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"Fear Not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10.

Take time to reflect this Christmas season on those first two words of the angels' declaration of the birth of Jesus. Fear Not. Be glad for His promise to always be with us as we navigate the highs and lows of the coming year. From all of us at Olmar farms, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and the most Blessed New Year.

We thank everyone who has supported us at various sales and with private purchases. We hope you have great success with them.



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Also, the University of Minnesota has placed 1st or 2nd overall in 22 of the 36 contests across the past 12 held at these 3 locations. No other university comes close to this incredible record of success. In 2023, the University of Minnesota was 1st overall in the national contest at World Dairy Expo by a 53-point margin. This was the 3rd time in the past 8 contests that the University of Minnesota has placed 1st in the national contest, and no other university has placed 1st more than once in that interval of time.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANUARY

15: Person of the Year Applications Due
15: Distinguished Young Breeder Applications Due

FEBRUARY

1: March Publication Advertising Deadline
1: DJM Applications due to MHA Office
3: MHA Breeders Seminar, Foley, MN
4: MHA Breeders Seminar, Wadena, MN
4: MHA Breeders Seminar, Brookings, SD
5: MHA Breeders Seminar, Willmar, MN
5: MHA Breeders Seminar, Glencoe, MN
6: MHA Breeders Seminar, Stewartville, MN
7: Convention Registration Deadline

MARCH

1: MHA Membership Renewal Deadline
1: Holstein of the Year Applications Due
1: Club Scholarships Due
1: Future State Show Host Applications Due
8: 2025 Minnesota All-Breeds Convention, Willmar, MN
28-30: 2025 Minnesota Junior All-Breeds Convention, Otsego, MN

APRIL

1: 2025 MHA Spring Sale Consignment Deadline
19: 2025 MHA Spring Sale

MAY

1: June Publication Advertising Deadline

JUNE

17-21: 2024 Minnesota State Holstein Show, Dodge County Fairgrounds
23-26: National Holstein Convention, St. Louis, Missouri

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Darrel Rennich



Darrel Rennich
MHA Board President

As I sit in my office on a beautiful fall day, I think about the holiday season which is fast approaching. We have experienced a warmer than normal harvest season and I hope everyone had a bountiful harvest. It was great to

see everyone at World Dairy Expo and I enjoyed seeing all the breeders from MN & SD have success in the showring!

The Minnesota All Breeds Convention this year will be March 8th at the Best Western Plus Convention Center hosted by the Meeker All Breeds Club. This event will be a one-day packed agenda which conclude with the banquet on that night. We hope all can attend and enjoy some time interacting with the members of all the breeds. Therefore, the MHA board members will again be doing virtual committee reports in January so if you have time, please plan on joining us for an evening roundtable discussion.

The MHA will also be hosting Jeffrey Bewley our Holstein Association USA Analytics and Innovation Scientist the week of February 3rd at various locations for the Breeders Seminar. Dr. Bewley will visit about how the SmartHolstein Lab is leading Holstein and dairy advancements through research, development, and outreach in technologies, analytics, and genetics.

In conclusion, I hope everyone gets an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during the holiday season and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Darrel Rennich, MHA President

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2025 MHA *Spring Sale*

The MHA Board and Sale Committee is proud to announce it's 2025 Spring Sale which will include a select and elite offering of registered Holsteins and all other breeds. Consignment information will be available on the MHA Facebook and website. All questions can be directed to the MHA Sale Committee contacts listed on page 5.

Sale Date
APRIL 19, 2025
Consignment Deadline
APRIL 1, 2025

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Spring Sale

A photograph of three young women, the Swanson sisters, smiling in a barn setting. They are holding a small white calf. The woman on the left is wearing a pink shirt, the middle one a black shirt, and the one on the right a pink shirt and glasses. The background shows a large barn with other people and equipment.

