

B CANADIAN Brown Swiss & Braunvieh Association

December 2006

Message from our President

The 2006 Royal Winter Fair is history. I would like to thank the exhibitors for bringing top quality cattle to the show. It wasn't easy for judge, Callun McKinven to pick the winners in each class, but he did a great job. I think this year we have had the best quality cattle at the show. However we've had fewer animals than usual due to bad cattle prices, border closures and high cost of bringing cattle to the show. Thanks to everyone who did bring cattle it was great publicity for our breed. We had people from around the globe who were interested in our cattle. There were people from Canada, USA, Mexico, Columbia, England, France, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Australia. It was a great opportunity to market our genetics. I hope next year with "open borders?" there will be more cattle at the Royal.

I'm looking forward to see the new extended pedigrees. With the new program with CDN we will be able to serve the Brown Swiss breeders more efficiently and with more detail. Jessie won't have to worry about her antique computer program breaking down and losing all the information. There is still grant money available for field service. If anyone is interested please contact your provincial club or our office. Thank you for returning the Brown Swiss survey, we're still

analyzing your feedback. We appreciate your cooperation. I hope you had a nice summer and fall. Hopefully all your fieldwork is finished, so you will have time to update the registration of your cattle. Keeping on top of your registrations saves all of us a lot of money. If you need any assistance please ask DHI, another breeder or call our office. Mario from Semex informed us that usage of young sire semen has increased a fair amount. So we'll be able to prove more bulls and will hopefully have more proven bulls to choose from. A few breeders have left us, we'd like to thank them for their time with us. We'd also like to welcome all new breeders that have just recently joined us. There are a lot of people that work behind the scenes that aren't mentioned I'd like to thank them all because they are a great help with the Association. Jessie always gives us 150% and makes my job a lot easier, so thank you.

With Christmas around the corner, I hope everyone can relax a little and take time to enjoy family and friends. Think positive of Brown Swiss it is your business and your livelihood.

Brown Swiss
Components that pay, Cows that last
Your President,
Ernst Gubelmann

Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association Annual General Meeting Hosted by the Quebec Brown Swiss Club

Tuesday, April 17th, 2007

- Board of Directors Meeting at CIAQ

Wednesday, April 18th

- Annual General Meeting at CIAQ

Thursday, April 19th

- International Dairy Showcase Sale

Friday, April 20th

- International Dairy Showcase Show

Every effort will be made to have translation available for the meeting so please join us.

Hotel Information

Hotel le Dauphin

1250 Johnson, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec,

Phone : 450-774-4418

<https://hoteldauphin.merchantsecure.com/st-hyacinthe.htm>

**Rooms are reserved under Brown Swiss Quebec*

Amendments to the constitution must be received at the CBSBA office no later than January 18th, 2007



- **Tattoo letter for 2006 is S and 2007 is T.**
- **If you have cattle or embryos for sale please send a list to the office so interested parties requesting this information can be made aware.**
- **Suggestions, comments, stories, jokes, articles that would be of interest in the newsletter are always welcome.**
- **Rates for Placing a Newsletter Advertisement;**

Business Card Ad	\$25.00
Quarter Page Ad	\$65.00
Half Page Ad	\$125.00
Pre-Approved Stuffers	\$250.00
- » **At your convenience please check out our web-site;**
www.rkde.com/browncow

All Canadian Contest

Don't miss out on the All Canadian Contest. Entry forms are enclosed with this mailing for the 2006 contest. Please submit your entries before December 31, 2006. The results of the contest will be announced at the Annual General Meeting, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. The winners will also be advertised in an upcoming Ontario Dairy Farmer magazine.



News from Semex Alliance

New on the YSP: 200BS001 Swiss Dream Jolt URANUS

Uranus started the Young Sire Proving Program this fall and we hope you can appreciate his pedigree & genetic potential. But here are two new good reasons to use him: 1) The new SMA test from Germany, which is 100% accurate, confirmed that URANUS is SMA free! 2) Uranus wasn't pictured when the pedigree was printed. Here it is:



Swissgenetics bulls available in Canada:

With the November 2006 proof release, 196 BS11284 Barmettler BS Ace Agio, stands out as one of the most attractive sires from Swissgenetics. The Semex partners were invited to include him on their proof sheets. We have a limited number of doses actually in Canada and are proceeding quickly to import more doses to be made available hopefully in early 2007;

Please find below the list of Swissgenetics sires with semen already in Canada.

