

DAWSON NICKELS

NILES WENDORF CRESCENTMEAD FARMS



Left to Right: Elmo Wendorf Jr., Carolyn Wendorf, Niles Wendorf

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**If you could have dinner with any Holstein breeder past or present
who would you choose and why?**

Seated next to a legend, dining with a winner, conversing with a true role-model: I would select this Holstein enthusiast if I had the opportunity to dine with him, Niles Wendorf. An asset to the dairy industry and the Registered Holstein Association, Niles Wendorf worked to build an international relationship judging at numerous national shows in many different countries. He also built an untarnishable reputation for his family and farm, Crescentmead Farms. With such success and knowledge about the Holstein Association, I would most definitely choose this showring legend to do lunch with. Inquiring about his experiences, both with judging and on Crescentmead Farms, I would absorb every word Niles said as if spoken from the lips of God.

Niles Wendorf was fueled by his passion for the Holstein cow as he daily strived to better the genetics of his Holstein herd. Through years of precise matings and the eye for show type, Niles and his brother, Elmo Wendorf Jr., have developed an extremely prestigious home-bred herd. Niles and Elmo bred and/or developed 320 EX Holstein dairy cattle including two EX-95 and sixteen EX-94 point cows. If these numbers are not impressive enough, Crescentmead Farms also bred fifty Gold Metal Dams and 71 Dam of Merits while also breeding 200 bulls that walked the A.I. floors of many different bull studs. A herd that speaks itself, Niles and his brother, along with their children, exhibited forty-nine open and Jr. All-American heifers and cows. Along with the eye to breed the best, Niles also judged many national shows in many different countries including Japan, Canada, and Australia. Niles Wendorf was also the associate judge for the International Holstein show at World Dairy Expo in 1990.

These experiences and talents are unique to only a few people in this industry, and Niles Wendorf uses these qualities to help his family and others. This humble man speaks from his experiences and still has a burning passion for the Holstein cow. One dinner will certainly not be enough time to absorb the advice from this humble role-model, Niles Wendorf.

Supporting Evidence



Crescentmead Farms' herd dispersal in 2008: here Niles Wendorf and his brother sold their high seller, Amlaird Lee Alice for \$67,000.

Here Elmo Wendorf, Jr. (Left) and Niles Wendorf (Right) are honored for their home-bred EX 94 point cow, Crescentmead Rotate Amanda. She led the index charts as a cow and transmitted her genetics through Crescentmead herd.



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