3 Sisters Dairy

THE SWANSON FAMILY - WRITTEN BY: KALIE RITTER

Three Sisters Dairy is owned and operated by Sierra, McKenzie, and Shelby Swanson. These girls are the fifth generation of dairy farmers in their family. Their farm is just west of Hutchinsin, Minn. The girls grew up on KurthHaven Farms, originally owned by their grandparents, Leroy and Sue Kurth. It is now owned by their uncle and aunt, Mike and Kacie Kurth. Grandpa Leroy plays an extremely important role in the girl's passion for dairy farming. All three girls followed him around the farm since they were old enough to walk and he continues to mentor and work with them daily. He always provides a listening ear and an understanding heart. He is by far one of their greatest influences and mentors.

The Three Sisters herd is housed at KurthHaven Farms. All three Swanson girls developed a love of dairy cows by working with their grandparents, uncle, cousins, and mom, Kari, on the farm. Sierra handles day-to-day care of the herd, McKenzie works full-time off the farm, and Shelby is a freshman at the University of Minnesota. The family is active in their county, state, and national Holstein associations. Shelby and Kari currently serve on the state boards, MJHA and MHA, respectively, and Sierra is the treasurer of the McLeod county board. Shelby attended this year's National Holstein Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. She received 5th place in the speech competition, and her speech was called "Sharing YOUR Story." On the farm, the sisters enjoy helping feed cows, milking, and caring for the show animals. It is a team effort and everyone has a specific, important role they play. The operation was founded in 2016 when KurthHaven transitioned to the next generation, and the girls wanted their own prefix to develop their growing herd. The sisters started by purchasing deep-pedigreed animals from cow families they admired; most of the herd traces back to 2 or 3 original cows. Sierra, McKenzie,

and Shelby have all worked with their own cow families. Liddleholme Emelia was a purchase Sierra made during the 2016 National Holstein Convention in New York. She had a daughter sired by Maverick Crush, who became a brood cow for Three Sisters. Emelia's daughters, both heifers and cows, have been perennial members of the show string. McKenzie has a love for red & whites, and developed a cow, KurthHaven Ella Reality-Red EX-91, that was bred by grandpa Leroy. Ella and her daughters were McKenzie's show animals toward the end of her 4-H career.

Circle-Drive Sid Josie was purchased by Shelby in 2019 after she leased Josie as a winter calf from longtime family friend Tim Albrecht. Josie went on to be an excellent cow. Her daughter, ThreeSisters Dback Jump4Joy is Shelby's first bred & owned excellent cows, and Jump4Joy's daughter, ThreeSisters Jubilee Sidekick, was Shelby's first animal she showed at the World Dairy Expo. ThreeSisters Jealous SL-Red, also a daughter, received 2024 All-MN Winter Calf, Reserve Junior Champion, Jr. All-MN Winter Calf, and Junior Champion of the Jr. Show. Liddleholme Diamond Lust EX-93, owned by Sierra and her partner, Rachel Kurth, was named senior and grand champion of the 2022 Midwest Fall National. This was a huge accomplishment for Sierra, Rachel, and the entire family because every member contributed to that win. The girls are focused on breeding for high-scoring and high-production cows. Currently, they primarily use Blondin bulls. All three of the Swanson girls were active in 4-H and FFA. This year, Shelby is a McLeod County Dairy Princess. Show season is busy for these ladies as they enjoy showing their cattle at regional shows, county fairs, state fairs, and the World Dairy Expo. Shows are a time for their family and friends to come together.

Minnesota's **BREEDERS BATTLE**

SHOWCASE YOUR HERD FAVORITES AND SHINE!

**Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase your favorite cows in a fun and relaxed setting!
We are happy to recognize the hard work of MN & SD breeders and celebrate the exceptional
quality of Holsteins in the barns.**

Submissions open Jan 1, 2025 close Monday, February 10, 2025 via google form available in membership emails, MHA Facebook and mnholstein.com. Awards will be presented to class winners, reserve champions, and our grand champion. Join us for the announcement of awards, placings, and detailed reasons at the All Breeds Convention on Saturday, March 8, 2025 in Willmar, Minn.

This is a virtual challenge!

