

*Distinguished Young
Holstein Breeder Award
Application*

2012



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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 December 31, 2011) and be a member of 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 attached application and submit two letters of recommendation.
- Employees of the Holstein Association USA, Inc. and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

Applications:

Applications are available from the national office or the state associations.

Your submission must be postmarked no later than **February 28** of the contest year and sent to:

Holstein Association USA, Inc.
Attention: Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award Committee
1 Holstein Place
PO Box 808
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0808

Recognition:

The winning applicant will receive travel and lodging expenses (for up to two people) to the National Holstein Convention, complimentary tickets to the convention banquet, a \$2,000 cash award and the Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder plaque.

Personal Information

Name(s) and Age(s):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Children (names & ages):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Nominated by:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Part One: Herd Information

40 points

List the herd information that reflects the statistics of your herd at the age you assumed ownership and management responsibilities. Also list your current information and 3 to 5 year goals.

I. Herd Statistics (10 points)

A. Herd Size	When you assumed ownership	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
100% RHA Cows	_____	_____	_____
<100% RHA Cows	_____	_____	_____
Basic ID Cows	_____	_____	_____
Other Cows	_____	_____	_____
B. Rolling Herd Average	When you assumed ownership	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Times milked per day	_____	_____	_____
Pounds of Milk	_____	_____	_____
Pounds of Fat	_____	_____	_____
Pounds of True Protein	_____	_____	_____
C. Production Efficiency		Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Production cost per cwt. milk shipped		_____	_____
D. Reproduction Efficiency			
Average calving interval		_____	_____
Average days to first breeding		_____	_____
Average services/conception		_____	_____
E. Culling			
Total % herd removals (as a % of total herd)			
A. Voluntary		_____	_____
B. Involuntary		_____	_____
Total herd removals		100%	100%

F. Average Somatic Cell Count (or Score)

First lactation cows

Second & later lactation cows

Current Level

3-5 Year Goal

G. Average Days Dry

First lactation cows

Second & later lactation cows

H. First Lactation Heifers

Average age at first calving

Average weight at calving

I. Program Usage

Identification Method Tag ID

Photos

Sketches

Yes

No

Computer Herd Management Program

If yes, which program?

Yes

No

Holstein COMPLETE

EASY

Red Book Plus/MultiMate

DairyVision

Sire Summaries

TriStar

If yes, which option?

II. Herd Breeding Program (10 points)

A. Average genetic level of your milking herd. List these values or others you place emphasis on.

Current Level

3-5 Year Goal

Cows' TPI

Cows' NM\$

Other Traits (List)

B. Average genetic level of service sires. List these values or others you place emphasis on.

	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Service Sire TPI	_____	_____
Service Sire NM\$	_____	_____
Other Traits (List)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. Herd Performance (20 points)

A. Herd Classification	When you assumed ownership	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Number of cows	_____	_____	_____
BAA	_____	_____	_____
Number of Cows Scored:			
Excellent	_____	_____	_____
Very Good	_____	_____	_____
Good Plus	_____	_____	_____
Good	_____	_____	_____
Fair	_____	_____	_____
Poor	_____	_____	_____

B. Herd Recognition	Number of Years Received
Progressive Breeders Registry	_____
Progressive Genetic Herd Award	_____

C. Individual Cow Recognition	Number of Awards Earned
Gold Medal Dam	_____
Dam of Merit	_____
State & National Leader List	_____
Lifetime Production (>200,000)	_____

D. Other Achievements

Number of Animals

Cows on current Locator List

Bulls sold to A.I.

E. Percentage of income derived from:

Selling Registered Holstein genetics

Percentage of income from milk sales

Part Two: Management Practices & Goals

60 points

Narrative Report: Attach your answers to the following questions. Please be descriptive and complete in your answer.

- A. Explain how you originally acquired your herd, including means used to provide the necessary financing. (5 points)
- B. What management practices, relative to nutrition, did you implement to accomplish your herd's current production level? What nutrition enhancements do you anticipate utilizing in the future to achieve your per cow production goal? Please include an actual ration fed to a specific group of cows (high or low producers, or dry cows), pounds fed and method in which cows are fed (TMR, top dress, etc.). (10 points)
- C. What previous breeding decisions influenced your herd's current levels of type and production? Also explain how your current breeding program will help you achieve your future goals for type and production. (20 points)
- D. Describe the management techniques you've implemented that have proven successful in increasing your herd's reproductive efficiency and maintaining high quality milk. (10 points)
- E. How has your investment in Registered Holsteins been financially beneficial? What impact will Registered Holsteins have on your future? (10 points)
- F. List and discuss your community and dairy involvement. How do you plan to make a difference in the future? Why do you feel it is important to be a volunteer? (5 points)