SWISSGENETICS BULLS WITH SEMEN IN CANADA

Code	Name	Sire x MGS	Protein		Conformation	MLPI
			Kg	%		
196 BS 10416	Tabu-ET	Patrick Tom x Ado	-3	+04	+9	+486
196 BS 10433	Barmettler Sabri Chevron	Sabri x Emerald	+21	+19	+8	+1046
196 BS 11145	Parko	Patcho x Cedric	+25	+02	+8	+883
196 BS 11284	Barmettler BS Ace Agio-ET	Ace x Emerald	+25	-01	+7	+1377
196 BS 11288	Hanny Swiss Ace Wagor	Ace x Gordon	+39	+17	+8	+1854
196 BS 11418	Sorry-ET	Even x Lacher	+40	+26	+2	+1410
196 BS 13294	Prunki	Premium x Starbuck	+15	+05	+1.70	N/A
196 BS 8028	Hanny Swiss Gordon Wurl ET	Gordon x Starbuck	+26	+10	+8	+1056

Please note that The Semex Alliance is importing semen from Swissgenetics 3 or 4 times per year. Breeders in Canada are asked to be patient when ordering Swissgenetics semen from their local A.I. organization. If semen is already in Canada, the delivery could take up to 1.5 month, and if the semen needs to be imported from Switzerland, it could take up to five months to get the semen at the farm.

Concerned about Milking Speed?

With the dominance of sires such as Denmark & Gordon in many elite pedigrees, many breeders are looking up for sires that improve Milking Speed. Here are a few well proven sires that have genetic evaluations on milking speed above breed average:

- 73 BS 18 R Hart Cartoon
- 200 BS 403 Harts Elm Park Eskimo
- 196 BS 10433 Barmettler Sabri Chevron
- 196 BS 11145 Parko
- 196 BS 11418 Sorry
- 196 BS 13294 Prunki *very fast

Note that the two young sires actually on the YSP, Swiss Dream Jolt Uranus & Hilltp Acres Decker-ET are both showing Parent Average for Milking Speed above breed average!

Source CDN & Swissgenetics web sites

Brown Swiss Young Sires Enter A.I. at Select Sires

PLAIN CITY, Ohio, Nov. 8, 2006 - 7BS801 Sun-Made KB BART ET, bred by Sunshine Genetics, Whitewater, Wis., and 7BS802 Lost Elm CHAMPION ET, bred by Jerry Luttrupp, Berlin, Wis., have been chosen to enter Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement(TM)(PGA(TM)) sire-sampling system.

Based on their outstanding pedigrees, BART and CHAMPION will enter the program in 2006. In addition to being sampled through PGA cooperator herds, these young sires have been identified as a Super Samplers(TM). With this designation, BART and CHAMPION semen is available to all Brown Swiss breeders.

BART is a rare son of Harts Ensign Energy ET. His dam, Top Acres Mona Buffy ET "2E91 2E92MS" CERT, produced 4-4 365d 32,800M 4.4% 1,433F 3.3% 1,074P, and was nominated All American as a 3-year-old and as a 4-year-old. His grandam, Top Acres PR Blossom, "2E91 2E91MS" CERT SBC, produced 4-7 365d 33,360d 4.9% 1,643F 3.7% 1,233 and earned the Superior Brood Cow designation. His third dam, scored "2E92" CERT, also received the Superior

Brood Cow designation and produced 3-10 365d 33,300 4.3% 1,420F 3.5% 1,153P. Look for BART's unique sire lineup to produce high components, great udders and the productive, breeder-satisfaction kind.

CHAMPION is sired by 7BS750 Hilltop Acres En DYNASTY ET*TM. His dam, Oak Forest Even Collete ET "VG89 E90MS" CERT, produced 2-7 365d 30,170M 4.8% 1,455F 3.5% 1,052P. Collete's maternal brother, 7BS769 Oak Forest Ace CHRIS ET, is a new release who ranks among the Top-5 PTI in the breed. CHAMPION's second dam, Oak Forest Jetway Crystal, is scored Excellent "2E93 2E93MS" ELITE, and produced 5-9 362d 42,600M 4.4% 1,895F 3.4% 1,432P. With an outstanding Parent Average and elite pedigree, CHAMPION is sure to sire the trouble-free kind with customer satisfaction.

Based in Plain City, Ohio, Select Sires Inc., is North America's largest A.I. organization and is comprised of 10 farmer-owned and -controlled cooperatives. As the industry leader, it provides highly fertile semen as well as excellence in service and programs to achieve its basic objective of supplying dairy and beef producers with North America's best genetics at a reasonable price.