Judge: Shawn Nehls - Wisconsin native & Holstein enthusiast

Classes Offered:

1. 1st Lactation
2. 2nd Lactation
3. 3rd Lactation
4. 4th Lactation and Over
5. Best three females (must be entered in individual classes)

Participation Guidelines:

- Cows can be washed; however, full clipping is not necessary.
- Please avoid bagging—entries should have no more than 12-13 hours of milk.
- All entries must be registered in the Holstein USA herdbook.
 - Professional photos will not be accepted.
- Owners must be members of the Minnesota Holstein Association or MJHA.
- In an effort to recognize cows that have not competed in the show ring, no animals that have shown on the state or national level in milking form within the past 2 years can be entered. This includes MN district shows, MN State Show, Midwest Fall National, and World Dairy Expo. Animals previously shown as heifers but not as a lactating cows may be entered.
- Limit of three photos per entry (side profile and rear udder shots are preferred).
 - Limit of 3 entries per class.
- Animals need to be bred and owned by a paid MHA member and animal must reside in either Minnesota or South Dakota.



GLENCOE, MN - WRITTEN BY: KALIE RITTER

Milkhouse Flowers is a family-owned and operated flower farm owned by Tim and Dawn Schauer. "We are a fifth-generation family farm, and Milkhouse Flowers is only a portion of our overall operation as Schauer Farms Inc. We also raise commodity crops and custom-raise dairy heifers and crossbred beefers". In 2017 the family farm transitioned, this allowed Dawn to pursue a different daily path. Dawn decided to go back to school to study floral design. While taking these classes, Dawn discovered that she could grow her own specialty flowers to design with. From there, Milkhouse Flowers was born and grew its first flowers for production in 2019.

"Flower farming is no different from farming in general. We hand seed, hand plant and hand harvest all of our flowers, therefore it's a labor of love! Our flower preparation and design work is done out of the original milkhouse, which was reconfigured into a work room. Therefore, this is where my business name came from. I work just as much in the milkhouse today as I did when we were milking cows. In 2021 we added our first unheated hoop house and since then have added two additional hoop houses. This past winter we transformed a portion of our dairy barn, which was an addition to our original dairy barn, into a heated greenhouse space by replacing the roof with greenhouse panels and minor indoor renovations. This heated space is where we now start and grow our seedlings in the spring and host our holiday workshops in the fall/winter. We currently grow over 100 different varieties of cut flowers on 2 acres, made up of a mix of annuals, perennials, bulbs and woodies. Our flowers are sold to the community through our flower bouquet sub-

scription, daily vase arrangements, and special events. We only design and work with the flowers we grow so this concept makes our arrangements very unique. We also sell our flowers to the wholesale market, including local flower shops, event designers and the Twin Cities Flower Exchange in Minneapolis. We offer farm tours, flower bars, DIY flower packages, and flower arranging workshops. During the holiday season, we fill our barn with winter greens and outdoor decorating accessories while also hosting winter porch pots and wreath workshops in our heated greenhouse portion of the barn."

The family is continuing to explore growing a variety of things on the farm in addition to flowers. Years ago they planted both Fronteca and Concord grape plants. These were planted with the sole intention of growing to shade their chicken coop, but little did they know that these grape bushes would be great fruit producers! Over the last couple of years, they have harvested the grapes off of these bushes and worked with an outsourced individual to make their own grape wine. They have since added apples and raspberries to the farm which are now added into their growing wine production. "We look forward to pairing our Milkhouse Flower workshops with a glass of Schauer Farms Wine!"

Schauer Farms still has cattle on the farm as they raise about 400 dairy heifer replacements and crossbred beef cattle. The family still continues to own a number of registered holsteins as well. This group of holsteins contains both milking cows and heifers that were once a part of their sons 4H projects. The family also stays active in the Minnesota Holstein Association as Tim serves on the Sibley County Holstein Board.

