Harrisburg, PA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

**Northeast National Junior Show**, Springfield, MA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

**Eastern National Open Show**, Harrisburg, PA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

**Northeast National Open Show**, Springfield, MA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**International Show - Heifers**, Madison, WI

OCTOBER 1, 2024

**International Show - Cows & Groups**, Madison, WI

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**Winter National Junior Show - Cows**, Louisville, KY

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

**Winter National Junior Show - Heifers**, Louisville, KY

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

**Winter National Open Show**, Louisville, KY

**NOTE – Classification applications must be filled out and submitted at least 2 months prior to month of classification. Applications are available on the AMSS website.**

*Eager for the latest information concerning Milking Shorthorn events? Visit [www.milkingshorthorn.com](http://www.milkingshorthorn.com) to stay up to date!*



Written by: Katie Agnew

West Wade Taser Laney was purchased as a bred heifer in the 2018 Wisconsin State Sale from a small herd in Missouri (I had the bidder number...dad was a ringman...pretty sure he was surprised I was bidding and got her!). She's a SAK Kourt Taser daughter out of a Royal Treble that goes back to Climer's Tres Colles herd.

Laney is currently in her 6<sup>th</sup> lactation. She is not a huge cow in stature, but huge in dairy strength, has a great udder and feet and legs (along with a very correct rump). She is currently classified 2E90 (90SS - 21DQ - 90RP - 90MO - 89US).

She earned the majority of her points for this honor in her components - primarily fat. Every lactation she has either had a 5.0% or 5.1% fat test. In fact, Laney earned her Bronze Hardy Cow award in 4 lactations on fat (though milk not far behind). She calved in early June and has started out this lactation with two tests over 80 pounds of milk with that same high fat test.

Her records to date:

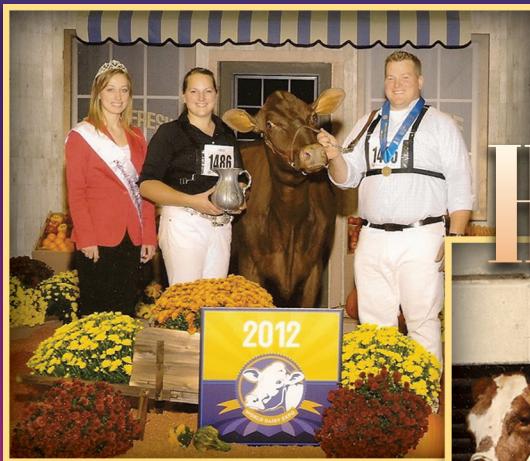
- 2-03 365d 16,172m 5.0% 809F 3.5% 562P
- 3-06 359d 16,906m 5.0% 840F 3.5% 592P
- 4-08 365d 21,299m 5.1% 1075F 3.5% 734P

- 5-10 331d 24,724m 5.0% 1237F 3.3% 807P
- 6-11 365d 24,912m 5.1% 1259F 3.3% 831P
- 8-02 30d 1,886m 5.0% 94F 3.0% 57P - RIP

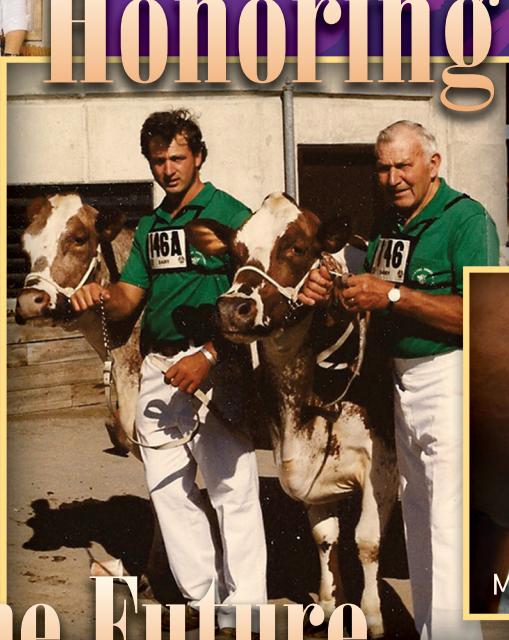
Laney has earned her end stall in the barn - she's quiet, extremely low maintenance, and causes visitors to do a double-take when they walk in the barn. She tolerates the cats and young (sometimes obnoxious) cow next to her, and always gets a neck rub from the milkman! (He was even worried when she got her dry period outside as he didn't see her for a couple of months!)

Unfortunately, she doesn't throw many heifers, but she does have one very promising one sired by Zulu and due next March to Lucky-man. With her production and components (along with her type), she should make some great herd sires in the future.

Laney does all of this in a tie stall barn and is milked twice a day. She (along with the rest of the herd) is fed high moisture corn and protein in the barn along with corn and hay silage. Free choice hay is available to her year round. During the nicer months during the year, she is outside with access to a sand-bedded freestall barn. She certainly turned out to be a fantastic addition to our herd and continues to impress us everyday - it's quite a view looking out the end of the barn and seeing her gorgeous profile!



# Honoring the Past



Mapleton Vly Perfect Recall E 3E93ndia  
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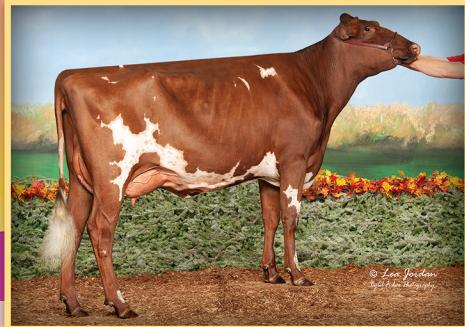
## Building the Future



Mapleton Vly RR Tierney-EXP V88



Mapleton Vly RR Memphis-EXP 2E91



Mapleton Vly Rockstar Moxie V85

## Wisconsin's Dairyland Sale

Celebrating 80 years in 2025!  
Some of our past purchases...

**2023 Cow of the Year**  
West Wind Taser Laney-EXP 2E90



Bryn applied her scholarship towards the purchase of Cook Bender Raylynn



**2023 Top Polled Production Winner**  
Mapleton Vly Lucky Hugo P 2E90  
Dam: Riverdale Lothario Critter



**Mapleton Valley Farms**

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# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

## Nedra Yoder Koller

Written by: Allen Hess

It is with great pleasure that I submit this nomination for the 2024 AMSS citizen of the year.

The nominee for this award is someone who always greets you with a friendly smile and encouraging spirit. She has a true passion for the Red, White, and Roan and strives to make the breed and all its members better.

For decades she and her family have traveled the country promoting the breed, attending numerous national conventions, and exhibiting their herd of Milking Shorthorns. Although she has another full-time job, she still manages to give time to the Milking Shorthorn breed and society.

The nominee currently serves as the Endowment Committee chair, where she has brought great organization and some modern book-keeping skills to the group. In addition, she serves as the President of the Mid Atlantic Milking Shorthorn Society and played an integral role in the planning and the execution of the 2017 AMSS na-

tional convention held in her home state of Pennsylvania.

Another area where she brings her skills and love for the breed, is at the All-American Dairy Show held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She has served on the Milking Shorthorn Breed committee for several years, assisting with the check-in and running of the show. While at the show, you can also find her helping with the group's string of cattle, making meals for the crew, or transporting a judge or other individuals to and from the airport and hotel. More importantly, she serves as a voice of reason and encourages all 15-20 members of the committee.

Her family has proudly shown their Pinesedge herd of Milking Shorthorns at the All-American Dairy Show for 59 years. 2024 will be their 60th year; a true testament to her dedication to her family, the tradition, the show, and the Milking Shorthorn breed!

Nedra Yoder Koller is very deserving of the Citizen of the Year award. Her passion for the Milking Shorthorn breed, the society, and all members is unmatched and runs deep.

# DUAL PURPOSE BREEDER

## Becky McLean

Written by: Frank H. McLean

My Mother started with Milking Shorthorns as a freshman in High School, in the mid 1960's, owning, showing and breeding. Years later, she met my father (Bud) at the Haddam Neck Fair while showing cattle. After marrying and starting a family, they continued to be involved with Milking Shorthorns throughout the years in various ways. Most recently, she and my farther purchased three native heifers at the AMSS convention and sale when it was held in Plano, TX. From those three heifers, she has bred, raised, sold, and promoted her dual purpose native, heritage cattle for the past twenty years.

My mother has purchased "dual purpose/native" bulls from as far as Nevada and Ohio to bring to her farm in central Connecticut. Her cattle genetics can trace to JBARR, Albaugh Ranch, Cantagree, Delldale, and Idalee.

She has sold "starter herds" to people in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama. Her bulls are on farms from to New York to Alabama, and her cows are on farms from Vermont to Alabama - some went to be shown, some went to be milked, some to be part of other cow/calf operations ... while some to be just "lawn ornaments"! She raises most male calves for beef. Females are raised for brood cows or sold to interested buyers. She also sells cow/calf pairs

My mother served as Secretary of the New England Milking Shorthorn Association for close to thirty years, as well as President, Vice President and Director. She is a member of the Heritage Shorthorn Association and the Native/Dual Purpose Committee of AMSS. She has been a Farm Bureau member and served as President, Director, and Delegate. My mother is also a member of the Haddam Neck Fair Board of Directors and has served as their livestock liaison for decades.

