Mid-States Holstein News

HOLSTEIN USA

2014 Elite Breeder
MISSOURI STATE FAIR - HOLSTEIN HIGHLIGHTS

Robthom Deezz Atwood 2nd Winter Calf
Sire: Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood-ET • From the Robthom Ivory Mark EX-94 2E GMD DOM family

Robthom Crimson Lily 1st Spring Yearling & Jr. Champion
Sire: Robthom Integrity EX-96 GM • From the El-Dor Saber Pansy EX-95 3E GMD DOM family

Robthom Marieta Hero 1st Winter Yearling & Res. Jr. Champion
Sire: Siemers Toys Hero 9701-ET • From the Robthom Ivory Mark EX-94 2E GMD DOM family

Robthom Usoa Blizzard 3rd Sr. 2-Year-Old
Sire: Robthom Moscow Blizzard EX-90 • From the Robthom Ivory Mark EX-94 2E GMD DOM family

Robthom Lola Lou EX-90 2nd 5-Year-Old
Sire: Jenny-Lou Marshall P149-ET • From the El-Dor Saber Pansy EX-95 3E GMD DOM family

Robthom Raphe Moscow EX-90 2nd Aged Cow
Sire: Robthom Moscow-ET EX-94 GM • From the Robthom Ivory Mark EX-94 2E GMD DOM family
1st Sr. Best 3 Females, 1st Jr. Best 3 Females, 1st Breeders herd & Premier Breeder

MISSOURI STATE FAIR - JERSEY HIGHLIGHTS

Robthom Starry Exclamation EX-91 1st Jr. 3-Year-Old, Intermediate & Grand Champion
Sire: Eclipses Exclamation • Dam: Meadow Winds Starlet EX-91 - Res. Grand MO State Fair 2013

Hawk Pond Moonlight 1st Fall Calf & Jr. Champion
Sire: Arethusa Verbatim Response-ET
1st Senior 3-Year-Old, Int & Grand Champion Illinois State Fair Jersey Show 2014
1st Produce of Dam

ROBTHOM STARRY EXCLAMATION EX-91
• 1st Jr. 2-Year-Old Southern Spring National 2013
• All-Missouri Jr. 2-Year-Old 2013
• 1st Jr. 2-Year-Old & HM Int. Champ. MO State Fair 2013
• 1st Jr. 3-Year-Old, Int. & Grand MO State Fair 2014
Sire: Eclipses Exclamation
Dam: Meadow Winds Starlet EX-93
• Res. Grand MO State Fair 2013

ROBTHOM CRIMSON LILY-ET
• All-Missouri Spring Calf 2013
• 1st Spring Yearling & Jr. Champion MO State Fair 2014
Sire: Robthom Integrity EX-96
Dam: Robthom Lilac Marty EX-90
2nd Dam: Lykehaven Petunia Raider-ET VG-88
3rd Dam: El-Dor Saber Pansy EX-85 3E GMD DOM
1st Sr. 2-Yr Old, 2014 Missouri State Fair

TOECKY GINETTA BRAXTON VG-88 EX-MS
2-03 159 2x 12,386 2.8 352 3.2 402 Inc
1st Sr. 2-Yr Old & Res. Grand Champion, South Central District Show 2014
Dam: Toecky H Crest Gracie Lou VG-87
5-08 365 2x 35,492 3.7 1485 3.6 1288
7-02 365 2x 34,215 3.6 1350 3.6 1227
Granddam has 4 records over 30,000M

More Harvest From the Fair
1st Dry Cow: Toecky Timex
2-01 365 2x 23,416 4.2 1314 3.2 982
Dam: VG-88 Appoint

2nd Winter Yrlg: Toecky Braxton Anna Kee
Dam: EX-93 Kendall Anna Leah

3rd Fall Calf: Toecky Sanchez Destiny
Dam: VG-85 Gabor

3rd Fall Yrlg: Toecky Hero Justine
Dam: VG-85 Aspen

June Classification Update
Toecky Kendall Anna Leah now EX-93 EX-96 F&L
Toecky Burning Glow VG-85 - a new VG-2 yr old daughter of Comestar Lauburns

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Donald Hegeman

Donald Jay Hegeman, 85, Cosby, MO, passed away on August 3, 2014 and services were held August 7 at the Hope United Church of Christ.

Mr. Hegeman was born March 20, 1929 to Harry and Nelle (Sommer) Hegeman in Cosby. He graduated from Savannah High School, and University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in Agriculture. He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He married Joan Kowitz on June 18, 1955 and she survives him.

Mr. Hegeman owned Hegeman Farm where he was involved in the Dairy and Agricultural Industry. In addition he served as President of the Missouri Holstein Association and on the Board of Directors for Dairy Farmers of America, Missouri Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Missouri Dairy Association; Andrew County Extension Council; Andrew County Farm Service Agency; Board President of the Andrew County Mutual Insurance Company; president of the PWSD #2 of Andrew County. He received his 50 year pin and served three times as Worshipful Master, Cosby Lodge No. 600 A.F. & A.M.; District Deputy Grand Master, 9th Masonic District. He also served on the Hope United Church of Christ church council. Mr. Hegeman and the family was inducted into the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors.

He enjoyed farming and family. He cherished his wife and children and reveled in the lives and accomplishments of his grandchildren (the “Dirty Dozen”). He will always be remembered for his signature phrase, “Keep Smiling.”

Mr. Hegeman was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Virginia Nelle.

Additional survivors include: sister, Violet Dickson, Springfield, Ill.; daughters, Beth McCauley (Howard), St. Joseph; and Nancy Langemach (Paul), Savannah; sons, Dan (Fran) and Fritz (Jennifer), both of Cosby; grandchildren, Eric Langemach, Kansas City, Mo.; Brent McCauley (Megan Jelley), Columbia, Mo.; Kristin Langemach, Higginsville, Mo.; Cole McCauley, St. Joseph; Kelly Yost (Derek), Kansas City; Hannah Catterton (Colton), Corning, Iowa; Mark Langemach, Savannah; Joseph Hegeman, Heidi Hegeman, Phillip Hegeman, Lillie Hegeman and Joshua Hegeman, all of Cosby.