Breeder's Seminar: February 3-6, 2025

with guest presenter Dr. Jeffrey Bewley

Dr. Jeffrey Bewley is from Rineyville, Kentucky where he grew up working on his grandfather's dairy farm. He received a B.S. in Animal Sciences from the University of Kentucky in 1998. In 2000, he completed his M.S. in Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under the direction of Dr. Roger Palmer with a focus on dairy modernization. His PhD work under Dr. Mike Schutz at Purdue University focused on the application and economics of Precision Dairy Farming technologies. For 9.5 years, Jeffrey was on the faculty at the University of Kentucky as an Extension Dairy Specialist. He has also worked with IceRobotics, PerforMix Nutrition, BoviSync, and Alltech. Dr. Bewley is currently Dairy Analytics and Innovation Scientist with Holstein Association USA.

Jeffrey's professional interests include Precision Dairy Monitoring Technologies, Dairy Records Management and Analytics, Dairy Cattle Genetics and Genomics, Economic Decision Support, Animal Health Economics, Compost Bedded Pack Barn Management and Construction, Freestall Barn Management and

Construction, Mastitis Management and Prevention, and Dairy Farm Financial Analysis. Jeffrey Bewley received the American Dairy Science Association Foundation Scholar Award in Production and American Dairy Science Association Cargill Animal Nutrition Young Scientist Awards in 2015. He was named to the Vance Publishing 40 Under 40 for Agriculture Award in 2014. He has published and presented extensively around the world. He is an active member of the International Committee for Animal Recording, the National Mastitis Council, and the American Dairy Science Association. Dr. Bewley is also a certified CowSignals trainer, a MEX udder health coach, and a Lean Farming trainer. Jeffrey pursues his passion for dairy cattle genetics as a partner in IceBlue Genetics and Fit Genetics. He serves on the advisory boards of multiple dairy technology companies.

Please watch the Minnesota Holstein Association Facebook page and check your email for Breeder's Seminar time and location updates as the dates approach!

DATE	TIME	TOWN	LOCATION
February 3	7:00 p.m.	Foley, MN	Jack & Jim's Restaurant
February 4	Noon	Wadena, MN	Pizza Ranch
February 4	7:30 p.m.	Brookings, SD	SDSU - Raven Precision Ag Building
February 5	11:00 a.m.	Willmar, MN	Ridgewater College
February 5	7:30 p.m.	Glencoe, MN	Unhinged Pizza
February 6	Noon	Stewartville, MN	Pizza Ranch

BREEDERS SEMINAR

MINNESOTA HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION

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MHA PERSON OF THE YEAR

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.

LINK TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/vkv7kYhChHaW6yFs7>

SUGGESTED DEADLINE: January 15, 2025

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG HOLSTEIN BREEDER

The Minnesota Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award recognizes registered Holstein breeders, ages 21 to 40, for their incredible achievements. With emphasis on commitment to excellence in breeding and dedication to the industry, the award is intended to honor significant accomplishments and motivate other producers to continue to strive for excellence. Members of the organization are encouraged to nominate themselves or others for the award.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be between the ages of 21 and 40 as of January 1 of the award year, and be a member in good standing of the Minnesota Holstein Association.
- If applying as a couple or business partners, both applicants must meet the above requirements.
- Herd ownership and/or management responsibility are required.
- Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply in subsequent years provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements above.

LINK TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/88YLpkX1dDxotQsp7>

DUE: January 15, 2025

HOLSTEIN OF THE YEAR

Do you have a special registered Holstein 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, half-page ad in the June 2024 Minnesota Holstein News along with the title of Minnesota's Holstein of the Year. Nominations will be voted on by the membership via online voting and in person voting at the All Breed's Convention. Winners will be announced during the annual meeting.

Rules and Entry Requirements:

- The contest is open to all Minnesota Holstein members, and any living or dead female is eligible.

LINK TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/fHeqCT9PzBkdhiys6>

DUE: March 1, 2025

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Minnesota Holstein Association is accepting applications from established Holstein clubs for additional funding for events. The scholarship, in the amount of \$200 per event, has been created for clubs to help offset costs associated with hosting local events. Please complete one application per event you are requesting funding for. The application must be completed annually and will be reviewed by the board at the March meeting. The recipients will be notified mid-to-late March. Clubs must have submitted a current club officer list with contact information, an appointed membership committee chair, and have notified the office of their annual meeting date in order to apply.