Her farm is a cow/calf operation, and she is my neighbor. When my parents married, they purchased a farm neighboring my grandparents' farm where my father was raised. Fifteen years ago, I purchased my grandparents' farm, which was a mix of orchards and vegetable gardens. When I purchased my grandparents' farm, most of the orchards had been removed and the gardens had become overgrown. Since 2009, I have created and managed a Community Supported Agriculture program on my farm. Throughout that time, some of my mother's "Airline Farm" cattle have pastured on my farm, McLean Hill Farm & Gardens, in the fields that once were orchards. Each summer season, I have about one hundred and twenty families picking up vegetables each week.

Having her cattle on my property not only creates a better, more well-rounded and full farm experience for my customers, but having them seen and accessible helps to educate and introduce my customers and our community on local food production and local food sources. It is a unique opportunity for me to offer locally raised,

USDA processed beef to my customers and community - which they really, substantially support - and a pleasure for my mother to introduce even yet still more people to the breed she loves.

Her cows all have names, are raised with respect, and are treated with dignity. While they are livestock, they are also very much the backdrop of our family: They were the animals we cared for before and after school, they were always and are still in the pastures across the farm when we have holiday picnics or family parties. The only real "vacations" we took as a family were to annual Milking Shorthorn Association meetings, every May.

I think my mother deserves to be recognized for her unwavering, decades-long dedication to the breed, her continued support of the community around the breed, and ...just for the pure passion she has for dual purpose Milking Shorthorns

# HARRY CLAMPITT YOUNG BREEDER

## Brooke Clark

Written by: Marcia & Greg Clark

Our nominee for the Harry Clampitt Young Breeder Award loves not only the Milking Shorthorn breed, but also the entire dairy industry. She has shown cows at the local, state, and national level since the age of 5 (possibly even before then). She became a member of the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society at the age of 9 where she served as an officer and remained an active member until turning twenty-one. She continues her passion for youth involvement in the breed as she mentors nieces and nephews with their cattle. She has also continued to participate in the AMSS as member of multiple committees over the years, currently serving on the All-American and Futurity Committee.

This young lady has bred numerous All-Americans and nominees and has won countless national level classes in both her time as a Junior and as an adult member. Accolades do not stop in the show ring; numerous cows are listed each month in the Honor Roll as production is an important piece of her breeding philosophy. She continues today as a proud owner and supporter of Milking Shorthorns being an active AMSS member, registering all the calves on

the farm, taking charge of the DHIA program, and classifying and marketing her family's breeding via social media.

The love of Milking Shorthorns (and other breeds) has developed her into the strong and determined person she is today. Her days are spent on the farm milking, feeding calves, dealing with day-to-day frustrations and not letting them stop her. She works with family members to make breeding decisions and then does the artificial breeding and embryo implantations for the entire herd. Having these responsibilities has not stopped her from being compassionate as she welcomed additional Milking Shorthorns into the herd when a friend needed a home for them.

Additionally, she is involved with the local 4-H dairy club and serves as the Milking Shorthorn representative for the Northeast National Milking Shorthorn show. She is the one who stays home to keep the farm running when Mom and Dad travel to AMSS conventions, shows, meetings, and even internationally.

We are proud to nominate Brooke Clark for the Harry Clampitt Young Breeder Award. She is a true leader, passionate about Milking Shorthorns and works hard to ensure a bright future for the breed.

# 2024 NATIONAL AYRSHIRE AWARDS

## YOUNG AYRSHIRE BREEDER AWARD

*This was the presentation for the award winner at the national convention given by Erica Davis.*

The 2024 Young Ayrshire Breeder award goes to a young man who knows a lot about family. He is the third of six children, has three children of his own (with another soon to come) and has five nieces and nephews, and counting. But this young Ohio Ayrshire breeder also knows a lot about cow families.

He was an early investor in Ayrshire genetics, starting at just seven years old. He bought Maple-Dell Soldier's Nan to take home to dad and the 100 percent Holstein herd. A little later, but still at a very young age, he bought Conebella Sarge's Wendy, for \$1500. From this EX-93, 4E matriarch he has bred, developed or influenced one name cows like Wishful Thinking or Wish or Wynonna. Cows that people outside the Ayrshire breed recognize.

Tanner Topp, with a strong family influence and backing, is behind the Toppelen prefix. He and his family have been in the Ayrshire business since he brought that first calf home at seven. He has always been interested in cows that are balanced, productive, profitable, healthy and long lived. He wants cows that compete in herds with other breeds and says, "They better be good, because life is too short to milk ugly cows."

There have been some really good cows to come out of the small Toppelen herd. From that purchase of Conebella Sarge's Wendy, EX-93, 4E, who has many show winnings of her own, Tanner bred Toppelen Prime's Wish-ET, EX-94. She was sold to Old-Bankston Ayrshires as a Junior 3-Year-Old and is the dam of the highest selling Ayrshire in history, Old-Bankston-AL Wynonna, who sold for \$67,000.

The full sister to Wish is also a "pretty decent" cow, Toppelen Wishful Thinking-ET, EX-95. She has winnings that would take us a few minutes to get through, but the top listing is of course that she was Supreme Champion of the Junior Show at the 2023 World Dairy Expo. Wish and Wishful Thinking have already made impacts on the Ayrshire breed, not only because of their show ring successes, but also because of their cow family influence.

These are only a few of the most notorious females Tanner has bred and developed, and any pedigree and genetics guru can tell you, there are so many more.

Kurt Wolf, a fellow young Ayrshire breeder who has invested in and marketed from Toppelen bred Ayrshires, says he appreciates that Tanner is not afraid to sell, or at least price, his good ones. He also says, "Tanner will also reinvest in another breeder's Ayrshire, especially when she has strong influence from Toppelen genetics, showing how confident he is in that family influence."

Peter Vail has purchased embryo packages and a few live heifers from Tanner in online sales. He purchased a Wishful Thinking daughter in the 2023 Ohio Fall Sale who he then sold in his own sale this spring. As a man who operates his cattle acquisitions as a business, he appreciates that while Toppelen genetics demand a premium price, the cattle are the type that continue to develop and strengthen in value, allowing the new owner to still work a profit in their own ventures. "He does a great job promoting his sale consignments and makes the most of marketing opportunities," Peter commented.

Tanner has been quoted as saying, "We take pride in breeding cows that can go into any type of herd and compete with the rest of the cows, no matter what breed they are. Our future is in the next generation, and we hope we can pave the way for them to have the kind of success and appreciation for the great Ayrshire cow that we have been fortunate to have."

Congratulations to Tanner Topp, the 2024 Young Ayrshire Breeder.



Tanner Topp

Tanner and Shannon Topp with their three children Alahna, Aylah, and Tavin. From left: Aylah, Tanner, Alahna, Tavin, Shannon.

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The following is the presentation made for the Distinguished Service Award by Rhonda Winkler at the National Ayrshire convention.

The definition of dedication is “devoted to a task or purpose; having single-minded loyalty or integrity.” Tonight’s recipient is the definition of dedication. Dedication to the Ayrshire Breeders Association, dedication to every committee he has chaired and served on, dedication to every breeder to make sure he gives them his all.

Our Distinguished Service Award Recipient has been serving his whole life. He has served on many boards and has been a leader in his community. He once was an agriculture teacher and a county 4-H agent. It seems to me he surely loves educating those around him about agriculture.

He has served on the ABA Board for 11 years, with 1 more to go. He has served as a director, vice president, president and currently as our ex-officio. Tom Gillette of Lyons Falls, NY has dedicated the past 11 years to the Ayrshire Breeders Association. He is a man who has always loved good cows and good business. He is always looking for ways to help the association out. He was working with South Dakota State University to get them to do a project on the Ayrshire Cow. Always thinking and always doing, that’s our guy, Tom Gillette.

Tom’s grandfather bought their home farm in 1909, he grew up on the farm and fell in love with the dairy cattle and the farming operation. He went to Morrisville for two years and then transferred to Cornell. His first official job was as an agricultural teacher. He then formed a partnership with his father while he worked part-time as a county 4-H extension agent. During that time, he taught 4-H’ers how to judge and at least two of his 4-H’ers have judged at World Dairy EXPO. He then took over the farm starting with a 40-cow operation in the beginning and growing it to a 300-cow operation at the conclusion. In 2009 they were given the Century Farm Award. Now Tom wasn’t always an Ayrshire guy, he dabbled with the Holsteins and when the milk co-ops were paying more for solids, it made sense to Tom to experiment with the color breeds. The Ayrshires seemed to be far ahead of the other colored breeds. The Ayrshires seemed to fit in well, they were rarely if ever in the sick cow barn. A couple of his first purchases lived to be 13 years old. He liked to show and one of his cows was a 4-time All-American and another cow was a 3-time All-American.

Tom also served on the Loyal Producer’s board in the 90’s. There is a bit of family history there. Ms. Jane, Tom’s beautiful wife’s grandfather started the co-op in 1936 and then Tom served as President. They supplied all of the milk for the craft cream cheese plant. During that time, he negotiated a new contact with DFA in 1995.