The family suggests memorial gifts to Masonic Homes of Missouri or the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Agriculture and Hope United Church of Christ.
Happy Fall, Y'all!

Even though we may not experience cooler temperatures for a while, fall (and fall/winter shows) will be here before we know it! Many transfer deadlines are soon approaching so here’s your friendly reminder from the field to send in registration applications and track down your registration papers, get animals transferred into appropriate ownership and make sure you have a valid form of identification at time of check-in for your state and national shows, ie pictured or sketched animal on registration paper or two Holstein Association, USA issued ear tags.

In new news, I am excited to share information with you on Enlight™. Enlight™ is an online, comprehensive management tool designed to help Holstein breeders more efficiently manage herd genetics. Through Enlight, dairy producers have unprecedented access to powerful reporting and analysis, including:

- Youngstock, whole-herd and individual animal reports
- Updated genetic and genomic information available the day it is released
- Benchmarking tools
- Interactive graphs
- Access to a comprehensive list of production, health and type traits and associated indexes for all animals in their herds.

This valuable resource is a collaboration between Holstein Association, USA and Zoetis, combining the strengths of both organizations for the benefits of all dairy producers breeding Holstein cattle, making the process of obtaining and utilizing genetic and genomic data easier and more efficient for Holstein member and Zoetis customers. We live in a fast-paced society today where we want results now, even yesterday, so this is a great program newly launched after the exciting announcement at convention to ensure you have results the timely manner you prefer. We are excited to work with you to ensure your herd is “enlightened” with all the genetic and genomic information at hand and help you be able to use this information to fit the goals you have for your herd.

Holstein has put together some great information for those interested in finding out more on Enlight™ at www.hoslteinusa.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more. You can also visit www.enlightdairy.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more. You can also visit www.enlightdairy.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more. You can also visit www.enlightdairy.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more. You can also visit www.enlightdairy.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more. You can also visit www.enlightdairy.com, the click on the gold Enlight™ banner, with FAQs, video highlights and more.

I would also like to welcome Darin Johnson back as our field representative. Darin brings a lot of knowledge about the business to the area and can be very helpful when using the computer programs.

Welcome to Fall. It’s been awful busy lately as we juggle watching the Royals and Wildcats and their push for postseason play.

One of the highlights from this past convention held in Iowa was the unveiling of the new Holstein computer program Enlight. This is available to all members of the Association. The program is designed to allow producers to access all the genetic information on the animals in their herd both milking and young stock. There are different sorts, graphs, and other criteria that enable you to take a complete look at the genetic progress of your herd. One added bonus—there is no cost. All you have to do is call Holstein USA and get your herd signed up. It is user friendly, even I can use it, and the potential is unlimited.

Good luck to everyone at the shows this fall.

Roy

Johnson Joins Holstein as Regional Rep

I’m Darin Johnson, the new Holstein Association Regional Representative for Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, southeastern Idaho and Wyoming. For those that are not familiar with me, I grew up on a Registered Holstein farm in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Dairy Science degree. I previously spent 10 years with the Holstein Association as a Regional Representative, covering this same area. More recently, I’ve been working in the AI industry as a Sire Analyst and District Sales Representative. I look forward to meeting all of the new members in my area, as well as working with everyone that I’ve worked with in the past. If there is anything you need, or if you have questions regarding Holstein programs or products, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing everyone again!

Don’t forget to cast your ballot for delegates for the 2015 Holstein Convention in Illinois. Among other important issues, the delegates will be electing a new vice-president and president. Ballots must be received by October 10 Holstein USA, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Additional Missouri Members

In the June issue, we inadvertently did not include Doug & Judy Thomas in the membership listing. We apologize for the error. In addition to the Thomas information, the following are new Missouri members since June.

Northeast Central District
Evan Clayton
Kevin, Randal Lenz - Timberline Dairy
Weber Dairy Farm, Inc.
Leland Zimmerman

South Central District
Jeffrey & Jennifer Ogletree

Southwest District
Ken & Karla Deaver
Mark & Cassandra Ennis
Richard & Sandra Foster
Kevin Phillips
Bill, JoAnne, Ty Rowland
Doug & Judy Thomas
Roger & Betty Voskamp

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Happy Fall, Y'all! Here's to high milk prices, low feed prices and cooler weather!
Tanbark Triumph

Supreme Champion
2014 Missouri State Fair

CASTLEHOLM ALLEN RAINA 2E-93
1st Aged Cow, Senior & Grand Champion 2014 Missouri State Fair
Supreme Champion, 2014 Missouri State Fair

U-WING DESTRY TATUM EX-92
1st 4-Yr Old
Best Bred & Owned, MO State Fair
Owned by Tim & Jason Ewing

MISS TRIPLE-T ENT LEXUS
1st Jr. 2-Yr Old, Missouri State Fair
Intermediate Champion & Res. Grand
Owned with Bruce Tencleve

More Great Missouri State Fair Results
1st Jr. 3-Yr Old: R-John Atwood Annie-ET
2nd Fall Calf: Ms MDF Dempsey 110 (owned with David Jones)

Mason Dairy Farm

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Enlight™ is a new online, comprehensive management tool designed to help dairy producers who own Holstein cattle more efficiently manage herd genetics. The result of collaboration between Holstein Association USA and Zoetis, Enlight will provide dairy producers with a comprehensive view of herd-level and individual animal genetic performance.