Canadian Dairy Network - November 2006 - Top 10 Brown Swiss Herds by LPI

Rank	LPI	No. Cows	Name of Farm	City	Province
1	887	62	Gubelmann Brown Swiss	Walton	ON
2	840	65	Swiss Dream Farm	Wawanesa	MB
3	733	20	Morsan Dairy	Ponoka	AB
4	644	27	Swiss Valley Farms	Moorefield	ON
5	469	41	Norval McConnell	Kincardine	ON
6	422	25	Markus Mueller	Huntingdon	PQ
7	403	44	Spring Rose	Ayr	ON
8	369	31	Bates Bros	Stayner	ON
9	365	40	Clearcrest Farms	New Lowell	ON
10	332	57	Dun Rovin Acres	Kincardine	ON

THE POWER OF INFORMATION

It is time to make a very important decision. To do so, would you pull out a nickel and flip "heads or tails"? Surely not since such random and spontaneous decisions are risky and often incorrect. On the dairy farm, producers make decisions every day, some more important than others. When it's time to make a decision that has a major impact on the herd profitability, producers need to increase the likelihood of making the right choice. Planned and well-informed decisions are by far the most accurate, which comes with increased knowledge. Knowledge, in itself, is a function of past experience and learning as well as new information that is made available. Such new information may be in written format but it may also come as advice from others, including experts in the field of interest. For dairy producers today, the information available to them may sometimes be overwhelming but when important decisions have to be made, they should use the resources available to them, which include reports from industry organizations and/or recommendations from advisors with expertise in the required area such as economics, animal health, nutrition, reproduction or genetics.

HAVING THE FORESIGHT AND VISION

The rate of improvement in Canadian dairy breeds continues to be impressive. Thirty years ago, most of the gains achieved in production were due to improved management whereas more recently, genetics is responsible for 80% of the increased productivity. When one reflects back on how the current programs and services came to be, it is obvious that various people and organizations required vision to create the future. A quick review of today's breed improvement programs helps to show the impact that these visionary's ended up having on our industry today.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & HERDBOOK REGISTRATION

When the first Holsteins were imported into Canada 125 years ago, animal identification information and pedigrees were recorded via the establishment of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada in 1884. Thanks to this visionary action, there are currently nearly 9,000 animals with at least a million known ancestors, with the maximum being 1.8 million. At Canadian Dairy Network (CDN), this extensive pedigree data allows for monitoring of inbreeding trends and the calculation of genetic evaluations for breed improvement. Down the road, animal identification and pedigree data will also be important for animal traceability and disease surveillance.

MILK RECORDING

In 1905, leaders in Canada started the first milk recording program, which was primarily focused on measuring butterfat yields. Over the past 100 years, DHI services have expanded very extensively to now include the recording of milk yields, sample analysis for milk components, somatic cell counts, milk urea nitrogen, calving dates, calving ease, calf survival, breeding, disposal dates and reasons, milking speed and temperament as well as the whole herd inventory. The collection of this data translates to comprehensive herd management reports to assist dairy producers in making informed decisions. These services and reports are so valuable that 70% of all Canadian dairy herds are voluntarily enrolled on DHI.

TYPE CLASSIFICATION

Over 80 years ago, breed leaders implemented a type classification program, mainly for the promotion of elite animals. Today, the world class Multi-Breeds Classification System, which is common to all breeds, is a vital part of breed improvement. Nearly 90% of milk recorded cows are classified, which is clear evidence that it has become a basic herd management tool that also serves as a prerequisite for genetic mating programs.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

It was about 65 years ago when A.I. became commercially available using fresh semen. Contrary to the belief of some people in that era that it would not likely see widespread use, the industry pioneers pushed onward to realize their vision. The success of A.I. and its impact on our dairy populations worldwide is nothing less than incredible. Canada has certainly played a major leadership role in this regard. For several years now, 90% of the new animals in the herdbook were produced by A.I. Globally, of the 24 bulls that have sold more than one million doses of semen, one-third are from Canada. Our country is also the home to two of the three sires with the greatest number of paternal granddaughters within Interbull member countries, namely Aerostar and Starbuck, each with 1.7 million, while Blackstar has produced three million. These statistics are evidence of the huge impact that this technology has had on breed improvement.