Tom served his community in Lewis County by serving on the County Development Board and did a few wind and solar farm projects. Tom is currently a real-estate agent; it seems that our guy Tom just doesn’t know how to slow down.

I have served with Tom for the past seven years on the Ayrshire Breeders Association Board. In all of my years, knowing Tom and serving with him, he rarely if ever has missed a meeting and that says a lot since we have been having two meetings a week since November. He has even gotten the hang of the zoom meetings! He participates and always has a lot of knowledge to share with his fellow board members. Everyone of us on the board are grateful for Tom’s dedication and service to ABA. I truly believe that Tom has no limits to what he would do to serve, protect and keep the Ayrshire Breeders Association running efficiently and profitably. Thank you, Tom, for your dedication and commitment.

Tom is a man of integrity and passion!

Please join me in congratulating and awarding Tom Gillette the 2024 Distinguished Service Award



Tom Gillette

Tom Gillette receives the Distinguished Service Award from President Rhonda Winkler.

*This was the presentation at the 2024 National Ayrshire Convention.*

This year's Master Breeder bought his first Ayrshire on a dare at 16. A stint in the army detoured him from starting his dream of dairy farming, but he knew as soon as he got home that his destiny was tied to the Ayrshire cow. He has never owned another breed.

He has been active in his state Ayrshire club and has served as a member of the US Ayrshire Board of Directors. He advocates for the qualities that make the Ayrshire breed a logical choice for many commercial dairymen.

His herd consists of 110 milking cows and averages 65-75 lbs of milk with 4% fat. His breeding philosophy emphasizes milk production, good feet & legs, and sound udders. He feels that one of the Ayrshire traits that make the breed a standout is the overall udder quality. The herd is 87% purebred or above. He recently had two bulls selected for export to Russia and five others to go to Genex. The bulls are all predicted over +1000M. This is the culmination of his goal to breed high-producing cows that transmit their ability to produce high-quality milk to their offspring.

He is not afraid to buy a good cow, in fact, his favorite cow, Palmyra Bendig Rena, was purchased from Mary Creek. Now eight years old, Rena has the udder of a two-year-old, still above the hock and producing 28,000-30,000 lbs of milk, year in and year out. He also purchased a Palmyra bull that sired many high-producing daughters.

He, his wife, children, and grandchildren farm 336 acres in Newton, Iowa. They rotate corn, alfalfa, and soybeans, emphasizing high-quality roughage. When he bought the farm, our recipient felt he was a lucky guy to be able to afford a farm of that quality.

He is beyond proud of his children and grandchildren and will tell anyone who asks how proud he is of their accomplishments and work ethic. They all work on the farm making breeding suggestions, raising calves, and whatever else is necessary.

Congratulations to the 2024 Master Breeder—Lloyd Machin of Iowshire Ayrshires of Newton, Iowa



## Sale Report

### Grand National Ayrshire Sale

The 2024 Grand National Ayrshire Sale was held in Fremont, Ohio at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. There were 31 total lots of embryos, choices, IVF Sessions, semen and live cattle from some of the best genetics from Ayrshire breeders from around the country were offered. The average for the entire sale was \$3924.

The high seller of the evening was the youngest lot, an early June Reynolds daughter out of Toppglen Wishful Thinking-ET, E-95 4E. Consigned by Tanner Topp, Ohio, the spirited baby bounced her way into the final bidder's ownership at \$9200. She was purchased by Rhonda Winkler of MD.

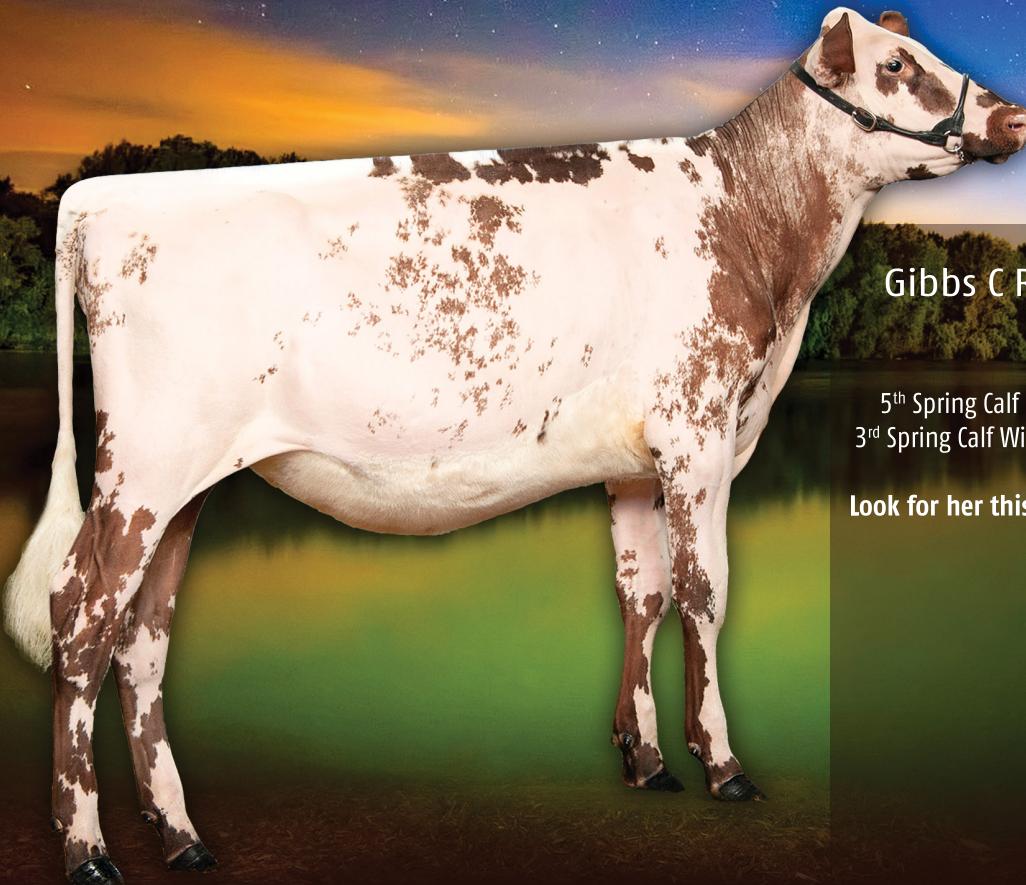
Selling for \$6100 was Lot 14 – Kozy Kountry Reynolds Raylyn-ET, a Reynolds daughter out of the newly raised Bear-Ayr Miss Rachel Ray, EX-94 3E. She was consigned by Charlie Clark, PA., and was bought by Jordan Ritz, NE.

The third high selling lot of the evening was Lot 12, Arthuracres AG Amazing Grace-ET. The winter calf is an Autograph out of Arthuracres Dempsey Alise-ET, EX-93 and was purchased by Lindee and Chase Olsen, UT, for \$4750.

Lynn Lee was the auctioneer for the event and Dru Mercer of Indiana made announcements from the box. The sale committee and sale crew thank the consignors, bidders and buyers for their support!

# SIX GENERATIONS

## of All-American Nominations



### Gibbs C R S ***SUDS IN THE BUCKET***

Sire: Rockstar

Nominated All-American Spring Calf 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Spring Calf International Milking Shorthorn Show 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Calf Winter National Milking Shorthorn Show 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Spring Yearling Iowa State Fair 2024

Look for her this fall ... One Zeus ET calf due next spring!



Dam: Gibbs LC Carson-ET *Pictured above*

Reserve All-American Fall Calf 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Calf International Milking Shorthorn Show 2021 | 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Calf Winter National Milking Shorthorn Show 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & Junior Champion Iowa State Show 2021 | 1<sup>st</sup> Senior 2-YR -Old Iowa State Fair 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Dam: Gibbs Pirelli Calabasas EXP EX-90@3Y

3<sup>rd</sup> Dam: Gibbs Othello Cangria EX-91

Nominated All-American Summer Yearling 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Yearling Winter National 2016 (to the WDE winner)

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Yearling Iowa State Fair 2016

Maternal Sister to Gibbs Zeus Callie-ET

All-American Fall Calf 2016 | All-American Fall Yearling 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Fall Calf & Junior Champion Winter National 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Calf International Show 2016 | 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Yearling International Show 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Dam: Gibbs Liriano Carper-ET VG-86@2Y

5<sup>th</sup> Dam: Michaels Nitro Chilli VG-86@2Y

Res All-American JR 2-YR-Old 2013 | Nom All-American JR 3-YR-Old 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> JR 2-YR-Old International Show 2013

1<sup>st</sup> & Intermediate Champion Iowa State Fair 2013

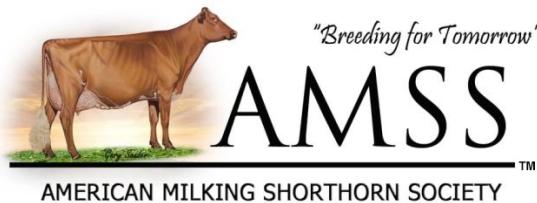
4<sup>th</sup> JR 3-YR-Old International Show 2014

1<sup>st</sup> & Best Udder JR 3-YR-Old Winter National 2014

*Chilli was bought privately from Michael Meier (Lazy M) and was my pick of 13 spring calves at 4 months of age. Her impact here has been quite pleasing, 20+ AA Nominations from this family.*

Joe Gibbs Family | Epworth, IA 52045  
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***Our commitment to striving for "Quality of the Breed!"***



2024

# All American Contest

## ENTRY FORM

Entry Form (circle one):

Open Division

Junior Division

Both Divisions

Entry fee must accompany application.