LINK TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/z9U6j1E28e2Zhrw46>

SUGGESTED DEADLINE: March 1, 2025

FUTURE STATE SHOW HOST APPLICATION

This form is to be filled out by MN Holstein Area Club's who would like to be considered as the 2029 MN State Show hosts. Please answer the questions below if you are interested. If you'd like more details, please contact the MHA office at 320-259-0637.

LINK TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/TejuX55nsVB5RTiQ8>

SUGGESTED DEADLINE: March 1, 2025



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blessed with Joy and
Thanksgiving!

-Team Blumenfeld

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WORLD DAIRY EXPO 2024 - OUR TOP 10'S!

INTERNATIONAL HOLSTEIN SHOW

10th - Fall Calf - Stu-Felt Hanans Ecstasy-ET

Andy Stuewe & Corey Feltmann

2nd - Winter Yearling - Redline Jagger Impact

Blackjack Holsteins, Grai-Rose Cattle, Nathan Johnson

7th - Winter Yearling - Kurthhaven Limitless

Scott Culbertson and T & L Cattle

2nd - Fall Yearling - Kurthhaven Lauigi Tattoo

KurthHaven Farms

10th - Fall Yearling - Flower-Brook Tatoo Justine

Andrew Stuewe

9th - Yearling in Milk - Stein-Crest Sandlot-ET

Will Steinhagen

10th - Jr. 3 Year Old - Elm-Lane Spitfire Lotus

Intrigue Holsteins and Blackjack Holsteins

INTERNATIONAL JR. HOLSTEIN SHOW

4th - Spring Yearling - Stranshome Denver Cancun

Jerome Stransky

7th - Spring Yearling - Kiefland Showtime Locash

Brea, Ava and Bryson Kieffer

6th - Winter Yearling - Stranshome Warrior Melody

Jerome Stransky

4th - Yearling in Milk - Stein-Crest Sandlot-ET

Will Steinhagen

6th - Yearling in Milk - Exquisite Chief Charm-ET

Spencer Nelson

4th - Jr. 2 Year Old - Dreamway Genx Master Abby

Chloe & Carly Feltmann & Keaton Phoenix

6th - Jr. 2 Year Old - Macland Cin and Sugar

Brea, Ava and Bryson Kieffer

9th - Sr. 2 Year Old - Pine-Shelter Lokelani Radio

Reagan L. & Jacob D. Schimek

6th - Jr. 3 Year Old - T-Triple-T Puzzle-ET

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INTERNATIONAL RED & WHITE SHOW

2nd - Winter Calf - Stranshome Tango Ginger-Red

Jerome Stransky

3rd - Winter Yearling - Kiefland Prodigy-Red

Brea, Ava and Bryson Kieffer

8th - Winter Yearling - KCCK Luxr Chardonnay-Red-ET

Brea, Ava and Bryson Kieffer

8th - Fall Yearling - Bevans-Creek Whisky-Red-ET

Andy Stuewe & Corey Feltmann

JC Bred & Owned Jr. Show - Kiefland Prodigy-Red

Brea, Ava and Bryson Kieffer

1st - Summer Jr. 2 Year Old - Weeksdale Jordy

Redwine-Red-ET

T&K Kohls and R&K Mackinson

10th - Summer Jr. 2 Year Old - Kara-Kesh-RK

Alt Sky-Red

Curtis, Evelyn & Agnes Griffin

10th - Jr. 2 Year Old - Kara-Kesh-RK Jolene-Red

Curtis, Evelyn & Agnes Griffin

10th - Jr. 3 Year Old - Flower-Brook Jrdy Heide-Red

Andrew Stuewe

5th - 4 Year Old - Wrightvale Jackson Love-Red

Blackjack Holsteins, MB Luckylady and T&L Cattle

8th - 5 Year Old - Kara-Kesh-RK Ustbl Sage-Red

Curtis, Evelyn & Agnes Griffin

10th - 5 Year Old - Flower-Brook Altde Gin-Red

Andrew Stuewe

7th - Aged Cow - Budjon-Vail Jordy Lovee-Red

Andy Stuewe and Corey Feltmann

10th - Aged Cow - Kara-Kesh-RK Jrdy Lilac-Red

Curtis, Evelyn & Agnes Griffin

5th - Best Three Females

Curtis, Evelyn & Agnes Griffin

6th - Best Three Females

Andrew Stuewe

CONGRATULATIONS!