YOUNG SIRE PROGENY TESTING

After frozen semen became commercially available about 50 years ago, A.I. leaders envisioned and implemented young sire proving programs. Over the years, the selection criteria have changed to use more powerful genetic tools and the efficiency of these testing programs has improved enormously. Today, the 400 young sires sampled annually in Canada represents the industry and producer commitment to this fundamental program for identifying the next generation of elite proven sires.

GENETIC EVALUATION

In conjunction with young sire proving programs, leading scientists introduced rudimentary genetic evaluation systems over 50 years ago. These daughter-dam comparisons have eventually been replaced by very advanced methods and models based on continued research. Canadian scientists have been important leaders in this area, which has made Canada's genetic evaluations synonymous with proof accuracy and stability. During the past 10 years, 80% of the total progress achieved for production traits can be contributed to genetic improvement.

THE VISION OF TODAY

As in the past, industry leaders today must establish a clear vision of the future and set plans to achieve the required objectives. In this regard, recent efforts in Canada have focused on the development of a national health recording system for herd management and genetic evaluations. The scheduled implementation in early 2007 will pave the way to new ground in terms of information for herd management and genetic selection decisions at the farm level. Industry leaders and government now need to take action towards the implementation of a national DNA collection and storage system for all dairy animals in Canada. This will undoubtedly play a critical role for quality animal traceability systems as well as for the further advancement of dairy cattle by combining traditional genetic tools with new approaches using genomics.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

A major component of Canada's success in providing dairy producers with timely, highly valued information for their daily management decisions is the strong collaborative spirit and partnerships that exist amongst industry organizations and with government. The sectors including breed associations, milk recording, A.I. and genetic evaluation work especially hard to meet the needs of Canadian dairy producers with efficient programs and services. The focus on "serving producers" has long been a driving force that will guarantee continued progress. Presented at the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association "Endless Performance Visioning Conference" held in Ottawa, Ontario on November 5-7, 2006.

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Date: October, 2006

2006 KINCARDINE BROWN SWISS SHOW**Judge: Mr. Bob McNeil****Brown Swiss Miss: Marina Signer****Female Calf** Mar. 1/03 - May 31/06

1. Gubelmann Wurl Sarah F7410073 Mar. 11/06
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Dun Rovin Acres JoJo Mar. 17/06
Shown by: Dun Rovin Acres
3. Bronze Haven Geri II F7709622 Mar. 8/06
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms
4. Gubelman Jolt Viola F7410079 Apr. 19/06
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
5. Dun Rovin Acres Claire Mar. 10/06

Female Senior Calf Sept. 1/05 - Nov. 30/05

1. Gubelman Collection Grace F7410063 Nov. 19/05
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Gubelman Denver Laura F7410062 Nov. 3/05
Sire: Rolling View Denver ET
Dam: Gubelman Daniel Luga ET
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann

Female Junior Yearling Heifer Mar. 1/05 - Aug. 31/05

1. Norbella Banker Lady F7659985 Mar. 24/05
Shown by: Mark McLean
2. Gubelman Daniel Daisy F7410042 May 14/05
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
3. Gubelman Jolt Dorina G7410048 May. 30/05
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
4. Bronze Haven Leslie FK 20R - 108 May 5/05
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms
5. Bronze Haven Aimee F7709607 May 1/05
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms

Female Senior Yearling Sept. 1/04 - Feb. 28/05

1. Gubelman Jolt Jamie F7410026 Jan. 30/05
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Gubelman Ace Desire F7410014 Nov. 4/04
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
3. Bronze Haven Lena II F8868586 Sept. 4/04
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms
4. Bronze Haven Lona II F8868587 Sept. 4/04
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms

Junior Champion: Norbella Banker Daisy**Reserve Junior Champion:** Gubelman Jolt Jamie**Honourable Mention:** Gubelman Banker Daisy**Junior 2 Year Old** Mar. 1/04 - Aug. 31/04

1. Dun Rovin Acres Victoria
Shown by: Dun Rovin Acres
2. Gubelman Collection Shannon F7409988 Mar. 16/04
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
3. Bronze Haven Gunna F8868576 Mar. 8/04
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms

Senior 2 Year Old Sept. 1/03 - Feb. 28/04

1. Bronze Haven April F8868574 Feb. 6/04
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms

Three Year Old Sept. 1/02 - Aug. 31/03

1. Gubelman Excite Daphne F8377728 July 19/03
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann

Four Year Old Sept. 1/01 - Aug. 31/02

1. Gubelman Banker Dixie F8377667 Mar. 16/02
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Dun Rovin Acres Ace Glory
Shown by: Dun Rovin Acres