Open individual class fee: \$50/entry • Open Senior Best Three class fee: \$80  
Junior fees: \$30/entry • Open Junior Best Three class fee: \$80

*Please print or type. Fill out completely, listing all placings at qualifying shows.*

**Entries must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 15, 2024.**

Class Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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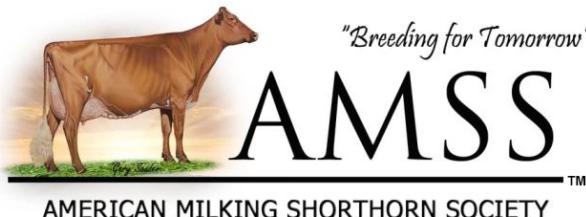
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| Show & State | Open Placing | Junior Placing |
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Please attach additional sheet if needed to accommodate all placings.

*In compliance with the rules of the All-American contest, I have correctly listed all placings at which this entry was exhibited.*

Signature of owner or agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



AMERICAN MILKING SHORTHORN SOCIETY

# Futurity 69

Entries must be postmarked on or before **December 1, 2024**. You may also make your entries at the link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/iWZSddzLJg>

Futurity 69 will be held in connection with the International Milking Shorthorn show, which will be held during the 2026 fall show season at World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. We invite you to participate in the most exciting 2-Year-Old class of the year in 2026!

**Nomination & Eligibility:** All heifer calves born between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024 are eligible for Futurity 69 – there is no limit to the number of entries. No substitutes may be shown for any reason. No refunds will be given for heifers originally entered that do not show in the Futurity. Eligibility follows the animal in case she is sold. All entry fees will be paid out to all animals shown in the Futurity minus any advertising and other costs associated with the Futurity.

After expenses are paid, the purse will be divided among those animals shown on a sliding scale, with no premium exceeding the amount of a preceding premium. All animals shown will at least receive the entry fee back as a minimum payout.

Should any condition arise which prevents the showing of this Futurity, the right is reserved to call the show off and to reimburse those originally entering heifers the entry fees, minus any expenses of the Futurity.

The judge of the International Show will judge the Futurity class. If the National Show Committee wishes, they may select a consulting judge from one available at the show. All entrants agree to be amenable to all rules and regulations of the International Show. All final decisions shall rest with the AMSS National Show Committee.

## FUTURITY 69 ENTRY FORM

**Mail this form with your \$35/animal nomination fee postmarked on or before 12/1/2024**

Name of Heifer: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please attach an additional sheet if needed to accommodate additional entries.*

Contact for Entries: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: \$35/Animal Entered – Make checks payable to AMSS**

Mail entries to AMSS, P.O. Box 21, Beloit, WI 53511

2024-2025

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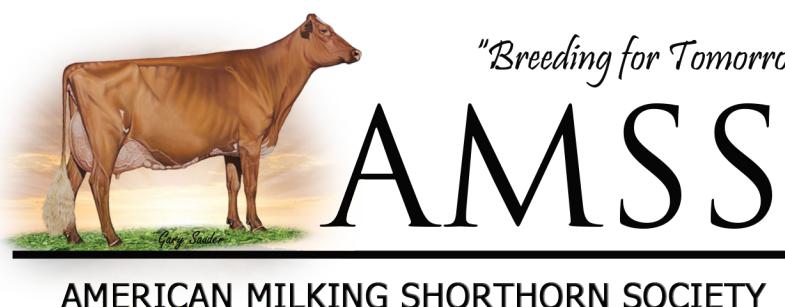
## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 2024

Allen Hess moved; Larry Landsgard seconded to approve the name change for the bull Airline Great White Hope NP to Airline Quantum NP. Motion passed.

Susan Lee moved; Joanna Landrum seconded to approve the Breeders Protest Form. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kate Golley, Executive Secretary



