

COUNTRY ROADS CLUB NOMINEE: Skycrest Holsteins Ltd., The Crest Family



The Skycrest prefix was born in 1982—28 yrs. Currently involved on this 66 tie-stall farm operations are John & Vic Crest along with their oldest son Robert and his wife Sue along with their children Chad & Katelyn. The most influential cow families today are Skycrest Juror Piper, Skycrest Hlight Cinder Sasha , & Riview Charles Noelle. 2010 ACHIEVEMENTS Classification: VG 2 Yr Olds: Skycrest Mailing Lima bean 87, Skycrest Dundee Nutmeg 85 , Skycrest Mailing Alligator 85, Skycrest Damion Doodle 86, Skycrest Goldwyn Sapsucker 87, Skycrest Talent Ladybug 85, Skycrest Roy Rhubarb 85, Skycrest Lou Lip Smacker 85, Skycrest Dundee Love Handles 85. VG 2+: Skycrest Mr. Sam Tabasco 89, Skycrest Dundee Nutmeg 89, Hylite FE Blitz 89, Skycrest Merchant Piano 88, Skycrest Lheros Carrot 88, Skycrest Vince Aimee 88, Lovhill Redman Paradise 88, Skycrest Nightmare Smooch 87, Skycrest Wind Nightcrawler 87, Skycrest Astron Voodoo 87, Skycrest Leonardo Razzmatazz 87, Skycrest Damion Nitty Gritty 87, Lovhill Stormatic Apple 87, Skycrest Blitz Nock-Out 86, Skycrest Mailing Cujo 86, Skycrest Dundee Putz 86, Skycrest Kite Boogie 86, Skycrest Merchant Applesauce 85, Skycrest Skyfame Tessa 85, Skycrest Blitz Kumquat 85. Excellent: Skycrest Leduc Piranha 91, Skycrest Morty Buttercup 91, Skycrest Dundee Rootbeer 91, Skycrest Sovereign Sawdust 91, Skycrest Kite Cosmo 90, Skycrest Royal Devil 90, Skycrest Mr. Sam Lizard 90. Multiply Excellents: Skycrest Windstar Sheena 90 2E, Skycrest Hlight Cinder Sasha 92 4E.

Production 60,00kgs: Skycrest Malachite Dolphin VG 85, Skycrest Windstar Nibble EX93 3E, Skycrest Cinder Coccoon EX 90 3E. Superior Production: Skycrest Mailing Lifesaver VG88, Skycrest Lheros Carrot VG 88, Skycrest Dundee Rootbeer EX 91. Star Brood: Skycrest Moch Anna 2*, Crestomere Trojan Rosie2*.

Show Results 2010: 12 All Western Nominations, 6 4H All Western Nominations , 1 All Canadian Nomination, 1 4H All Canadian Nomination. Premier Breeder: Calgary Spring Show, Western Canadian Livestock Expo, Leduc Dairy Congress, Red Deer Westerner Championship Show. Premier Exhibitor: Leduc Dairy Congress & runner-up at Calgary Spring Show, Red Deer Westerner Championship Show. Grand Champion @ Provincials for 6th consecutive year with all being Skycrest bred. Calgary Spring Show-Hon Men Jr. Champion-1st Breeders Herd. Western Canadian Livestock Expo-Res. Grand Champion Intermediate Champion –1st Breeders Herd, Gr.Ch Female Jr.Show. Green Acres Holstein Show-Grand Champion, Jr Champion, Res.Jr. Champion, Hon.Men. Jr. Champion. Leduc Dairy Congress-Res.Jr.Champ Jr.Show. Calgary Stampede-Overall Grand Dairy Female. Red Deer Westerner Championship Show-Res.Jr.Champion. Royal Winter Fair-1st & Best Bred and Owned Summer Yearling, 5th Jr. breeder herd. Received Award of Excellence for Quality Milk 2009-2010.

Rolling herd average: 219-235-211, 7 M.EX 9EX 47 VG 16 GP, 80% VG or EX, Herd Average Final Score 86.6. Rob is a volunteer in the 4H program as well as the Western Canadian Classic. Sue is an Assistant Leader for Moos on the Moove, president of WCC and is a volunteer at Edwin Parr High School. Vic is a volunteer for the group, Quilting for Humanity. Katelyn has volunteered with the Athabasca Community Supper and Chad has volunteer time given to 4H clinics. John & Vic are volunteers for the local cemetery. John is also a past director of the AB Branch as well as past 4H leader. Robert is a past director of the AB Branch & CRHC Holstein Club.

NORTHERN CLUB NOMINEE: Detimdale Holsteins, Hofstra Family



We started dairying on July 1, 1978 with 39 grade dairy cows and 10 bred heifers all bred to a brown swiss bull and one purebred cow a gift from Tim's dad. It did not take us very long to decide that we would work at developing a purebred herd of Holsteins. We started with the breed improvement programs provided by Holstein Canada, DHI and breeding AI. Later when mating guides were developed we began using them with bulls of our choice as another breed improvement tool. We believe that everyone should do their share in developing proven sires and have participated in the young sire program. Over the years we made many cattle purchases with the hopes of building good cow families. Some purchases added to the herd some did not, but we never gave up and in 2010 we had many achievements.