Minnesota Junior Holstein Convention

MARCH 28-30, 2025

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MHA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the MHA will be held on **March 8, 2025** at the MN All-Breeds Convention. Remember to submit your membership to vote during this meeting.

MHA PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING

All MHA past president's are welcome to join a special meeting during the MN All-Breeds Convention. Details will be emailed to all past presidents.

2025 MINNESOTA ALL BREEDS CONVENTION

"IGNITE AND DRIVE IN 2025"

Saturday, March 8 Best Western Plus Willmar, MN

Details:

The 2025 Minnesota All-Breeds Convention is scheduled for **Saturday, March 8th, 2025.**

The convention is hosted by the

Meeker County All Breeds Club

and will be held at **Best Western Plus**

2100 Highway 12 E Willmar, MN 56201

Schedule

Saturday, March 8th

7:00 AM - Registration

8:00 AM - Dairy Bar with coffee opens

Trade Show opens

9:00 AM - Guernsey Annual Meeting

Jersey Queen Judging

Jersey Board Meeting

10:00 AM - Ayrshire Annual Meeting

Brown Swiss Annual Meeting

11:00 AM - Red and White Annual Meeting

NOON - Luncheon

1:00 PM - Jersey Annual Meeting

Milking Shorthorn Annual Meeting

Holstein Annual Meeting

3:00 PM - PDCA Annual Meeting & Committee Meetings

4:30 PM - Social Hour and Hors D'Oeuvres

5:00 PM - Trade Show Closes

5:30 PM - Dinner, Banquet, Awards & Live Auction

8:00 PM - Entertainment Gig Noonan Band

**All meetings are subject to change. Watch the MN*

Holstein & MN PDCA Facebook page for updates.

Hotel Information:

Best Western Plus Willmar MN

320-235-6060

Block name: "MN All-Breeds Convention"
released February 7th.

Room types:

Standard 1 King or 2 Queen Bed \$139 plus tax and fees

Contact & Registration Information:

☐ Please make checks payable to

"Meeker County All Breeds Club"

☐ Please mail registration form AND payment to:

Kristen Salzl 59449 CSAH 3 Litchfield, MN 55355

☐ Questions? Contact

Kris Gruenes 320-493-9704 Kristen Salzl 651-278-1374

Please complete registration form below and return by

February 7, 2025

**This registration form will also be available online at*

www.mnholstein.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-mn-all-breeds-convention-tickets-1012425962307>

REGISTRATION FORM

Company or Farm Name: _____

Attendee Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Breed(s): _____

Convention Meal Options:

Saturday Luncheon

_____ @\$30 or after Feb 8th _____ @\$40 = A _____

Pork Loin / Bruschetta Chicken Buffet and Dessert

Saturday Banquet & Social Hour

_____ @\$50 or after Feb 8th _____ @ \$60 = B _____

Beef Brisket / Grilled Chicken Buffet and Dessert

(Banquet ticket is required for admittance to Social Hour)

Entertainment After Banquet is the Gig Noonan Band

Total # of registrants _____ x \$10 = C _____

Package Deal available until February 7th

Both Meals & Registration _____ x \$80 = D _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

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FROM THE MHA STAFF



Megan Nelson
Business Manager



Hailey Frericks
Marketing Manager

Greetings from the MHA office!