Five Year Old Sept. 1/00 - Aug. 31/01

1. Dun Rovin Acres Jeanette
Shown by: Dun Rovin Acres

Mature Cow Before Sept. 1/00

1. Gubelman Conan Danielle F10034075 July 5/00
Shown by: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Bronze Haven Grapefruit F41461 Nov. 28/99
Shown by: Bronze Haven Farms

Best Udder

1. Gubelman Banker Dixie
2. Gubelman Conan Danielle
3. Dun Rovin Acres Victoria

Grand Champion: Gubelmann Banker Dixie**Reserve Grand Champion:** Gubelman Conan Danielle**Honourable Mention:** Dun Rovin Acres Victoria**Breeders' Herd:**

1. Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann
2. Dun Rovin Acres
3. Bronze Haven Farms

Premier Breeder: Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann**Premier Exhibitor:** Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann

RÉSULTAT DE VICTORIAVILLE

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Juge : M. Rolland Dubois 28 têtes furent présentées.**Génisse Junior :**1ere : Scharli Lily Wurl, Ferme Maron Senc
2e : Rencie Cartoon Sprint, Rénaud Dumas**Génisse Intermédiaire :**1ere : Fragrances Eskimo Evia, France Ouellet & Ferme Fragrances Enr.
2e : Schaerli Peggy Cartoon, Ferme Maron Senc**Génisse Sénior :**1ere : Lentreroche Myla Jolt, Damestar Holstein & Ferme Vannod & Ass.
2e : Gahilet Eskimo Bagage, Alain Roberge**Génisse 1 an Été :**1ere : Obermatt Galilée Cartoon, Ferme Mathis & Fils Inc.
2e : Swiss Land Cartoon Delcia, Ferme Jolidai**Génisse 1 an Intermédiaire :**

1ere : Jocha Cartoon Mandy, Ferme Jocha Senc

Championne Junior

Fragrances Eskimo Evia

Ch Jr de réserve :

Lentreroche Myla Jolt

M Honorable Jr

Obermatt Galilée Cartoon

Progéniture de mère:

Obermatt Gin Derek, Ferme Mathis & Fils Inc.

Bannière d'Éleveur : Gaéтан Hinse**Bannière d'Exposant :** Ferme Maron Senc**Femelle 2 ans :**1ere : Antanne Lilas Cartoon, Ferme Maron Senc
2e : Gahilet Cracia David, Gaéтан Hinse**Femelle 3 ans :**1ere : Valiant Louisianne, Ferme Maron Senc
2e : Gahilet Malyce David, Ferme Jolidai**Femelle 4 ans :**

1ere : Banz Better Aneta, Ferme Maron Senc

Femelle 5 ans :

1ere : Swiss Land Camelot Bridgetta, Ferme Jolidai

Femelle 6 ans :

1ere : Gahilet Portfolia Sylvie, Ferme Jolidai

Championne

Swiss Land Camelot Bridgetta

Championne de réserve :

Antanne Lilas Cartoon

Mention Honorable :

Valiant Louisianne

EXPO DE QUÉBEC**Juge :** M.Thierry Jaton 37 têtes furent présentées**Génisse Junior :**1ere : Swiss Land Exkimo Dalida, Josée Charron et Alexandre Bakaras
2e : Schaerli Lily Wurl, Ferme Maron SENC**Génisse Intermédiaire :**1ere : Fragrances Eskimo Evia, Ferme Fragrances Enr.
2e : Goulaise Turmoil Silena, Ferme Goulaise inc.**Génisse Sénior :**1ere : Lentreroche Myla Jolt, Damestar Holstein & Ferme Vannod & Ass.
2e : Fragrances Turmoil Pearl, Ferme Fragrances Enr.**Génisse 1 an Été :**1ere : Frangances Cartoon Eva, Ferme Fragrances Enr.
2e : Obermatt Galilée Cartoon, Ferme Mathis et Fils inc.**Génisse 1 an Junior :**1ere : Hirondelle Cartoon Ingrid, Ferme Hirondelle Enr.
2e : Goulaise Klassic Riviera, Ferme Goulaise inc.**Génisse 1 an Sénior :**1ere : Moroco Jolt Mallye, Alexia Savage
2e : Goulaise Premium Pastel, Ferme Goulaise inc.**Championne Junior :** Frangances Cartoon Eva, Ferme Fragrances**Ch. Junior de Réserve :** Lentreroche Myla Jolt, Damestar Holstein & Ferme Vannod & Ass.**Mention Honorable :** Obermatt Galilée Cartoon, Ferme Mathis et Fils inc.**Bannière d'Éleveur Junior:** Ferme Fragrances Enr.**Bannière d'Exposant Junior :** Ferme Fragrances Enr.**Femelle 2 ans Junior :**1ere : Moroco Chris Opale, Alexia Savage
2e : Baronets Jolt Jeny Et, Ferme Baronets Enr.**Femelle 2 ans Sénior:**1ere : Antanne Lilas Cartoon, Ferme Maron Senc
2e : Goulaise Bank Kegler Et, Ferme Goulaise inc.**Femelle 3 ans :**