The one cow family that stand out for us; Detimdale Broker Darbie VG 85 3* whose cows family originated from Harry Pedersen's Westergard herd has over 50 direct descendants on the farm.

New cow families that look promising are Detimdale Modest Mickey Ex 92 4E and Detimdale James Colby VG 85 2 Yr. 1* and originated from Continental breeding.

Achievements in 2010 were 10 Excellent Homebred Cows: Detimdale Chapter Allan, Detimdale Dante Della (at Kozak's), Detimdale Gazette Lheros, Detimdale Gibson Kodak, Detimdale Gibson Minnie, Detimdale Income Marble (at Harmill's), Detimdale Luann Terrason, Detimdale Morty Dee, Detimdale Sunset Spirtie, Detimdale Terrason Dottie. Multiply E's: Detimdale Lobo Leader, Detimdale Modest Mickey, Detimdale Stormatic Dante. VG 2 Years Old: Detimdale Cora Roxolot, Detimdale DoryTerrason, Detimdale Jules Gibson. Bronze 60,000 kg's: Detimdale Ash Lee, Detimdale Dusty Storm, Detimdale Emerson Aeroline, Detimdale Formation Revlon, Detimdale Gibson Fizz, Detimdale Lobo Leader, Detimdale Racey Lee

Superior Production: Detimdale Dayah Samuelo, Detimdale Sullie Lheros (at Martens)

Rolling Herd Average: 10428 milk 390 fat 340 protein M218 F220 P225

Current Classification: 6ME10 Ex51VG 42GP 2G Final Score Average on Herd 84.9

We believe that being active in our industry and community is important and so have always taken an active role. Debbie has been active with 4-H, Western Canadian Classic, NAHC club secretary, director AB Holstein, and currently is on Alberta Dairy Congress and the Leduc Chamber of Commerce. Tim has been active with the local fire coop, a 4-H leader, directors for CanWest DHI and Alberta Milk, and currently is a director of Wetaskiwin Coop, Westgen & Semex. We are active members of Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church helping with various committees over the years. Being active always leaves a void at home and we have always had great family member support, today Arjan & Heidi are at home. We believe valuable services provided by Holstein Canada and the Alberta Branch are; promoting the value of having registered Holsteins, seeking new membership and maintaining current members, Breed Improvement Programs, Classification, Awards Programs, Master Breeder, Production Awards, promotion of Alberta Holsteins and acknowledging best bred & owned at Holstein shows. Debbie never did want to marry a farmer she was hoping for weekends off, long finger nails and money in the bank, she got the long finger nails.

"We would like to thank the NAHC for the nomination; it is an honour to be recognized by those in our industry."

CENTRAL CLUB NOMINEE: Mosnang Holsteins, Hehli Family



Mosnang Holsteins was started in 1980 as a partnership between Ruth and Heini Hehli, who both originated from Switzerland and started our home in AB with the purchase of the farm. We have raised (and are still raising) seven children, two still at home. Over the years, the 4-H program was a very important family activity for us, as all the kids were at any one time members of the Usona 4-H dairy club or are now members of the Lacombe 4-H dairy club. Heini has been a leader or assistant leader for more than 17 years, and Ruth has organized countless lunches for public speaking or other events. We are very much involved in our local church and other community events. We love to downhill ski and play racquetball. Ruth has been a soccer coach for the house league for many years. Heini is a delegate for Alberta Milk, and has served on the board as a director for the last 3 years. We are now having the pleasant challenge to incorporate the next generation into the dairy operation, as Markus and his wife Amanda have joined the farm workforce. Markus and Amanda are very involved in the major shows. Amanda is also involved in a young farmers group called the Future Agriculture Business Builders (FABB). Markus is involved also with WCC and becoming an official judge. The farm has grown from a 45 tie stall barn to a 100 plus free-stall operation where we currently milk 80 cows. Over all the years we used all of the tools available for the holstein breed to continually improve the herd, and this has resulted in numerous awards.

2010 has been a particular good year for Mosnang Holsteins. We classified 2 new excellent and 18 new VG cows, 8 of which are 2 year olds. We have reached a milestone, with over 50% of cows classified VG or EX.

Current herd classification: 4EX, 40VG, 39GP, 3G. Current Herd BCA: 245-244-238

In the past year we have received 13 superior production awards

With the highest producers and most influential cows being:
Mosnang Wisp Roman VG88, BCA 333-525-339 She was also the all Western Super cow '09 and made the '09 Honour list awards as the 4th highest 3yr old Mosnang Willow Champ VG89, BCA 306-398-330, Mosnang Winiola Morty EX, BCA 314-309-295, Mosnang Lunyes Allen EX 92, BCA 304-319-308

5 long time production awards with the highest being; Mosnang Emerette Mathie VG87, 9 lact. 146,552kg 4 star brood awards, 13 All Western Nominations in '09 & '10

With 1 All Western, 2 Res All Western, and 5 HN Men All Western

1 Super 3 award; Mosnang Elmo Roman VG87 4 lact. Avg 294-309-292

Mosnang Elmo Roman is also the dam of Mosnang Elmo Goldwyn, undoubtedly the highlight for 2010 Mosnang Elmo Goldwyn VG 89 2yr She was sold through the Morsan sale in July, and was purchased by Morsan Farms. She then went on to classify VG89 as a 2-year old, 1 of only 7 in Canada this year.

