

GOLDEN GOPHER FUTURITY XLVI

- TWO-YEAR OLD FUTURITY -

The Golden Gopher Futurity is sponsored and governed by the Minnesota Holstein Association. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in breeding and developing outstanding Holsteins for production and type regardless of individual herd size. It is open to any Minnesota breeder of Holsteins identified through Holstein Association USA, Inc.

This will be a continuing program with the 2021 competition designated as Futurity No. XLVI, 2022 Futurity No. XLVII, etc. One nomination is required for each animal that competes. Competition will be in two categories - production or type - and animals may be entered in one or both categories. All nominations are the responsibility of the owner and must be made on regulation entry blanks, along with specified fees, postmarked by the nomination date and other rules. All money received from the nominations in each Futurity class shall make up the purse entered on the basis of their placings.

Any registered Holstein female, owned by a Minnesota Holstein Association member, and born from 9/01/19 through 8/31/20 is eligible for Golden Gopher Futurity XLVI. One payment of \$25 shall be paid by 3/15/21.

A breeder may nominate any number of females in either the production or type class or both. Nominations must be postmarked no later than the due date.

CLASS NO. 1-PRODUCTION

Animals entered must freshen no later than age two-years and six months. Herd must be on DHIR or standard DHIA test, all records to be adjusted

to two times a day milking. No owner-sampler records will be eligible. Animals must have a completed lactation before 12/31/22 to be considered for Golden Gopher Futurity XLVI. Lactations ending in 2023 will be in competition for the Futurity No. XLVII. Awards will be based on 305 day mature equivalent milk, fat and protein production using a 3.5% test base for fat and 3.2% for protein. Animals must have a completed lactation of at least 275 days. Records will be verified by Minnesota DHI.

CLASS NO. 2-TYPE

Animals nominated will be shown in a special two-year old futurity class at the Minnesota State Fair, winners and awards to be based on the placing at that show. Showing in this class does not eliminate her from showing in the All-Minnesota two-year old classes. All rules and regulations of the show are to be adhered to. Placings will be made by an official show judge. The purse shall consist of all money received by nomination fees, less the expenses for its promotion and management. All money will be kept in a special fund and used only for futurity purposes. Money received for Class 1 Production nominations will be used only for that class and money received for Class 2 Type nominations will be

used only for those animals entered in that class. The money in each class will be divided among placings as follow:

First Place - 15 %; 2nd Place - 10%; 3rd Place - 8%; 4th Place - 6%; 5th Place 5%; 6-10 Placings - 4%; 11-15 Placings - 3%; 16-25 Placings - 2%. Remaining 1% to be used for administration fees.

If fewer than 25 animals are competing, the remainder will be divided equally among the entries. Production winners will be recognized at the Minnesota All-Breeds Convention following the year of competition.

All nomination fees are committed to the purse. No refunds will be made whether an animal completes or eligibility is discontinued.

Any animal sold after being nominated will remain eligible if the new owner is a Minnesota Holstein member.

The Minnesota Holstein Association is sponsoring and governing the futurity and will not be responsible for any accident or injury in connection with the show.

NOMINATION FOR GOLDEN GOPHER FUTURITY XLVI

Name of owner at birth: _____

Registration Number: _____

Address: _____

Name of Animal: _____

Name of breeder: _____

Sire: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Check one box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Class No. 1 - Production | \$25 due 3/15/21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class No. 2 - Type | \$25 due 3/15/21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both | \$50 due 3/15/21 |



FUTURITY XLVI CONTINUED

MINNESOTA FUTURITY FACTS:

- The more entries the higher the payouts, down 25 places.
- There are two classes; Production & Type. You can choose one or both when entering.
- The production formula used is on 305 MEs.
- Past 1st-3rd place winners in production have ranged from values of \$4,469 to \$3,243.
- **Production Formula** : (# of Milk x .01) + (# of Fat x 1.15) + (# of Protein x 2.55) = S Value

HOW TO ENTER:

- Look at your animals that were born between September 1st of the previous year to August 31st of the current year.
- Choose any animal that you believe has the potential of doing well in their class.
- Futurity Classes:
 - **PRODUCTION** - awards handed out at the All-Breeds Convention
 - **TYPE** - awards are handed out at the Minnesota State Holstein Show
 - **BOTH** - all animals are eligible to be entered in both classes
- Fill out the form on page 21 before March 8, 2021.

Submit Your Nomination for the Minnesota Holstein Association Person of the Year Award:



Do you know of someone who has demonstrated exemplary actions for the Minnesota Holstein Association? Does someone come to mind that shares their passion and encourages others to be involved in the Minnesota Holstein Association? If so, please fill out a Person of the Year Nomination form by January 22nd to be considered for the award. You can get an application from the MHA office or at mnholstein.com.

Apply for the Holstein Association Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award:

Purpose:

- To recognize significant accomplishments of young Registered Holstein® breeders.
- To recognize young Registered Holstein breeders for their commitment to preserving the dairy industry and for achieving excellence in their daily lives.
- To motivate other dairy producers to achieve similar goals by creating awareness of the successes young breeders have with Registered Holsteins.

Requirements:

- Applicant(s) can nominate themselves, or be nominated.
- The nominee(s) must be between the ages of 21 and 40 (as of January 1 of the award year) and must be a member of the Holstein Association USA, Inc. Applicants applying as a couple or as business partners must all meet the age requirements. Herd ownership and/or management responsibility are required, and the herd they manage must be on DHIA test.
- Two letters of recommendation must accompany application.
- Person(s) being nominated by someone other than themselves will be expected to complete the application and submit two letters of recommendation.
- Employees of Holstein Association USA, Inc. and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

You must apply for the Distinguished Young Breeder Award at the state level before moving on to nationals. Application is due to MHA Office by:

January 15, 2021

Contact the MHA Office at (320)-259-0637 to nominate someone or request an application. You can also find applications at mnholstein.com.



MINNESOTA'S

Cow of the Year CONTEST



Lida-Acres Atwood Annie | Photo by ©Cybil Fisher

Do you have a special cow that is a favorite in your herd? Maybe she is an up-and-coming genomic all-star, or maybe she has an outstanding production record? How about a cow that is sure to excel in the show ring? This is your chance to promote her! You could win a free full-color, full-page ad along with the title of Minnesota's Cow of the Year.

RULES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This contest is open to all Minnesota Holstein members and any living or dead female is eligible. Nominate your show winner, life-time production cow, genomic all-star or bull mother.

A half page or larger ad must be placed in the March 2021 issue of the *Minnesota Holstein News* to complete your nomination. As a reminder, the March issue includes the *Midwest Holsteins News* and reaches Holstein breeders from across the Midwest. Costs of the ads are \$400 for full page and \$250 for half page. A ballot will be placed in the March issue or will be available at the Minnesota All-Breeds Convention. Voting can also be done by email; one vote per membership or paid subscription.

The winner will be notified April 2021 and will be announced in the *Minnesota Holstein News* June 2021 issue along with receiving a free full-page, full-color ad in this publication.

Contact the MHA office today (320)-259-0637 to reserve your ad space. We will be more than happy to help you create an eye-appealing ad to gain the membership's vote. Ad reservations are due **Friday, February 5, 2021**.

