



## Rafael López López

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Rafael “Rafy” Lopez is the owner of El Remanso Dairy Farm, a second-generation dairy farm in Puerto Rico established in 1961. A member of the Holstein USA Association since March 1983. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1980, with a bachelors in Dairy Science. While in MSU, he was coached in dairy cattle judging by Professor Lon D. McGilliard.

As a breeder, he has developed the first homozygous bull for Slick Gene in Holstein cattle and the first bull from Puerto Rico to be entered in an AI company in the USA. “Rafy” has judged dairy shows in his native Puerto Rico and National and regional shows in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Panama, and Peru. He has judged categories of Holstein, Brown Swiss, Jerseys and mixed in over 30 fairs and National Shows.

Rafy has been involved in several Dairy organizations; he was president of the Puerto Rico Holstein Association, he is a current member of the board of directors of the P.R.D.H.I.A, and the A.P.L.C.Q (Dairy farmers coop).

He continuously collaborates with FFA, 4-H clubs and the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus (Land grant college), either training for dairy cattle judging, providing animals for research or work experience, as well as receiving groups of students at his dairy farm.

### **Top five most significant judging experiences:**

- 2014 Puno, Peru - 2 days of judging over 230 animals, all Brown Swiss
- 2005 San Miguel, El Salvador - This show had very large classes of over 40 cows
- 2009 Puerto Rico National Dairy Show - It meant the most to be able to judge in my own country
- 2012 Dominican Republic, National Show
- 2011 Azuero, Panama - First time judging cross breed animal

### **Besides judging type conformation classes, this judge also enjoys:**

- Youth Shows
- Showmanship