# Ayrshire Top Classified Cows

## US Ayrshire Excellent Cows

April 2024 - July 2024

| ANIMAL NAME                    | FINAL SCORE | BORN       | DATE SCORED | BAA  | OWNER   | ANIMAL NAME                    | FINAL SCORE | BORN       | DATE SCORED | BAA  | OWNER                                     |
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| DE LA PLAINE BINGO STINGER     | 95          | 12/08/2013 | 05/07/2024  | 1185 | BLUE SPRUCE FARM INC, BRIDPORT, VT                  | STIL-DREAMN R SPRING-COOKIE    | 91          | 03/01/2018 | 05/08/2024  | 1135 | DIESEL DIXON, CONWAY, MO                  |
| HARDY-FARM PRIME KRINGLE       | 95          | 12/24/2014 | 05/23/2024  | 1185 | RIDALE GENETICS & HARDY FARM, WORLTHINGTON, MA      | STIL-DREAMN VICKING CHA-CHA    | 91          | 09/30/2016 | 05/08/2024  | 1135 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| I-RAINBOW RKSTR MARQUEE        | 94          | 10/03/2015 | 05/13/2024  | 1172 | ANDREW & ANNA CORNELL AND, RICHLAND CENTER, WI      | TOLL-GATE REAGAN SASHA         | 91          | 09/02/2020 | 04/02/2024  | 1147 | WILLIAM PRESTON DAVENPORT, LITCHFIELD, CT |
| KINGSWOOD DBL BARREL SUNSHINE  | 94          | 02/15/2017 | 05/14/2024  | 1172 | DAVENPORT, SCOTT & ENNIS, ANNE, SALEM, CT           | BLUE-SPRUCE RADISSON SADIE     | 90          | 12/16/2019 | 05/07/2024  | 1127 | BLUE SPRUCE FARM INC, BRIDPORT, VT        |
| ROUSELL-AYR-FARM CHERRY PIE    | 94          | 12/08/2016 | 05/17/2024  | 1172 | MICHAEL MALONEY, NORTH BANGOR, NY                   | BLUE-SPRUCE REAGAN MAGGIE      | 90          | 06/08/2020 | 05/07/2024  | 1132 | BLUE SPRUCE FARM INC, BRIDPORT, VT        |
| SCAPELAND DEMPSEY WHIMSY       | 94          | 10/31/2017 | 04/12/2024  | 1172 | JENNY YOUNG, FORT ANN, NY                           | DEER-HILL PBR PRICELESS        | 90          | 12/08/2020 | 05/09/2024  | 1137 | KURT & SCOTT WOLF, EPWORTH, IA            |
| DE LA PLAINE GENTLEMAN KIARA   | 92          | 09/23/2018 | 05/17/2024  | 1147 | MATTHEW J. SWEENEY, APPLETON, NY                    | DES PRAIRIES BETTY             | 90          | 09/04/2020 | 04/15/2024  | 1133 | LOGAN WELCH, WAYLAND, MI                  |
| HAIL HAVEN TIMOTHY CHICKADEE   | 92          | 05/08/2019 | 04/24/2024  | 1147 | KIRSTEN FEUSNER, ULSTER, PA                         | DIAMOND-RIDGE VICKING FENWAY   | 90          | 09/14/2019 | 05/16/2024  | 1123 | CHRISTOPHER G. BURNE, WAKEFIELD, RI       |
| HARDY-FARM REAGAN KINLEY       | 92          | 06/20/2018 | 05/09/2024  | 1147 | HENRY JACK HARDY, FARMINGTON, ME                    | GLEN-FARM KINGSIKE SUNDAE      | 90          | 11/08/2020 | 04/25/2024  | 1140 | GLEN FARM INC, PIERMONT, NH               |
| HONOR-ROLL WINGNUT FAITH 244   | 92          | 07/01/2016 | 04/25/2024  | 1160 | HOPPAUGH JR, DANIEL R, COLUMBIA CROSS ROADS, PA     | GLENMAR-DALE GENTLE DIAMOND    | 90          | 03/29/2019 | 05/05/2024  | 1122 | MARK & BECKY BROWN, STITZER, WI           |
| OLD-N-LAZY B WICKED            | 92          | 06/13/2017 | 04/02/2024  | 1147 | DAMIAN & KILEY ULLMER, SEYMOUR, WI                  | GOOD-OAK NEVILLES HICKORY 357  | 90          | 04/26/2018 | 05/10/2024  | 1122 | JOHN & CASSIE TIFFANY, ENOSBURG FALLS, VT |
| TOLL-GATE PREDATOR SELMA       | 92          | 09/02/2017 | 04/02/2024  | 1147 | WILLIAM PRESTON DAVENPORT, LITCHFIELD, CT           | GRAND-VIEW BIGSTAR BRIELLE     | 90          | 10/14/2020 | 04/17/2024  | 1133 | STEVE & SARA & ADRIANNA, PULASKI, WI      |
| BLUE-SPRUCE DL-WHAMMY 16095    | 91          | 10/15/2018 | 05/07/2024  | 1135 | BLUE SPRUCE FARM INC, BRIDPORT, VT                  | HARDY-FARM LOCHINVAR PARFAIT   | 90          | 05/18/2019 | 05/09/2024  | 1122 | ANDREW HENRY HARDY, FARMINGTON, ME        |
| BLUE-SPRUCE KINGSIKE 17674     | 91          | 07/24/2020 | 05/07/2024  | 1143 | BLUE SPRUCE FARM INC, BRIDPORT, VT                  | HARDY-FARM RADISSON VANORA     | 90          | 11/05/2020 | 05/09/2024  | 1135 | HENRY JACK HARDY, FARMINGTON, ME          |
| FOB-AYR RANEY SPLENDIA         | 91          | 09/07/2018 | 05/18/2024  | 1135 | ENGLAND, KATIE, ROLAND, IA                          | HI-AYR-VIEW DISTINCTION APP    | 90          | 06/04/2018 | 04/23/2024  | 1122 | ISAAC & CAMERON MACKINSON, PONTIAC, IL    |
| FOGGY-VALLEY NORRIS CLEVER     | 91          | 06/02/2014 | 05/09/2024  | 1135 | HUNTER, PEYTON & TANNER OFFER, AUBURNDALE, WI       | HIDDEN-VALLEY DB BERMUDA       | 90          | 03/02/2019 | 05/21/2024  | 1122 | CAITLIN SMALL, HUNTINGTON, MA             |
| HARDY-FARM KARL JEAN           | 91          | 11/10/2017 | 05/09/2024  | 1135 | HENRY JACK HARDY, FARMINGTON, ME                    | JENNY'S PREDATOR CRESENT       | 90          | 06/10/2018 | 05/30/2024  | 1122 | BREANN ISABEL POOLE, MT PLEASANT, PA      |
| JENNY'S BOOTH ECHO             | 91          | 10/29/2018 | 05/30/2024  | 1135 | JENNIFER L. POOLE, MT PLEASANT, PA                  | KOZY KOUNTRY K-SIRE PEPPERMINT | 90          | 12/23/2020 | 04/01/2024  | 1137 | JAKOB & JEREMIAH ROBINSON-MOYER, CARO, MI |
| LOVE-HAVEN ALASKA KITTY        | 92          | 9/3/2016   | 2/2/2024    | 1147 | RHETT J. NAGEL, PANAMA, NY                          | LAZY M KINGSIKE SHIMMER        | 90          | 06/07/2020 | 05/05/2024  | 1132 | MICHAEL MAIER & KEVIN GROSS, STITZER, WI  |
| MILLER'S TITO II BABS          | 92          | 11/15/2018 | 2/3/2024    | 1147 | DRAKET, DYLLAN J &, NORTH FAIRFIELD, OH             | LAZY M KINGSIKE TESLA          | 90          | 10/15/2020 | 05/05/2024  | 1135 | MICHAEL MAIER & KEVIN GROSS, STITZER, WI  |
| PALMYRA REAGAN BR BLUSH        | 92          | 3/9/2019   | 12/6/2023   | 1147 | PETER VAIL, ENGLEWOOD, FL                           | LOCUST-SPRING PERFECTA TRULY   | 90          | 08/01/2020 | 04/04/2024  | 1135 | ERIC BOGARDUS, SLOANSVILLE, NY            |
| SCAPELAND PREDATOR BEYONCE     | 92          | 10/20/2018 | 3/27/2024   | 1147 | BETHANY & BRYANT FORTIN, ELLENBURG CENTER, NY       | LOVE-HAVEN ALASKA AIMEE        | 90          | 12/01/2018 | 05/14/2024  | 1122 | GRACE SPADARO, SCOTTSDALE, PA             |
| SHADY-DALE DEMPSEY KATRINA     | 92          | 1/29/2016  | 12/9/2023   | 1147 | ADAM & KASSADY RAINES, WINCHESTER, OH               | MEADOWDALE GEN MARSHMELLO      | 90          | 07/27/2018 | 05/09/2024  | 1122 | RICHARDS, CHRIS, JANICE., LINDEN, WI      |
| STIL-DREAMN VICKING CHATEAU    | 92          | 10/5/2016  | 10/28/2023  | 1147 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO              | OLD-N-LAZY KS MILKSHAKE        | 90          | 03/05/2020 | 05/11/2024  | 1130 | SARAH HILL, BRISTOL, VT                   |
| SUNNY-ACRES KS KOTTON          | 92          | 7/29/2019  | 1/24/2024   | 1150 | CADIN & GAVIN VALENTINE & GREG EVANS, THURMONT, MD  | ONWORD PBR ALRIGHT             | 90          | 08/10/2019 | 05/18/2024  | 1123 | JACOB WORDEN, SUMNER, IA                  |
| THREE-JK JAYE DEMPSEY RUBIEMAE | 92          | 7/2/2019   | 11/12/2023  | 1153 | JOEL & JILLIAN & JANELL KOCH, WINSTED, MN           | RED-ROCK KINGSIKE SIOBHAN      | 90          | 09/10/2020 | 04/11/2024  | 1133 | MINA GUMIENY, EDGAR, WI                   |
| TRU-AYR BURDETTE CHASITY       | 92          | 9/28/2015  | 10/28/2023  | 1147 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO              | REDWOOD SIREN ANGEL            | 90          | 10/09/2019 | 04/17/2024  | 1135 | STEVE & SARA & ADRIANNA, PULASKI, WI      |
| U-WAITETSB LIZA                | 92          | 9/2/2017   | 9/7/2023    | 1147 | AMANDA WAITE, WINFIELD, PA                          | REDWOOD SIREN STELLA           | 90          | 12/13/2019 | 04/17/2024  | 1127 | CHRISTOPHER VOMASTIC, BONDUEL, WI         |
| WHEATON FARMS HAYLEE           | 92          | 10/27/2015 | 11/22/2023  | 1147 | DAMIAN WHEATON, ROME, PA                            | RO-ACRES REMSBERG SHOWDOWN     | 90          | 09/20/2020 | 04/12/2024  | 1135 | JOSEPH ROWLAND, CAMBRIDGE, NY             |
| BEN-AYR BURDETTE CHICK         | 91          | 9/19/2017  | 12/9/2023   | 1135 | FENTON BROS., WINCHESTER, OH                        | SATHRE-SSS DISTINCTION PARIS   | 90          | 12/04/2016 | 04/02/2024  | 1122 | CRISTY SATHRE & CHRIS SUESS, ADAMS, MN    |
| CEDARCUT PBR COLATA CHAMPAGNE  | 91          | 3/18/2019  | 1/6/2024    | 1122 | ERIN NICOLE CURTIS SZALACH, CAZENOVIA, NY           | SHAKER HOLLOW REAGAN AUSTIN    | 90          | 07/26/2018 | 04/08/2024  | 1122 | BRIDEY NOLAN, EAGLE BRIDGE, NY            |
| CJ HOWARD BURDETTE RIZZO       | 91          | 7/10/2015  | 7/13/2023   | 1135 | JENNIFER REISER, CRANESVILLE, PA                    | SILVER-LANE ALASKA IVY         | 90          | 04/02/2018 | 05/21/2024  | 1122 | CAITLIN SMALL, HUNTINGTON, MA             |
| DUTCHVIEW EMERALD'S ECHO       | 91          | 3/27/2019  | 1/4/2024    | 1135 | JACQUELINE GRAY, NEW KINGSTON, NY                   | STIL-DREAMN CHAMP JOY          | 90          | 01/04/2019 | 05/08/2024  | 1122 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| LAZY M VICKING MELANIA         | 91          | 09/09/2020 | 05/05/2024  | 1147 | MICHAEL L. MAIER, STITZER, WI                       | STIL-DREAMN FB CORVETTE        | 90          | 05/19/2019 | 05/08/2024  | 1122 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| OLD-BANKSTON JC ASPEN          | 91          | 12/08/2018 | 05/18/2024  | 1135 | ZACHERY & MADOLYN & COLLIN COSTELLO, LONG GROVE, IA | STIL-DREAMN GENTLEMAN SHANIA   | 90          | 03/03/2019 | 05/08/2024  | 1122 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| OLD-BANKSTON KINGSIRE SALLY    | 91          | 12/15/2019 | 05/09/2024  | 1135 | TED & KATIE & CLAYTON WOLF, EPWORTH, IA             | STIL-DREAMN VICKING FROSTBE    | 90          | 05/15/2016 | 05/08/2024  | 1122 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| OLD-N-LAZY REAGAN WAVERLY      | 91          | 12/11/2017 | 05/05/2024  | 1135 | MARK & BECKY BROWN, STITZER, WI                     | STIL-DREAMN VICKING VERYCHERRY | 90          | 09/05/2019 | 05/08/2024  | 1125 | JESSICA+DIXON GATTON-DIXON, CONWAY, MO    |
| RIDALE BERKELY SHIMMER         | 91          | 06/06/2019 | 04/02/2024  | 1135 | DAMIAN & KILEY ULLMER, SEYMOUR, WI                  | SUNNY-ACRES VICKING GIANA      | 90          | 06/20/2018 | 04/12/2024  | 1122 | DAWSON SMITH, GALWAY, NY                  |
| SCAPELAND K SUNDAY             | 91          | 09/27/2020 | 05/17/2024  | 1146 | MAPLE DOWNS FARM II & PETER VAIL, MIDDLEBURGH, NY   | TSM RANEY DAIQUIRI             | 90          | 03/13/2019 | 04/06/2024  | 1122 | EVELYN KLEIN & FAMILY +, MILTON, IN       |
| STIL-DREAMN B-KING QUEENCOOKIE | 91          | 09/25/2002 | 05/08/2024  | 1146 | DIESEL DIXON, CONWAY, MO                            | WINDY-VALLEY BURDETTE BOURBON  | 90          | 03/02/2019 | 05/05/2024  | 1122 | MARK & BECKY BROWN, STITZER, WI           |

# HIGH DHIR LACTATIONS

January 2024 to July 2024

The published 'high' lactations are those 305-day lactations with either Milk, Fat, or Protein values at least 25% higher than last years averages.