Production: proj. BCA 307-345-307

She showed in Madison at WDE and placed 2nd as a Sr. 2 yr.

We wish Morsan Farms all the best with this beautiful young cow.

SOUTHERN CLUB NOMINEE: Garedon Holsteins, Edwards Family



We would like to thank the SAHC for nominating our farm for the Breeder of the Year for 2010. As well thank you to the Alberta Holstein Association and sponsors for providing this award to the breeders throughout the Alberta. We think it's a great idea to showcase the many great breeders and herds we have in this province.

We, at Garedon, are very honoured and appreciate being considered for this award.

Our family has been in the dairy business west of Didsbury for 50 years. In 1981 my brother Don, mom & dad (Edna and Jack Edwards) and myself Gary, built our new tie-stall barn for 60 cows. One year later we purchased our first purebred cows and the long and rewarding trail of learning the business and breeding good quality purebred cattle began.

We were very fortunate to have purchased an Inspiration bred heifer from August Luymes (Lacross Holsteins of Lacombe). In the early 90's the heifer herself went on to be excellent 4 times and had eleven calves. Her heifer calves, all exceptional for type and production, scored 2 Excellent, 5 Very Goods, and 1 Good Plus. With many of their daughters and grand daughters continuing on her legacy.

Another prominent cow was a Northcroft Citation animal from Colpitts Ranches. She herself went excellent twice and has numerous offspring performing well to this day at Garedon.

We have had an excellent year here at Garedon with four homegrown cows scoring Excellent for the first time and two other Multiple Excellent. We also had four Very Good Two Year olds and 14 new Very Good cows, all with the Garedon prefix.

As well we have also enjoyed the opportunity to provide quality breeding stock to sales throughout Alberta.

Our current herd classification is 9 Excellent and Multiple Excellent cows, 31 Very Good cows, and 33 Good Plus cows with a herd BCA around 200 for Milk, Fat and Protein.

We always seem busy with the Garedon herd, but we do find time for many community functions. Jack and Edna are big in the 5-0 club, Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge.

Brother Don and my son Riley are busy with coaching and managing the minor hockey in town. As for me, since being away from the board of the SAHC, I have taken on coaching senior men's handball in Olds and a little know fact, during winter I do acting with the local theater group here in Didsbury. We take our comedy shows to many small communities throughout Central Alberta.

Again thank you to the Alberta Holstein Association for establishing awards and recognition to the many breeders in our province and continued success in helping new breeders to the business. As well, working with Holstein Canada to provide us breeders with speedy registrations and transfers, and of course the best classification system in the world.

Good luck to all nominees and thank you to all Garedon supporters!

GREEN ACRES NOMINEE: Deerfield Colony



Deerfield Colony was established in 1991, north of Magrath. The dairy is managed by Andy and Paul Waldner. Currently we are milking 95 cows. In 2002 we began with supervised testing with DHI and in 2005 began classifying with Holstein Canada. We believe classifying the animals is very important. Main goal in the breeding program is good conformation and a high milk fat component. A lot of emphasis is set on good feet & legs and good udders. Recently we purchased two young red and white bulls to add some color to the herd. Andy believes that the classification system offered by Holstein Canada is a great tool to improve any herd and the Colony classifies regularly their animals.

Andy enjoys reading the Info Holstein to get informed in what's new within the industry. In the Who's who magazine he researches sires and with the knowledge gained he purchases his breeding bulls.

The herd continues to excel under an all natural breeding program. We buy all our bulls from Continental Holsteins. We had a bull classify EX 90 at 34 months of age and a home bred bull go VG as a 2-yr old.

The Colony farms 9,000 acres and grows most of their feed used for the dairy. The cows are fed with corn and hay silage, some dry hay, and protein supplements.

Current herd classification is: 1(ME), 1(EX), 33 (VG), 68(GP) and 13(G), 88.7% GP or better
Current Rolling Herd Average is 11,318 kgs
Current BCA is 248M, 265F 240P

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

- 5 - VG home bred 2-yr olds
- 1 New EX and 1ME both home bred
- 9 longtime production awards - 60,000kgs
- 2 new Star Brood Cows with 2 stars and one got her 2nd star
- 11 superior productions awards
- 2 Super 3 Awards

One interesting fact is, that when Andy became dairy boss he was one of the youngest ever to do that.

Thank you for nominating us for Breeder of the Year for the Green Acres Holstein Club and thank you to all who take the time to vote.



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