“Enlight will help us obtain genomic information in a timely way and evaluate our animals to make the decisions necessary to help us meet our breeding goals,” said Glen Brown, Holstein Association USA president. “Enlight will be an important tool for all herds, regardless of size, to access important information and use it to fit specific needs.”

Genomic samples submitted by Enlight users will be analyzed by CLARIFIDE®, a DNA-marker technology for optimizing selection and management of dairy replacement females from Zoetis. Once samples are processed, producers can manage their herd genetics through the Enlight dashboard at www.EnlightDairy.com. Users also will have immediate access to a diverse suite of reporting and analysis tools, in addition to official animal identification, breed benchmarks and reporting formats that were traditionally only available through the Association. All information will be accessible as results are made available via a password-protected website with no need to install software or upgrades.

“Advancing animal health and genetics for the benefit of dairy producers has been a long and well-established commitment of Zoetis,” said Cheryl Marti, senior marketing manager, Dairy Genetics and Reproducitives at Zoetis. “We recognized the need for a new product that could enhance producers’ use of genomic information on their dairy. Through Enlight and the collaboration with the Holstein Association, we look forward to redoubling efforts to provide dairy producers with cutting-edge, user-friendly resources that improve selection, management and mating decisions.”

“Enlight is cutting-edge, first-of-its-kind information technology that allows the dairy producer to put genomic information to use to make decisions that directly impact herd genetics and profitability,” said John Meyer, chief executive officer, Holstein Association USA. “We are proud to be able to partner with Zoetis to deliver this service that aids in the success and profitability of our members and other dairy producers.”

To enroll your herd in Enlight, contact your Holstein Association USA or Zoetis representative, or their respective customer service departments—(800) 952-5200 (Holstein). For more information on Enlight, visit www.EnlightDairy.com.
Thomson Family Named Holstein’s Elite Breeder

Recognized at the National Holstein Convention in Iowa as the 2014 Elite Breeder Honoree was Robthom Holsteins of Springfield, Mo. The Elite Breeder award annually honors a Holstein Association USA member or partnership who has bred quality Registered Holstein cattle, contributing to the overall improved quality of the breed.

Robthom Holsteins is currently operated by Janice Ling, her son, Eric, daughter, Monica, mother, Marianna Thomson, and brother, Mark Thomson. There have been 6,458 animals to bear the Robthom prefix; of those, 285 are classified Excellent, with one at EX-96, 2 more at EX-95, and 11 at EX-94. Their current BAA is 109.2, with 40 cows scored Excellent and 95 Very Good, placing them first in the country last year for herds with 151-200 cows.

Sixty-two cows bred by Robthom have produced over 200,000 pounds of lifetime milk, with one over 300,000. They also bred a former number one cow for most milk produced in a single lactation, Robthom Suzet Paddy, who was classified EX-95, and made a five-year-old record of 59,300 pounds of milk, with 2,297 pounds of fat and 1,925 pounds of protein in 365 days. Paddy can be traced back to Janice’s father, Bud’s, first heifer, Robthom Bess Segis. To date, 80 Dams of Merit, 111 Gold Medal Dams and 11 Gold Medal Sires carry the farm’s prefix.

Robthom has sent over 40 bulls into A.I., with two producing over one million units of semen in their careers. Robthom Integrity, a son of the popular To-Mar Blackstar, out of Robthom Ivory Mary, classified EX-96, and was named a Gold Medal Sire. To date, Integrity has sired almost 90,000 cows in over 21,000 herds, including two-time World Dairy Expo Grand Champion, Vandyk-K Integrity Paradise.

The other millionaire sire is Robthom Moscow, a son of Mara-Thon BW Marshall-ET, out of Robthom Georgia Integrity, an EX-92 Gold Medal Dam and Dam of Merit. His exceptional health traits and ability to consistently transmit quality udders and feet and legs made him a popular sire, and was eventually named a Gold Medal Sire, and classified EX-94.

“Robthom Farm has greatly elevated Missouri Holsteins, and Holsteins nationwide,” said Holstein historian and writer John Underwood. “The true measure of elite herds is whether or not their genetics are making a difference around the world; Robthom Farm has certainly made a difference.”

The Thomson family in Springfield, Missouri pictured in 2006. The registered herd was started in the 1920’s by Robert Thomson, Sr. Pictured is Robert Thomson, Jr, wife Marianna and his family, including son Mark, daughter Janice, her husband, the late Alton Ling, and their children, Eric, Monica and Kelsey.
Missouri 4-H Teams Enjoys Trip of a Lifetime

This summer gave four Missouri 4-H members and their coaches a chance of a lifetime – the opportunity to judge competitively, visit farms and see the sights in Europe. In September 2013, Steven Nelson, Bailee Whitehead, Tucker Peterson competed at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin. Their high overall team placing enabled them the chance to travel to Europe and compete in international contests. The prior year, Brittany Groves was a member of the Missouri 4-H team which placed 1st in the Brown Swiss breed at the National Contest and she was added to the group to complete the team. For several years, Ted Probert and Karla Deaver have spent countless hours working with Missouri 4-H dairy judging teams. The success of this team is the combined result of hard work by the team and their coaches. Steven is the son of Mike Nelson, Grovespring. Bailee is the daughter of Tony and Nikki Whitehead, Conway. Tucker is the son of Tim Peterson and Janet Peterson, Mountain Grove. Brittany is the daughter of Todd and Shelia Groves, Billings.

Describe your trip.

Groves: During our trip to Europe we got to go Scotland, London and Ireland. While we were over there we toured and learned the history of the countries and the towns as we visited them. In each country we learned about their history of agriculture and how close the consumer was to the farmers and how involved they were. We also toured about a dozen grazing dairy farms where we learned about their styles of farming. We drove around and toured many castles and saw the beautiful landscape and scenery of each country. In Scotland we judged at The Royal Highland Show and in Ireland we judged at the Charleville Agricultural Show.