## 5 TO 10 YEAR OLDS

| AGE | MILK | % FAT | FAT | % PROT | PROT | ECM |
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### NOR-BERT LOCHIN VESTA

5-08 26920 5.9 1588 3.5 952 36222

LIBBY'S LOCHINVAR

DALTON+DILLON+BREANNE FREEMAN, BREMEN, IN

### SPRING-VALE CANDY APPLE

6-04 30240 4.3 1313 3.2 967 33854

RONICK SIMBAD

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE ROMANCER LANDING

5-02 29180 3.6 1040 3.1 891 29425

KAMOURASKA ROMANCER

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### PALMYRA ALASKA RG GINGER

5-05 27030 3.9 1047 3.2 858 28575

7 OAKS BURDETTE ALASKA \*TF

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### TJH REAGAN 471

5-00 24880 4.2 1043 3.2 805 27439

PALMYRA BERKELY REAGAN

TODD HABERMANN, MANITOWOC, WI

### PALMYRA BENEVOLA V RANDY

5-01 26280 3.7 972 3.2 846 27272

PALMYRA RAVEN BENEVOLA

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### LAZY M DISTINCT SAMI

5-04 24190 4.3 1048 3.3 791 27177

FAMILY-AF-AYR DISTINCT

MICHAEL L. MAIER, STITZER, WI

### COULEE-CREST RUBICOM CORAL

5-04 24370 4.4 1074 3.0 735 27169

DES COTEAUX RUBICOM

COULEE CREST LLC, CASHTON, WI

### SHADY-DALE BEN KATRINA 2

7-04 26460 3.3 863 3.2 851 25955

SHADY-DALE CATHLEEN'S BEN

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### MOY-AYR PREDATOR LIVELY

6-01 24450 3.8 924 3.3 806 25764

FOREVER SCHOON PREDATOR

SCHMIDT, STEVE, PAULINE, REBECCA & EMILY, DELEVAN, WI

### MISTY-AIRE DEMPSEY SNOWFLAKE

5-01 24760 3.8 934 3.1 769 25729

MAPLE-DELL BURDETTE DEMPSEY

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### PHOEBE

5-00 25080 3.6 913 3.0 745 25389

FOREVER SCHOON PREDATOR

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### WINGERT'S REAGAN CANDY CANE

5-01 25590 3.4 878 2.8 714 24879

PALMYRA BERKELY REAGAN

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### REDWOOD DEMPSEY SHARDHA

6-01 23470 3.3 768 2.9 672 22459

MAPLE-DELL BURDETTE DEMPSEY

STEVE & SARA & ADRIANNA, PULASKI, WI

## SENIOR 4 YEAR OLDS

| AGE | MILK | % FAT | FAT | % PROT | PROT | ECM |
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### LAZY M BIG TIME GUSTA

4-05 27180 3.8 1033 2.9 784 27910

MARBRAE BIGTIME

MICHAEL L. MAIER, STITZER, WI

### AJH RANEY JOLENE

4-07 26600 3.4 910 3.0 796 26214

PALMYRA CALIMERO LH RANEY

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

## SPRING-VALE APPLE SAUCE

4-10 24480 3.8 919 3.3 807 25716

PALMYRA CALIMERO LH RANEY

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

## TJH TIMOTHY 488

4-08 23430 4.0 944 3.2 748 25272

CONEBELLA DIXON'S TIMOTHY

TODD HABERMANN, MANITOWOC, WI

## PALMYRA BOOTH G P ROSY

4-07 24840 3.2 799 2.9 731 23733

PALMYRA PREDATOR BOOTH

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

## BURGUNDY

4-09 26600 3.2 791 2.90 732 23682

PALMYRA TRI-STAR BURDETTE

MARK & BECKY BROWN, STITZER, WI

## TJH SPECIFIC 495

4-06 22880 3.7 842 3.1 704 23454

VISSELDALE SPECIFIC \*FC

TODD HABERMANN, MANITOWOC, WI

## JUNIOR 4 YEAR OLDS

| AGE | MILK | % FAT | FAT | % PROT | PROT | ECM |
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### MISTY-AIRE ALASKAN SNOWBALL

4-01 24060 4.6 1115 3.3 804 28096

7 OAKS BURDETTE ALASKA \*TF

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE BK CLARA

4-01 26190 3.9 1025 3.1 819 27735

DE LA PLAINE B-KING

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE ROMAN FANTASY

4-02 23510 3.9 918 3.2 753 24997

KAMOURASKA ROMANCER

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE A MANI N PEDI

4-02 22980 4.1 932 3.2 727 24818

DUO STAR ARMANI

SCHWITTAY, MONICA & CHARAPATA, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE ROMANCER PLEASE

4-03 22010 4.1 909 3.3 725 24189

KAMOURASKA ROMANCER

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

### NOR-BERT GENTLEMAN VISION

4-02 14480 6.8 979 3.7 534 21258

DUO STAR GENTLEMAN

DALTON+DILLON+BREANNE FREEMAN, BREMEN, IN

## SENIOR 3 YEAR OLDS

| AGE | MILK | % FAT | FAT | % PROT | PROT | ECM |
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### FOUR-HILLS KING SARAH

3-06 29290 3.8 1125 3.0 891 30562

BEAR-AYR DISTINCT KINGSIRE

BRADLEY & JOHNNY & SARAH HILL, BRISTOL, VT

## JUNIOR 3 YEAR OLDS

| AGE | MILK | % FAT | FAT | % PROT | PROT | ECM |
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### NOR-BERT LEMKEN SHAKIRA

3-04 20880 7.3 1524 3.8 789 32244

DE MURIER LEMKEN

DALTON+DILLON+BREANNE FREEMAN, BREMEN, IN

### MISTY-AIRE TUX SYLVIA

3-03 30990 3.2 995 2.9 902 29513

RUISSEAU CLAIR TUXEDO (AMC)

SCHWITTAY, MONICA & CHARAPATA, PESHTIGO, WI

### MISTY-AIRE BIGSTAR DOLLY

3-05 25340 3.9 983 3.2 807 26826

KAMOURASKA BIGSTAR

JEREMY, MONICA, COLTON & ADALYN SCHWITTAY, PESHTIGO, WI

## COULEE-CREST YELLOW CYNTHIA

3-01 27230 3.0 820 3.2 879 25852

PIE X YELLOW

COULEE CREST LLC, CASHTON, WI

## TJH CONRAD 534

3-04 22240 4.4 980 3.2 712 25090

COULEE-CREST REV CONRAD

TODD HABERMANN, MANITOWOC, WI

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# In Memoriam



## JEROLD E. GERNER

ORO VALLEY, AZ

AUGUST 25, 1946 - JULY 1, 2024



Jerry was a farm kid from Cheeseville, Wisconsin. In 1955 his family moved to a farm in Fort Atkinson's Town of Oakland, where he continued his education in a one-room school (Ripley) through 8th grade. He was always the youngest class member since he was promoted from grade 3 to grade 5. Jerry was an active 4-H member showing sheep and Milking Shorthorn dairy cattle. Graduating near the top of his class of 1963, he played French Horn, Baseball and ran Cross Country. His stint in public service was cut short by a near fatal appendicitis attack while on Peace Corps survival training in Puerto Rico's rough terrain.

Jerry was a proud alumni of Fort Atkinson High School class of 1963, UW Madison and Cornell Johnson School of Business. He was a software engineer and managed the Cornell Theory Center before moving on to a career at IBM.

Upon retirement he loved volunteer service. Whether it was at his retirement resort in Williston, FL where he could share his mastery of canning veggies and condiments or at the Tucson Sonoma Desert Museum where his love of growing plants earned him an Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Last fall, prior to his cancer diagnosis, Jerry drove his trusty Honda, solo, from Tucson to Fort Atkinson (his happy place at the farm (mowing lawn for little brother Jeff), then on to spend Thanksgiving with his sons and grandsons in Ithaca, NY...a month later he enjoyed cruising the west coast of Mexico...he always appreciated seizing every moment!

He proudly wore his allegiance to Wisconsin with his OnWisc license plate, love for fish fries and Old Fashions...unfortunately, he never found a worthy sheepshead group in retirement....but, for sure he's found his heavenly relatives armed with cigars, quarters, colorful German, lots of trump and schmeer!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Sylvia Gerner and wife Donna (Marvin) Gerner.