It's hard to believe the winter holiday season is upon us! We are thankful for our great Holstein breeders and supporters that are a part of Minnesota Holstein Association. We are also appreciative of the Board of Directors for their direction and leadership of the organization. They have worked hard to bring a variety of activities and events for members to participate in.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the generous corporate sponsors of the Minnesota Holstein Association. You can see a list of our 2024 corporate sponsors listed on pages 6 and 18. Additionally, thank you to the breeders, businesses, and individuals who support our organization by advertising in publications and sponsoring awards

throughout the year. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Our 2025 membership drive is now underway. Please renew your membership in order to continue to take advantage of membership benefits.

In this publication, you will find details and information about many of the exciting events in the works for 2025. Please pay attention to dates and deadlines listed.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Megan can be reached at minnesotaholstein@gmail.com or by phone at (320)-259-0637. Hailey can be reached at mnholsteinmarketing@gmail.com or by phone at (320) 249-2341.

-Megan and Hailey, MHA Staff

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DJM & YDJM APPLICANTS

MINNESOTA JUNIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE DJM & YDJM NATIONAL CONTESTS - INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON HOLSTEINUSA.COM

Minnesota applicants must submit their applications to the MHA office by February 1

2024 PROGRESSIVE GENETICS HERD AWARD

HERD NAME	Yrs. Qualified	Avg. CTPI	HERD NAME	Yrs. Qualified	Avg. CTPI
Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC	14	2880	Christine K. Sukalski	14	2536
Arnold B. Gruenes	12	2866	Forest-Lawn Holsteins, Inc.	21	2526
Stelling Farms, Inc.	34	2779	John D. Diersen	21	2514
Gar-Lin Dairy LLC	3	2773	Robert & Jeannette Sheehan	27	2490
Melarry Farms	20	2756	Schroeder Bros., LLC	5	2483
Hendel Farms	25	2755	Tim Aho	13	2473
Staci A Sexton	9	2752	Gary Kieffer	6	2466
Michael A. Zeinstra	10	2736	Alan Abrahamson	3	2465
Chad Felten	13	2729	Style-Heaven Holsteins	16	2463
K-P Ackerman Farms	13	2729	Peter T. Seitzer	18	2459
Paul & Jackie Glende	29	2695	University of MN West Central	5	2452
Hyde-Park Holsteins	30	2657	Olmar Farms	29	2451
Wayne Houdek	9	2626	Michael Redalen	5	2443
Chris Schulze	5	2623	Wirtland Holsteins	9	2424
Trail Side Holsteins	13	2618	Leonard Hoen Jr.	5	2413
Ralma Holsteins LLC	33	2615	Kenneth J. Hanson	18	2411
Meadow Front Farms	25	2606	Darrel & Lisa Maus	5	2405
Schmity Holsteins	19	2599	Newalta Dairy LLC	11	2384
Jon E. Larson	18	2597	Ash Grove Dairy LLP	1	2361
Pine-Shelter Farms	23	2597	Solum Holsteins	7	2361
Gerard J. Jennissen	16	2595	Norbert Jr. & Judith Sonnek	18	2331
Travis Lehnertz	10	2584	Gregory S. Walz	2	2328
Lyle P. Dicke	6	2583	Higher Ground Holsteins	1	2318
Sjostrom Farms	12	2573	Takala Farms	2	2307

2024 PROGRESSIVE BREEDERS REGISTRY

Herd Name	Yrs. Qualified	% Homebred	Avg. BAA	Avg. Milk	Avg. Fat	Avg. Protein
Olmar Farms	55	100	110.2	32795	1225	1022
Robert & Jeannette Sheehan	31	91.4	112.2	29951	1123	930
Ralma Holsteins	30	100	110.0	32542	1341	1007
Scott & Jacolyn Rickeman	26	95.7	109.0	31578	1201	960
Andrew D. Stuewe	18	79.5	111.7	27574	1045	869
Melarry Farms	16	85.9	106.6	27211	1105	860
Peter T. Seitzer	15	98.4	106.8	29184	1189	889
Darrel & Lisa Maus	11	100	107.3	28668	1191	884
Lindahl Farms	11	98.1	108.0	26850	1021	837
Alan Abrahamson	10	97.5	109.6	31637	1232	961
Travis Lehnertz	7	95.1	105.8	30787	1256	963
Jeff Petermeier	6	94.8	108.0	30787	1048	827
Style-Heaven Holsteins	6	97.6	105.5	28195	1143	945
Tim Aho	6	93.7	105.9	31912	1306	999
Staci A. Sexton	5	91.2	106.8	31787	1338	1033
Gerard J. Jennissen	4	76.2	106.4	27727	1153	892
K-P Ackerman Farms	4	92.1	106.2	29238	1200	945
KurthHaven Farms	4	76.0	108.6	30157	1108	899
Leonard Hoen Jr.	4	98.8	105.0	29988	1262	955
Chad Felten	3	98.8	105.0	29988	1262	1073