Nelson: Our trip was earned from doing well at the National 4-H Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin in fall 2013. Our trip consisted of two judging contests. One contest was at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland and the other a first time contest at the Charleville Show in Ireland. The countries we visited include Scotland, Ireland, and England.

Peterson: Our trip was a two week tour through Scotland, England and Ireland. We judged once in Scotland at the Royal Highland Show and once in Ireland. We were on essentially a charter bus, which they called a motor coach, with several other dairy teams and their coaches.

Whitehead: The International Dairy Judging Tour was from June 18th – July 1st. We started our tour in Scotland where we toured museums, agribusinesses, and farms. We then had our first competition at the Royal Highland Show. We traveled across England, stopping at several farms and spending time in London. We then rode across to Whales, and took the ferry into Ireland, our last stop on the trip. Ireland was another combination of city and farm tours, as well as a judging contest.

How were the judging contests different than those you have competed previously?

Groves: In Scotland at the Royal Highland Show we had to judge in white lab coats. The way the judging side of the contest was set up was similar to us except they had did not number the cattle 1, 2, 3, 4 they lettered them A, B, X, Y. We had a set time to judge the cattle just like we do here in the United States. The big difference was the way they give reasons. They put you in a certain order to give your reasons, but unlike us they have a person that sits with the judge and times you. Over there you have to talk exactly two minutes if you are under or over you get deduced. Also over there you can use your notes while giving your set of reasons. It was the first judging contest for Charleville Agricultural Show in Ireland and it was set up like a railbird contest. Each team had to place the class together within seven minutes before the judge placed the class. As a team we had to place the top seven in each class and then write our reasons why we placed on the same sheet we put our placing on. Nelson: The two contests we went to were relatively different. The first contest was the Royal Highland Show there were we only had five minutes to judge the class. Then when they took scores were we grouped together so Bailee and I had group scores and placed second. At the Charleville Show it was way different since this was its first contest. All four of us judged together as a group and placed the top seven in the class. We could talk amongst each other and share our different opinions. In this contest we placed second.

What was the biggest difference between the cattle you saw in Europe and those here at home?

Groves: In Europe the cattle were not has different as I thought they would be. The main difference was that they were not as tall as some of our cattle and they were allowed to have a little more condition then ours. The biggest difference I noticed was that all the farms we visited were on seasonal calving and wanting cows that bred back and calved yearly. Some of the farmers started crossbreeding to jersey to help with the re reproduction. Most people were looking for smaller more compact cows. A lot of the farmers like the Holstein-Friesian rather than the normal Holstein we’re used to.

Peterson: The biggest difference in cattle would probably be their desire to have Jerseys and Ayrshires carry more flesh because they say it helps them last longer.

Whitehead: A majority of operations are rotational grazing herds, a system that requires a smaller more compact cow.
A lot of emphasis is put on feet and leg traits in their breeding programs. In show cattle, there were many of the same sires you find here, including influences of: Goldwyn, Shottle, and the Laurie Sheik family. Until the trip, I was not fully aware of the differences between a Holstein and a Friesian, Friesian is a much stronger, more dual purposed breed. I was also very impressed with the quality of the Ayrshire breed.

**What was the best trait of the cattle you saw in Europe?**

**Groves:** The best trait in cattle I seen in Europe was the dairy strength in the Holstein breed. You could tell they are starting to bring in some of our genetics into their Holstein breed.

**Nelson:** The best trait that I noticed would be that there were very sound cows with good feet and legs. Which they had to have because of all the grazing and long distances the cows had to walk.

**Peterson:** I would say the best trait of their cattle would be the overall power of most of their breeds. In the states show cows have to be so extreme in every category of the scorecard to compete that in most cases that are so dairy they almost become frail. That trend hasn’t taken much effect in Europe. Holsteins were very similar to Holsteins here in the states but the other breeds had a bit more to them.

**Whitehead:** I was impressed with both the soundness of feet and legs as well as their strength. I believe we have bred too much power and strength out of the Holstein breed at home.

**Do they place a different emphasis on any dairy traits in Europe?**

**Nelson:** For the most part it seemed to be very similar to here at home. The slight difference I noticed though was that cows over there could carry more condition and it still is okay.

**Peterson:** The breeders emphasized lasting cows. They wanted longevity and cows that bred back on time, every time. They wanted mobile cows that could go to the pasture and get around well.

**Whitehead:** Breeders have a strong awareness of what works best for their set up. Tall, clean-cut, stylish cows are not what most breeders strive for. While I love show cows, I have a lot of respect for these herds. European breeders also aim for longevity, instead of two or three high production lactations. Fertility is important, because most depend on seasonal calving.

**Why is dairy judging important to you?**

**Groves:** Dairy judging is important to me because it helps me with picking animals for the shows. It also helps me when purchasing an animal that I’m choosing the best with the money I have.

**Peterson:** Judging is important because it opens so many doors. There are so many opportunities in judging and it builds a lot of qualities in us that can’t be obtained in any other way.

**Whitehead:** Judging has opened many doors for me. Contests and trips have allowed me to travel and meet others in our industry. Farm tours at MO judging camp, practices in Wisconsin before Expo, and our trip to Europe have gave me the opportunity to see hundreds of quality cows and what works well for other producers. Oral reasons have made me a confident public speaker. Judging requires me to make decisions and apply the scorecard breakdowns in close pairs. I am so thankful for the professional advantages I have gained through judging, but there isn’t a price to be put on the friendships and memories formed along the way.

**What was the favorite place that you visited?**

**Groves:** My favorite place that we toured was the Bus tour around the Ring of Kerry. The scenery around was breath taking!!

**Nelson:** The favorite place that I visited would have to be Edinburgh, Scotland. It was just a very quaint town with lots of old historic buildings and locally owned shops.

**Peterson:** My favorite place would be Ireland and the Ring of Kerry; it was truly a sight to be seen from the beach to the cliffs.