He is survived by sons, Josh (Vanessa) Ithaca, NY, Nick (Susan), Seattle, WA and grandson Sully, brothers Eugene (Sandy) Tucson, AZ, Jeff (Monica) Fort Atkinson, sisters Donna Damrow (Don, deceased), Hustiford and Phyllis Agnew (Pat), Oconomowoc, many loving nieces and nephews and lots of Gerner and Fickert relatives.

We'll miss your fruitcake....for real!!

## JOHN M. DALTON

HARTLAND, WI

JULY 22, 1943 - JULY 16, 2024



John M. Dalton, 80, Hartland, WI, loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend passed peacefully Tuesday, July 16, 2024. John was born July 22, 1943 in Oconomowoc, WI to Mervin and Lorraine (nee Fleming) Dalton. Survived by his wife of 51 years Roberta (Bobbi) nee Fetherston, sons Tim Dalton

(Kristy), Randy Richert (Andrea), and Nick Tetzlaff (Sarah) who was like a son, sister Peggy Harris (Phil), grandchildren Jessica, Shelby, and Finnegan, many nieces and nephews, and innumerable friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Don and Tom.

John moved to North Lake when he was 6 when his parents bought a farm that had originally been homesteaded by Lorraine's grandfather. He was always an avid learner, joking about being the Valedictorian of Tamarak Tech (the one room schoolhouse on the corner of Hwy 83 and CW). He graduated from Arrowhead High School in Hartland, WI in 1962 and earned his B.S. in Agriculture/Dairy Science from the University of Wisconsin in 1966.

John joined the Wisconsin National Guard after high school, serving throughout his time in college, before volunteering for active duty during the Vietnam Conflict. He was sent to Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant with the replacements for Hamburger Hill. During his two tours (1969-1970) he fought at multiple hotspots in the A Shau Valley to include Firebase Granite, Fire Support Base Kathryn, and finally he volunteered to go assist his sister Battalion at the infamous Firebase Ripcord, which was attacked for 23 days by two divisions of North Vietnamese Regular Army. Unfortunately, it was during this battle that his best friend in Vietnam was killed, just days before he was due to return home. John escaped the mountaintop on the second to last helicopter out of Ripcord as it was being overrun. He carried the burden of these memories throughout his life, rarely talking about them, and it wasn't until very late in life that his pride for being a member

of the famous 101st Airborne Division came to light, and from then on, you rarely saw him without his "Screaming Eagles" cap on.

Returning home to the farm he loved, Daltondale, John focussed his attention on milking, breeding and showing purebred Ayrshire cattle with his father and brother Tom. (His brother Don and sister Peggy had followed their mother into the field of teaching.) John had been awarded the Premier Exhibitor award during the Ayrshire show at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1964 and was determined to vie for that title again.

John married Roberta Fetherston on November 24th, 1973 and she and her son Randy (Richert) moved on to the farm. Son Tim was born in August of 1975. Through the years John was an involved parent attending the boys' activities and sporting events. Of course, the boys also spent time with John on the farm helping in the barns, fields, and show rings, but farming was not their passion. Randy entered the USAF after graduation from Gustavus Adolphus College and had a long, successful career retiring in 2015 as a Colonel. Following in John's footsteps, Tim graduated from the University of Wisconsin. He is a Special Agent in Diplomatic Security for the U.S. State Department. Both boys have lived in various overseas locations and John and Bobbi enjoyed traveling to visit them. (Always managing to sneak in a farm visit.)

With both boys leaving, Daltondale needed more help. They found it in Nick Tetzlaff, a local student who was looking for summer employment. Nick started in 1997 and continued to work for John throughout high school, undergraduate and graduate degrees in Dairy Science from UW Whitewater. After John's brother Tom passed away, Nick became indispensable in helping John to continue running Daltondale. Working side by side through the years their relationship changed from employer-employee to John looking on Nick as another son.

Throughout all this time John continued to be active in the dairy industry on the local, state, national and international levels:

\* He was a local 4-H dairy leader for 25 years helping to mold several

generations of future farmers.

\* He continued to show at the Waukesha County and Wisconsin State fairs, being inducted into the WI State Fair Hall of Fame in 2018.

\* He was an exhibitor at World Dairy Expo throughout the first 50 years of that event, served as Director for several years, was a member of WDE's Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee since its creation in 1984, serving as committee chairman for seven years, and served on WDE's Executive Board for many years. In 2016 he received the A.C. "Whitie" Thompson Award for his exemplary leadership and sportsmanship throughout the show.

\* Daltondale Farm has hosted delegates to WDE as one of the farms on its annual tour.

\* In 2013 John received the Premier Breeder of the International Ayrshire Show World Dairy Expo.

\* His long association with the Ayrshire Breeders Association Board of Directors saw him serving as President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and an active member in many committees.

\* In 2012 he received the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders Association Master Breeder Award.

\* He is a past Director of the World Federation of Ayrshire Breed Societies.

\* He was instrumental in establishing a Foreign Agriculture Service international marketing program and served as the program coordinator for many years. In 1991 he traveled to Russia on a FAS sponsored trip.

\* He has been a Wisconsin Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Director and past President.

\* John served as Director of the National Dairy Shrine at one time..

\* He was a Director and past President of the Midwest Ayrshire Club.

As a farmer, John's love of the showing and developing the breed genetically was evident. Daltondale Farms have exhibited cattle at the local, state and national levels. Animals with the Daltondale prefix have topped the Elite Cow List, sent bulls into A.I., won national production awards and have been named All-Americans. In 2016, the Reserve Grand-Champion Ayrshire at World Dairy Expo was a granddaughter of the Dalton prefix.

John was also involved in the local community serving on the local School Board and Board of Adjustment for the Town of Merton. He was also a member of the local VFW.

During all this time, Bobbi, his wife of 50 years, was by his side. They raised two sons, Randy (Andrea) and Tim (Kristy) and spent time with their grandchildren Jessica, Shelby and Finnigan. They hosted numerous nieces and nephews on the farm over the years.

His smile was infectious, his sense of mischievousness showed in the glint of his eyes and he loved to get others to join in his tricks. He truly loved to get to know everyone he met, and he cherished his friends and family. He

will be missed by all.

A memorial reception will be held Tuesday July 23, 2024 at Evert-Luko Funeral Home, Hartland, WI with visitation from 2:30-4:30pm, memorial service 4:30-5pm, and celebration of life from 5pm onwards at the American Legion, Hartland. Please dress comfortably as that was the way John would have wanted it.

In lieu of Flowers please consider contributing to one of these programs through the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association.

#### **Wisconsin Ayrshire Youth Grant Award**

*The Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association has decided to make a change to what use to be the Shayr-A- Heifer Program to the Youth Grant Award. It is designed to help young people ages 18 years of age and younger who are interested in having a Registered Ayrshire dairy project of their own. \$1000 will be awarded to a junior Ayrshire member to use towards the purchase of a Registered Ayrshire of their choice. We would like to instill in the youth grant award winner the responsibility of purchasing the animal on their own and the decision making that goes into that purchase. We would also like to share the risk associated with not only purchasing the registered Ayrshire but also raising the animal as a registered Ayrshire show project.*

#### **Wisconsin Ayrshire Youth Scholarship**

*To be considered for the \$500.00 scholarship applicants must:*

*1. Be a high school senior or currently enrolled in a two- or four-year institution of higher education, with documentation from that institution and not be past the year of your 21st birthday.*

*2. Must be a current member of the Wisconsin Ayrshire Junior Breeders' Association.*

*3. The scholarship is open to any major with a preference for a degree in agriculture or dairy related field.*

*4. The following information must be submitted along with the application:*

*a. Please tell us about yourself and include the following information:*

*i. Describe your involvement in Ayrshire activities on the local, state, and/or national level.*

*ii. Describe your involvement in 4-H and/or FFA activities on the local, state/or national level.*

*iii. Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities; include offices held, awards, and honors received.*

*iv. A summary of your career goals and aspirations related to your major and area of study.*

*Donations may be sent to the Wisconsin Ayrshire Association, 908 Bonheur Court, Neenah, WI 54956. You can choose either the youth scholarship or the youth grant program.*



## **LINWOOD H. YORK FARMINGTON, MAINE APRIL 19, 1938 - JULY 9, 2024**

Linwood (Bussie) Herbert York, age 86, a life-long resident of Farmington, Maine, died with family by his side on July 9, 2024. Bussie was born April 19, 1938, in Farmington Maine to Linwood J York and Lila (Mosher) York

Bussie is survived by his loving daughters, Terry (John) Zacker, Tammy (Pete) Kelley, and Trudy (Erik) Johnson; his grandchildren, Camden, Kendall, and Brady Zacker; Billy and Cody (Emily) Kelley; Erika and Mariah Johnson; and his three great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Teagan and Brinley Kelley. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Brenda; his parents, Linwood and Lila York and his cherished grandson, Alek Johnson.