Darrell & Ferne Amstutz	3	100.0	106.3	28695	1112	865
Higher Ground Holsteins	2	91.8	106.9	31686	1233	938
Patty Jo & Ronald Strobel	2	97.4	110.0	28315	1194	861
Wirtland Holsteins	2	97.9	105.3	27726	1155	871

2024 DAM OF MERIT WINNERS

Animal Name	TPI/CTPI	Owner
MELARRY GAMEDAY 2417-ET	3205	Melarry Farms
BLUMENFELD GAMEDAY 8020-ET	3179	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
BLUMENFELD GAMEDAY 7999-ET	3175	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
T-SPRUCE SSI 13196 1852-ET	3170	Arnold B. Gruenes
MELARRY GAMEDAY 2318-ET	3170	Melarry Farms
T-SPRUCE GAMEDAY 16518-ET	3185	Arnold B. Gruenes
T-SPRUCE PAYLOAD 16903-ET	3161	Arnold B. Gruenes
BLUMENFELD GAMEDAY 7803-ET	3158	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
BLUMENFELD GAMEDAY 8013-ET	3158	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
BLUMENFELD GAMEDAY 8009-ET	3150	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
PINE-TREE 8418 GAME 741-ET	3150	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
T-SPRUCE GAMEDAY 16871-ET	3147	Arnold B. Gruenes
T-SPRUCE MONSHINER 15704-ET	3133	Arnold B. Gruenes
T-SPRUCE EINSTEIN 14632-ET	3074	Arnold B. Gruenes
BLUMENFELD ACURA 7061-ET	3050	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
BLUMENFELD ACURA 7076-ET	3042	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
BLUMENFELD YODA 6240-ET	2878	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
MELARRY NUGENT 3455-ET	2877	Melarry Farms
TTM YODA BLING-ET	2874	Chris Schulze
BLUMENFELD YODA 6243-ET	2858	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
VATLAND BRENNAN LIV 4855	2788	Hendel Farms
MELARRY FRAZZLED AMARA-ET	2668	Melarry Farms
BLUMENFELD 4292 FRA 5310-ET	2661	Blumenfeld Holsteins LLC
SCHOENE KUH JOSUPER HEIDI	2554	Staci A. Sexton
FOUR-CAL BEAM-ET	2485	John D. Diersen
SYNERGY STGY KB 937-ET	2476	Arnold B. Gruenes
PENNY-OAK BUBBA CASANDRA-ET	1728	David L. Ripp
WIRTLAND MARTY ALI	1715	Maple Leaf Farm

2024 GOLD MEDAL DAM WINNERS

Animal Name	TPI/CTPI	Owner
TWIN-SPRUCE MELODY-ET	2706	Chad Felten
TOP-GUN JEDI CORONA-ET	2384	Travis Lehnertz
DICKE RAGER RUFFIES-RED	2367	Lyle P. Dicke
OLMAR SHAMROCK NANNY	2197	Olmar Farms
RALMA-RH HILL MUSIC-ET	2076	Ryan Michael Talberg
TASA CABRIOL 979	2057	Tim Aho

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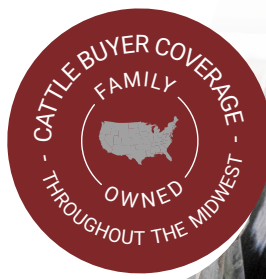
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