**Whitehead:** Scotland was my favorite place. The pride and respect that people have for their land and country is amazing. Consumers are not out of touch with agriculture, as they often are here.

**What is your favorite memory of the trip?**

**Groves:** There were so many parts that were my favorite, but I would say the one that was my absolute favorite was in Dublin, Ireland on my birthday and we toured the St. Patrick Cathedral. The Cathedral was beautiful and when a choir from Arkansas started to sing it sent a chill down my spine as their voices echoed throughout the Cathedral.

**Nelson:** That’s really tough but I would have to say visiting all the different farms and hearing what works for them and what doesn’t. Also, I would also say spending the two weeks with an awesome group of people. I made friends from all across the country that share similar interests in the dairy business.

**Peterson:** I don’t think I could name a favorite memory if I wanted to. I really enjoyed the whole trip and everyone on it.

**Whitehead:** The time we had at the Royal Highland Show, in Scotland, to walk around, explore exhibits and converse with breeders was probably my favorite. The large fair was a good way to experience a lot of their culture, which they take a lot of pride in. The memories made with our team, and the other teams on the tour are unforgettable. Spending two weeks with people that share a passion for dairy and judging is the perfect set up for conversations about cows, stories, laughs, and the beginning of lifelong friendships.

**What kind of lasting impact did this judging trip have on you?**

**Groves:** The people that I met and connected with are defiantly something that impacted me the most. The whole experience was amazing and something I will never forget, but getting to experience and meet people that shared the same love and passion for the dairy industry makes the trip more memorable.

**Nelson:** It’s something I will never forget. It was an amazing time and I had awesome teammates and coaches. I couldn’t have picked a better group to spend it with.

**Peterson:** This trip definitely had a lasting impact; I am very thankful to have had this opportunity and am so glad we got enough support to go. We made so many.
amazing memories and new friends that share interests and lifestyles.

Whitehead: I now have an understanding of different cultures and their farming practices. Farmers, both here and there, are all just trying to do the best they can with the resources they have. I learned a lot on rotational grazing, cross and dual-purpose breeds, fertility and strict seasonal calving, as well as government regulations, the quota system and their effect on the global market. I am blessed to be able to use these experiences and the friendships formed as I start my career in the dairy industry. I would like to thank our sponsors, once again, for the opportunity of a lifetime.

**Do you plan to continue judging in the future?**

Groves: I plan on judging at county shows if the opportunity is presented. I am keeping my options opened to judge on a college team.

Nelson: Yes I do plan on judging in the future hopefully in college. Not sure where I’m going yet but that’s my plan. One of my main goals in life is to eventually judge at the World Dairy Expo. It’s a high goal but it would be one great opportunity.

Peterson: I’m not sure if I will judge competitively at a college but judging dairy cattle is definitely on my radar somewhere down the line.

Whitehead: I will continue my competitive judging at Oklahoma State University, where I am currently studying Animal Science and Ag Communications. Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to judge shows in the future.

The trip gave everyone the chance to visit many famous and beautiful sights, including Edinburgh Castle and many of the scenic waters in Ireland.

Grazing practices were very prevalent in all the countries they visited.

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**Mid-States Dairy Classic**

*June 21, 2014*

Beatrice, Nebraska

Judge: Dean Dohle, Halfway, MO

**Spring Heifer Calf**

1. Elk-Creek Hank Tw 2386, Blake Racicky; 2. S-2 Meyer May, Zachary Meyer

**Winter Heifer Calf**

1. Stranshome Snowflake-ET, Walker Behnken; 2. Four Streams Dempsey Blitzen, Katelyn Klipp

**Fall Heifer Calf**

1. Mohrview Maryellen, Colt Wakefield; 2. Stranshome Gld Stardust-ET, Mohrview Farm

**Summer Yearling**

1. Jerland SH Gussiedup-Red, Colt Wakefield; 2. Bode-Acres Bware Rachel Rae, Jacob Klipp

**Spring Yearling Heifer**

1. Lin-Crest Barbwire Crackers, Erin Leach; 2. Ryan Meyer Aftershock Darcy, Ryan Meyer

**Winter Yearling**


**Fall Yearling**

1. Four Streams Braxton Bee-ET, Trevor Klipp; 2. Elk-Creek Contact 2267, Seth Racicky

**Junior Champion**

Four Streams Braxton Bee-ET

**Res. Junior Champion**

Stranshome Snowflake-ET

**Jr Best 3**

1. Four Streams Dairy; 2. Elk-Creek Dairy

**Dry Aged Cow**

1. Butler-Butz Sam Anna-ET, Traeger Dairy

**Jr. 2-Yr Old**

1. Four Streams Braxton Bree-ET, Trevor Klipp; 2. Lar-Par 2539 Gotcha, Zachary Meyer

**Sr. 2-Yr Old**

1. Lin-Max Sanchez Austin, Taylor Leach; 2. Mohrview Daylight, Colt Wakefield

**Jr. 3-Yr Old**

1. O-Kop Palermo Schantilly, Seth Racicky; 2. Four Streams Sanchez Miracl, Taylor Klipp

**Sr. 3-Yr Old**

1. Ms Lulus Atlantic Lauriel-ET, Don Esau & Kevin Winter; 2. Ryan Meyer Iliad Lilly, Ryan Meyer

**4-Yr Old**

1. Plain-O Alexndr Tawny 3421, Rottinghaus Holsteins; 2. Le-Star Champion 1028, Seth Racicky

**5-Yr Old**

1. Plain-O Champion Emily, Rottinghaus Holstein; 2. Lin-Max Request Tamale, Erin Leach

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December is the last call for 2014 Missouri Cow of the Year Nominations!
Select Sires’ Newest Millionaire