Bussie graduated from Farmington High School in 1956 and the University of Maine at Orono in 1958. He was raised on the family farm on Mosher Hill before his parents purchased the Sandy River Farm which he and Brenda started farming on their own in 1958. Shoulder to shoulder, they raised dairy and beef cattle and cultivated over 600 acres of farmland. Bussie liked nothing better than planting and harvesting his crops. He took special joy in growing sweet corn which he and Brenda sold at a roadside stand in Farmington. Bussie was active in numerous associations and boards. He served on the Board of Directors for the National Soil and Water Conservation Association for many years traveling the country to promote sound conservation practices. He was also on the board for the state and the local National Soil and Water Conservation District associa-

tions; was a long-time board member of the Farmington Farmers Union; served on the Planning Board for the town of Farmington and was active in Farm Bureau and 4-H beef and steer clubs

Bussie and Brenda loved traveling and participated in several international agricultural trips as well as many trips across the US to visit friends and family or to attend conferences and meetings. They were both recognized with several awards for farm and conservation stewardship including the Maine Conservation Farm of the Year in 1965 and 1994. In 2008, the town of Farmington dedicated the annual report to them. He won an award at the NACD conference in Las Vegas, an award through NCGA, as well as graduating high school with a Superior Scientific Scholarship Award.



## JAMES B. FOSS

KENYON, MN

DECEMBER 30, 1938 - AUGUST 26, 2024

James B. Foss, age 85, a lifelong Kenyon farmer, passed away peacefully on Monday evening, August 26, 2024, at Cannon Rivers Senior Living in Cannon Falls.

James Bennett Foss was born on December 30, 1938, in Faribault, to Selmer and Borgny (Okkelberg) Foss. He graduated from Kenyon High School in 1956 and from the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture in 1958.

Jim married Elizabeth "Liz" Pagel on October 6, 1962, at Spring Garden Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls. They raised their two sons on their farm near Kenyon.

An active member of Holden Lutheran Church in Kenyon, Jim was also involved in many associations. He served on the MN State Fair Board from 2002-2011, including a term as president from 2012-2013. He was a member of the Goodhue County Fair Board from 1959-2022, the Wanamingo School Board, the MN Livestock Breeders Association for 60 years, the National Milking Shorthorn Association Board, and the MN FFA Foundation. Jim was inducted into the MN Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame. He and Liz were honored as Goodhue County Citizens of the Year in 2015 and Nation-

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Bussie's life, memorial donations may be directed to the Franklin County 4-H Dairy Club c/o Darlene Nelson, 72 Smith Rd., New Sharon, ME 04955. As well as the West Farmington Grange Hall, located at 4 Bridge Street, West Farmington, ME 04992.

A Funeral Service will be held on July 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Dan and Scott's Cremation and Funeral Service, 488 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington, ME. Refreshments will follow and a graveside burial celebrating Bussie's life will start at 1 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Farmington. For information please call (207)779-9008. Arrangements are under the care of Dan and Scott's Cremation and Funeral Service, where memories, photos and condolences may be shared at dsfuneral.com.



## ELIZABETH "LIZ" FOSS

CANNON FALLS, MN

JANUARY 24, 1943 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Elizabeth A. "Liz" (Pagel) Foss, age 81, a long-time Kenyon resident, died peacefully on Saturday morning, August 31, 2024 at Cannon Rivers Senior Living in Cannon Falls.

Elizabeth Ann was born on January 24, 1943 in Cannon Falls, the daughter of Howard and Marjorie (Benson) Pagel. She attended District 42 through the sixth grade, Wastedo School through 8th grade, and graduated from Cannon Falls High School in 1960.

Liz married James B. Foss on October 6, 1962 at Spring Garden Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, which was her home church. She has been an active member of Holden Lutheran Church, Kenyon following her marriage. They raised their two sons on their farm near Kenyon.

Liz worked as a waitress at the Edgewood Restaurant from 1954-1960, and went to Minneapolis Savings and Loan as a central files clerk until 1962. She was a 42-year employee at Chicago Ed's, where she was a clerk at the jewelry store.

Liz was active in her faith circle at Holden Church. She was also a 4-H leader, active in the State and National Milking Shorthorn Association, and

al Milking Shorthorn Citizens of the Year. Jim and Liz traveled everywhere together for board meetings and volunteering. They were inseparable as a team.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Liz of Cannon Falls; sons, Tim (Janet) of Omaha, NE, and Tom (Julie) of Cambridge; four granddaughters, Lauren of Omaha, NE, Jordan of Kansas City, KS, Abby, and Allison, both of Cambridge; sister, Sandra Anderson of Stillwater; brothers, Steven (Lori) and Davis, both of Kenyon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

His wife, Liz died on Saturday morning, August 31, 2024. A memorial service for Jim and Liz will be held at Holden Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 am, with visitation from 9-11 am. This service will be livestreamed and available to view at [www.LundbergFuneral.com](http://www.LundbergFuneral.com) under the Elizabeth "Liz" Foss obituary. A private family interment will be at the church cemetery.

Active urn bearers will be their granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Holden Cemetery or the MN State Fair Foundation.

a 50-year member of the Rural Youth Group. Liz and Jim were honored as Goodhue County Citizens of the Year in 2015 and National Milking Shorthorn Citizens of the Year. They traveled everywhere together for board meetings and volunteering. They were inseparable as a team.

Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Jim on August 26, 2024; her parents, Howard and Marjorie Pagel; brothers, infant Kevin and Elmer; and infant sister, Martha.

She is survived by sons, Tim (Janet) of Omaha, NE, and Tom (Julie) of Cambridge; four granddaughters, Lauren of Omaha, NE, Jordan of Kansas City, KS, Abby, and Allison, both of Cambridge; brothers and sisters, Wilbur (Becky) Pagel, David (Nina) Pagel, Kenneth (Pam) Pagel, Marie (Darryl) McLain, and Julie (Rob) Lorentz; and many nieces and nephews.

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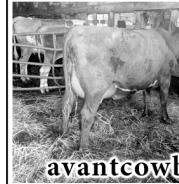
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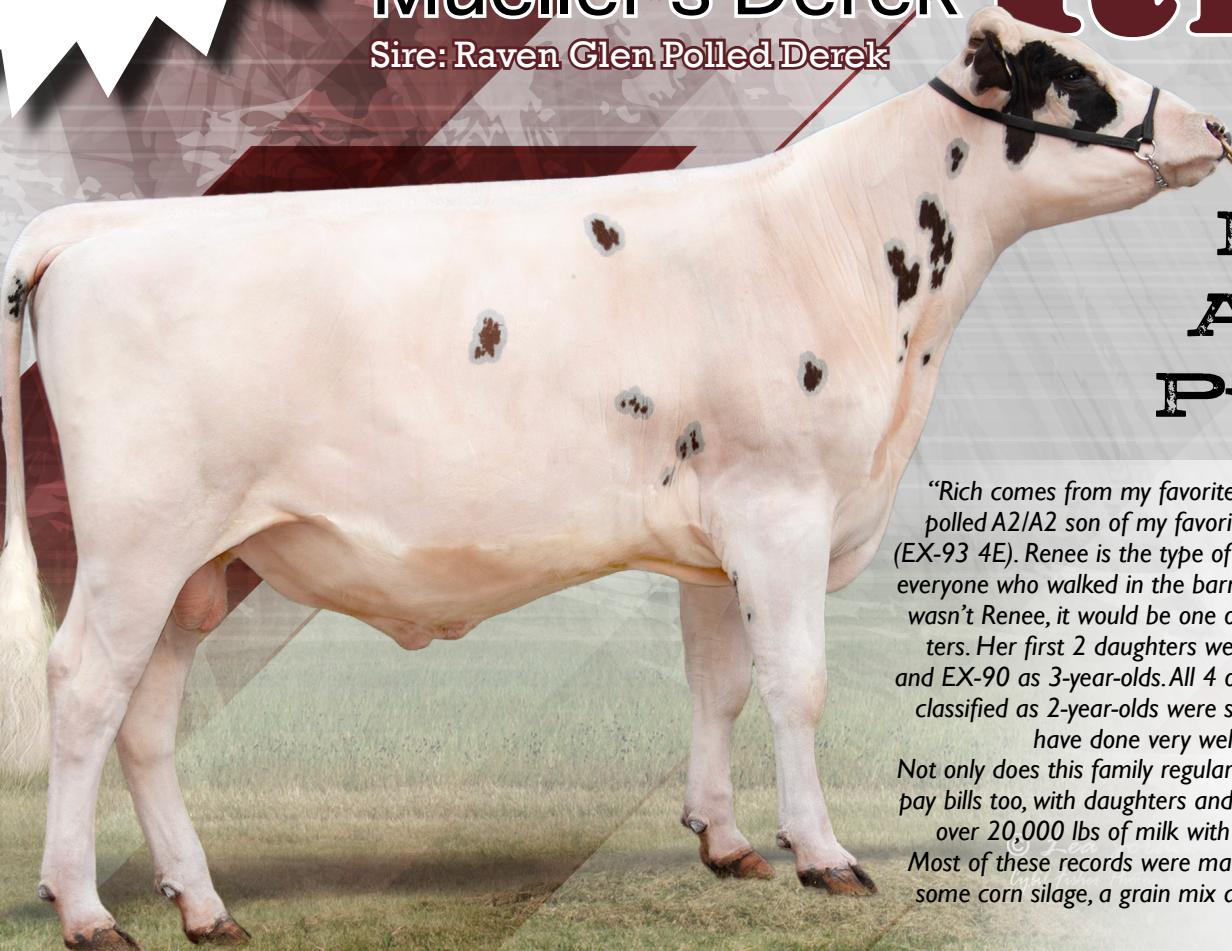
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