Select Sires is proud to announce that 7HO9222 Lincoln-Hill SHOT Laser-ET (EX-92) has exceeded 1 million units in sales at just under nine-years-old. He is the ninth sire in Select Sires’ history to reach this milestone following 7HO8081 Ensenada Taboo PLANET-ET (EX-90-GM), 7HO8165 England-Ammon MILLION-ET (EX-92-GM), 7HO7466 Robthom MOSCOW-ET (EX-94-GM), 7HO6417 O-Bee MANfred Justice-ET (EX-94-GM), 7HO5708 Fustead Emory BLITZ-ET (EX-95-GM), 7HO4213 Robthom INTEGRITY-ET (EX-96-GM), 7HO3707 Paradise-R Cleitus MATHIE*CV (EX-96-GM) and 7HO1236 Fisher-Place MILLION-ET (EX-92) has exceeded $750 for Supreme Added Monies!! $400 Res. Supreme

Chamberlin Family Honored

The Mark Chamberlin family of Cole Camp, Missouri was honored at the 2014 Missouri State Fair as the Dairy Dedication Family. The Chamberlin’s have shown dairy cattle at the Fair since 1989. In addition, the Chamberlin’s have helped promote the dairy industry by serving as the State Fair Dairy Display herd. Pictured above are State Fair Commission Ted Shepherd, Gwen, Crystal and Mark Chamberlin and State Fair Queen Hannah Kinney.

Genex Announces Commercial Cow Index

Genex Cooperative, Inc. has created the Ideal Commercial Cow (ICC) index. This new sire index addresses commercial producers’ needs by putting greater emphasis on longevity, health, and optimal body size and condition without sacrificing yield and udder traits.

The ICC index was released with the August sire summary. Based on August proof data, the top Genex sires creating cows for commercial conditions include: 1HO1056 TROY, 1HO11097 MAGNATE, 1HO11511 TAMPA, 1HO08784 FRED-DIE, 1HO11426 TUFFENUFF, and 1HO11545 LAWMAN.

These top 10 ICC bulls average +$983 ICC and +$848 Lifetime Net Merit. In further analyzing their genetic averages, these sires combine production (+1533 Milk and +125 combined Fat and Protein) with elite health traits: +6.4 Productive Life, +1.9 Daughter Pregnancy Rate and 6.8% Sire Calving Ease. At the same time, they transmit moderate stature (+1.4) and improve udder traits (+2.39 Udder Composite).

In addition Genex published five ICC sub-indexes providing dairy producers the opportunity to emphasize genetic selection for specific areas of farm management. These areas include production, health, fertility and fitness, milking ability and calving ability.

Arkansas State Fair Added Monies!!

$750 for Supreme
$400 Res. Supreme

Kansas Jr All-Breeds Show

August 16, 2014
Salina, Kansas
Judge: Ryan Bodenhausen, Muscotat

Spring Heifer Calf (7)
1. Four Streams Locklyn Breanna, Trevor Klipp, Hanover; 2. Rokeyroad Delta Jewel, Benton Rockey, Sabetha; 3. Prairie-Sun Atwood Maraina, Braylon Butcher, Walton

Winter Heifer Calf (5)
1. Rokeyroad Browkaw America, Brandon Rockey, Sabetha; 2. Davein Benfer, Concordia; 3. Four Streams Dempsey Blitzen, Katelyn Klipp, Hanover

Fall Heifer Calf (5)

Summer Yearling (2)
1. Rokeyroad Laser Eve, Bradon Rokey, Sabetha; 2. Bode-Acres BWire Rachel Rae, Jacob Klipp, Hanover

Spring Yearling (3)

Winter Yearling (5)
1. Paulinn Braxton Spearmint 1055, Jill Seiler, Valley Center; 2. Ryan Meyer Haven Layla, Ryan Meyer; 3. Fran-Do Debnair, Chad Mueller

Fall Yearling (2)
1. Four Streams Braxton Bee-ET, Trevor Klipp, Hanover; 2. AJ-Schmitz Sailing Eve 955, Tricia Schmitz, Axtell

Junior Champion
Rokeyroad Browkaw America

Res. Junior Champion
Paulinn Guthrie Madison 1094

Jr. 2-Yr Old (4)
1. Miss-Long-Green S Raven-ET, Taylor Klipp, Hanover; 2. AJ-Schmitz Braxton Electra, Tricia Schmitz, Axtell; 3. La-Par 2539 Gotcha 3002, Zachory Meyer

Sr. 2-Yr Old (6)
1. Lin-Max Sanchez Austin, Taylor Leach, Linwood; 2. Rokeyroad Haven Tara, Benton Rockey, Sabetha; 3. Paulinn Sanchez Bonnie 938, Jill Seiler, Valley Center

Jr. 3-Yr Old (1)
1. Lin-Crest Apl Shamrock-Red, Erin Leach, Linwood

Sr. 3-Yr Old (2)
1. Ryan Meyer Iliadi Lilly, Ryan Meyer; 2. RG-Mueller Sanchez Lori-ET, Oliver Schmitz, Axtell

5-Yr Old (3)
1. AJ-Schmitz Bolton Persia, Tracy Schmitz, Axtell; 2. AJ-Schmitz Morty Royal, Austin Schmitz, Axtell

Dry Cow (1)
1. Ryan Meyer Desmond Daisy, Ryan Meyer, Washington County

Grand Champion
Lin-Max Sanchez Austin

Res. Grand Champion
Rokeyroad Haven Tara
Margin Protection Program Now Available for Enrollment

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that starting Sept. 2, 2014, farmers can enroll in the new dairy Margin Protection Program. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin—the difference between the price of milk and feed costs—falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture also launched a new Web tool to help producers determine the level of coverage under the Margin Protection Program that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, Smartphone, or tablet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We’ve made tremendous progress in implementing new risk management programs since the Farm Bill was signed over six months ago,” said Vilsack. “This new program is another example of this Administration’s commitment to provide effective safety net programs that allow farmers and ranchers to manage economic risks beyond their control. And the supplemental Web tool will empower the nation’s 46,000 dairy producers to make decisions that make sense for them.”

Development of the online resource was led by the University of Illinois, in partnership with the USDA and the Program on Dairy Markets and Policy (DMaP). DMaP partners include Illinois, the University of Wisconsin, Cornell University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Minnesota, Ohio State University and Michigan State University.

The Margin Protection Program, which replaces the Milk Income Loss Contract program, gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their operation. Enrollment begins Sept. 2 and ends on Nov. 28, 2014, for 2014 and 2015. Participating farmers must remain in the program through 2018 and pay a minimum $100 administrative fee each year. Producers have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year.

Dairy operations enrolling in the new program must comply with conservation compliance provisions and cannot participate in the Livestock Gross Margin dairy insurance program. Farmers already participating in the Livestock Gross Margin program may register for the Margin Protection Program, but the new margin program will only begin once their Livestock Gross Margin coverage has ended.

The Margin Protection Program final rule will be published in the Federal Register on Aug. 29, 2014. The Farm Service Agency (FSA), which administers the program, also will open a 60-day public comment period on the dairy program. The agency wants to hear from dairy operators to determine whether the current regulation accurately addresses management changes, such as adding new family members to the dairy operation or inter-generational transfers. Written comments must be submitted by Oct. 28, 2014, at www.fsa.usda.gov or www.regulations.gov.

The 2014 Farm Bill also established the Dairy Product Donation Program. The program authorizes USDA to purchase and donate dairy products to non-profit organizations that provide nutrition assistance to low-income families. Purchases only occur during periods of low dairy margins. Dairy operators do not need to enroll to benefit from the Dairy Product Donation Program.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

2014 Missouri Field Day

Larry, Jodi, Lora and Blake Wright hosted the 2014 Missouri Holstein Field Day at their new farm near Verona. Visitors enjoyed the beautiful farm and a BBQ lunch. During the day, a judging contest was held with Becky Durst, Huggins, MO taking top honors. Guests also had the opportunity to learn more about Holstein USA’s Enlight Program, IVF protocols, alfalfa management and government programs. In addition, there were many fun activities planned for kids including barrel tractor rides.

The Wright family, Lora, Larry’s Mom Betty, Blake, Jodi, Larry, and Larry’s sister Elizabeth with the platter painted by Nancy Hamner.
Holstein USA Names 2014 Elite Performers

Holstein Association USA has announced the recipients of the Elite Performer recognition. The Elite Performer award is a new honor from Holstein Association USA which recognizes superior Registered Holstein® cows who have demonstrated a profitable combination of high production, sound conformation, and longevity.

In its first year, 400 cows hailing from 16 states were named National Elite Performers; another 402 cows from 28 states received Regional Elite Performer honors, from the nine regions across the country.

“The Elite Performer award allows us to pay tribute to those cows who are desirable and profitable for every dairyman, regardless of their management style or herd goals,” said John Meyer, Holstein Association USA Chief Executive Officer. “Awarding both National and Regional Elite Performers allows us to honor a larger number of deserving cattle and breeders from across the country, as well as recognizing cows that are competing under similar management and environmental conditions.”

In order to qualify, cows must have completed at least three lactations in a herd participating in the Association’s TriStar™ program, completing the most recent lactation in the past twelve months, and must be classified Very Good-85 or higher. All cows currently enrolled in TriStar who are 87% RHA or higher are evaluated annually.

Once eligible cows are determined, they are ranked based on total lifetime pounds of combined fat and protein per day in milk. The top one percent of cows meeting the criteria are awarded National Elite Performer recognition. Those cows are then removed from consideration for Regional Elite Performer honors, and the remaining top one percent of cows from each of nine regions, the same as Holstein Association USA election regions, are named Regional Elite Performers. The Elite Performer award is a lifetime recognition, so cows are only eligible to receive the honor one time.

Plant Now for Late Fall & Early Spring Grazing

Now is the time to make plans concerning the establishment of annual forage crops according to Ted Probert, dairy specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

“Fall sown annuals offer a number of benefits and can fit a niche on livestock farms providing high-quality forage for grazing or stored harvest,” said Probert.

Annuals are useful in extending the grazing season into late fall and early winter and can also provide the earliest available spring grazing. Additionally, Probert says some winter annual crops can be harvested and used as stored forage in the form of hay, balage or silage.

Annuals are useful as emergency forage sources, smother crops in renovation programs or as a permanent ongoing facet of a quality forage program. Late August and September is the preferred time for the establishment of these crops.

“They offer the opportunity to take advantage of double cropping, increase total farm productivity and provide high-quality feed for livestock,” said Probert.

Small grains including wheat, rye, triticale and oats are old standbys for annual forage production. Wheat, rye and triticale are all useful in grazing systems, but their growth patterns and productivity are somewhat different. These differences should be considered when choosing the crop for a given situation.

Cereal rye will produce more pasture during late fall and early winter than wheat. Rye also produces the earliest pasture available in springtime beating other forages by as much as two to three weeks. Grazing provided by rye will also subside at an earlier date than is the case with other small grains. High-quality grazing will be on the downturn by May.

“Wheat is another option for fall and spring grazing. Total dry matter yield may not be as high as with rye and grazing will be available as early in the spring. Wheat will provide pasture later in the spring than will rye,” said Probert.

Triticale is a high producing small grain crop that will fall between wheat and rye in terms of maturity and earliness of spring grazing.

Oats offer an interesting option for fall establishment. According to Probert, oats are not cold hardy and are traditionally considered a spring crop in Missouri.

“Oats do provide an excellent opportunity as an emergency forage crop when sown in early fall providing as much as two tons of dry matter before frost. They will not survive through the winter; therefore need to be utilized before the season’s onset,” said Probert.

Another species to consider for winter annual grass production is annual ryegrass. Annual ryegrass, when sewn early, will provide at least one grazing before winter.

“Ryegrass is not as early as cereal rye regarding spring grazing but will usually start growth earlier than most perennial pasture species. The production timeframe for ryegrass is longer than for most other winter annual grasses with grazing availability extending into June,” said Probert.

If a farm feed situation dictates the need for a forage crop that will establish and grow to a harvestable stage quickly brassicas should be considered. Brassica species include turnips, rape, kale, swedes and hybrid crosses of these species. The most popular of these for late summer establishment are turnips or some of the earlier maturing hybrids.

Shorter season brassicas can be grazed in as little as 50 to 70 days after seeding. Brassicas are relatively low in establishment (seed) cost and high in nutrient content. Crude protein content of 16 percent to 20 percent while they percent of dry matter digestibility ranging from the mid-80s to 90 is common.

“Brassicas are not tolerant of freezing temperatures. Growth accumulated during the fall should be utilized prior to the first hard freeze,” said Probert.

While it is possible to harvest and ensile brassicas they are best used by grazing. Probert says care should be taken in variety selection for late summer seedings due to variation in time to maturity.
Juniors - Jot it Down...

Holstein USA Jr Convention Highlights

Lora Wright, the daughter of Larry and Jodi Wright, Verona, Missouri was recognized as one of the eight Young Distinguished Junior Holstein Members at the Convention in Iowa.

Missouri State Fair Youth Show

Junior Champion
1st Winter Calf, Star-Mark HP Regret-Red
Bailey Groves, Billings, Missouri

Res. Jr Champion
1st Fall Calf, Sco-Lo GS Wind Kat-ET
Lauren Whitehead, Conway, Missouri

Intermediate Champion
1st Sr. 3-Yr Old, HBD-Jons Braxton Inka-ET
Lauren Whitehead, Conway, Missouri

Res. Intermediate Champion
1st Jr. 2-Yr Old, Regancrest GV Brittany-ET
Keira Groves, Billings, Missouri

Grand Champion
1st Sr. 3-Yr Old, HBD-Jons Braxton Inka-ET
Lauren Whitehead, Conway, Missouri

Res. Grand Champion
1st 4-Yr Old, Klassens Pronto Mandy-ET
Lauren Whitehead, Conway, Missouri

Junior Showmanship
Lauren Whitehead

Senior Showmanship
Katie Wantland

Supreme Champion - Brown Swiss
Groves-View Snick Pack Tale, Bailey Groves

Missouri State Fair Dairy Judging

Senior Division
1st: Megan Fry, Mountain Grove
2nd: Matthew Owings, Mountain Grove
3rd: Tyler Kirchoofer, Cape Girardeau

Intermediate Division
1st: Bailey Groves, Billings
2nd: Lauren Whitehead, Conway
3rd: Evan Dotson, Marionville

Junior Division
1st: Taylor Whitehead, Conway
2nd: Garrett Grimm, Aurora
3rd: Lila Wantland, Niangua

Folding Display Contest
3rd place Junior Creative Division: Sophie Leach, Kansas, “Junior Holstein Association – Endless Possibilities”

Dairy Jeopardy
4th Place
Corbin Gauthier, Kansas

Thank you to all the juniors from the region who competed both individually and on a team. You represented our area very well.

Supreme Champion
4-State Dairy Days
Bentonville, Arkansas

Junior Champion
1st Fall Calf, Agri-Fresh Real Rosestar-ET
Trey Reece, Perkins, Oklahoma

Res. Jr Champion
1st Winter Calf: P Jaybelle Goldwyn Tami-ET
Jayden Fitchett, Rose, Oklahoma

Grand Champion
1st 4-Yr Old, AJ Schmitz Aftershock Luella
Julie Griffin, Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Res. Grand Champion
1st 2-Yr Old, JL-Kel-Land Cole Jezebel
Katie Wantland, Niangua, Missouri

9-11 Showmanship
Lila Wantland

12-13 Showmanship
Julie Griffin

14-15 Showmanship
Haylee Smith

16-18 Showmanship
Haley Hamm

Supreme Heifer Champion
Jersey, Stoney Point Action Jessica,
Julie Griffin, Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Supreme Heifer Champion
Brown Swiss, J&L Miss Marlee
Harlee Smith, Collinsville, Arkansas

Mid-States Dairy Classic
Beatrice, Nebraska

Junior Champion
1st Fall Yearling, Four Streams Braxton Bee-ET
Trevor Klipp

Res. Jr Champion
1st Winter Calf, Strashehme Snowflake-ET,
Walker Behnken

Grand Champion
1st Sr. 2-Yr Old, Lin-Man Sanchez Austin
Taylor Leach, Linwood, Kansas

Res. Grand Champion
1st Aged Cow, O-Kop Roy Scharissa
Colt Wakefield

Lora Wright was presented her award by Holstein USA CEO John Meyer and Holstein President Glen Brown.

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        Kansas State Fair Holstein Show
Sept. 16 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
        Oklahoma State Fair Holstein Show
Sept. 26 Tulsa, Oklahoma
        Tulsa State Fair Holstein Show
Sept. 30- Oct. 4 Madison, Wisconsin
        World Dairy Expo
Oct. 11  Hutchinson, Kansas
        KS Fall Holstein & Jersey Sale
Oct. 12  Little Rock, Arkansas
        Arkansas State Fair Holstein Show
Nov. 7   Louisville, Kentucky
        Grand National Junior Show
Nov. 10  Louisville, Kentucky
        Mid-East Fall National Show
Jan. 19, 2015 Fort Worth, Texas
        Southwest Regional Holstein Show
Jan. 22-24 Springfield, Missouri
        Heart of Missouri Dairy Forum

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