1ere : Swiss Land Cartoon Betty, Ferme Goulaise inc.

Femelle 4 ans :

1ere : Goulaise Eskimo Loche, Ferme Goulaise inc.

Femelle 5 ans :

1ere : Swiss Land Camelot Bridgetta, Jeannot & Lise Desharnais

Championne : Swiss Land Camelot Bridgetta, Jeannot & Lise Desharnais**Championne de réserve :** Swiss Land Cartoon Betty, Ferme Goulaise inc**Mention Honorable :** Antanne Lilas Cartoon, Ferme Maron**Progéniture de mère:**

Jonlee Louis Sawrey Jolly, Ferme Baronets enr.

Classe de Groupe :1ere : Ferme Goulaise
2e : Ferme Frangances**Bannière d'Éleveur :** Ferme Goulaise inc.**Bannière d'Exposant :** Ferme Goulaise inc.



Get Your Brown Swiss Classified

Classification Schedule December 2006 - February 2007

Early December

On - Thunder Bay, Dundas, Prescott, Niagara
 On - mid round: Oxford
 Qc - Beauce
 Qc - mid round: Lotbiniere, Nicolet, Yamaska

Mid December

On - mid round: Perth
 On - Glengarry, Wentworth, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk
 Qc - Dorchester, Levis, Quebec, Montmorency
 Qc - mid round: Drummond, Bagot, St. Hyacinthe, Richelieu, Vercheres, Rouville

Early January

On - Russell, Carleton
 On - mid round: Leeds, Grenville, Lanark, Renfrew
 Qc - Bellechasse, Montmagny
 Qc - mid round: Abitibi, Temiscamingue, Labelle, Papineau, Gatineau, Argenteuil, Pontiac, Deux Montagnes, Terrebonne
 BC - mid round
 ALBERTA - South/Central

Mid January

On - mid round: Grey, Huron, Bruce
 Qc - L'Islet, Kamouraska
 ALBERTA - Northern
 MANITOBA

Late January

On - Lambton
 On - mid round: Halton, York, Peel, Simcoe, Dufferin, Ontario
 Qc - mid round: L'Assomption, Berthier, Montcalm, Joliette, Maskinonge, St. Maurice, Champlain, Laviolette, Portneuf, Lac St. Jean, Roberval

Early February

On - Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Elgin
 Qc - Riviere Du Loup
 Qc - mid round: Lapointe, Dubuc, Charlevoix, Chicoutimi

Mid February

On - mid round: Peterborough, Northumberland, Lennox & Addington,

Frontenac, Hastings, Prince Edward, Victoria, Durham
 Qc - Temiscouata, Rimouski, Matapedia, Matane, Bonaventure
 Qc - mid round: Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Huntingdon, Chateauguay, Beauharnois
 PEI, NS, NB, NF - mid round

Late February

Qc - Arthabaska

If you would like to start classifying your Brown Swiss, contact the Classification department of Holstein Canada at (519) 756-8300
 Fees:
 \$11.00 + \$2.00 levy per animal plus \$75.00 herd fee + gst
 Mid Round is an additional \$100.00

In Germany, a lab found the locus that identifies the Brown Swiss animals with or without the defective gene responsible for SMA. This test is 100% accurate according to the literature. The previous marker test has an accuracy of 90% or higher.

The Semex Alliance has performed this new SMA test on the young sire actually being sampled in Canada, Swiss Dream Jolt Uranus. It was found Non Carrier of SMA, which is the same result that the previous marker test performed in Italy.
 Mario Seguin, Semex Alliance

For SMA Testing contact GeneControl GmbH
 Phone: 49/(0)89/9441969-0
 E-mail: genlab@tgd.bayern.de

If you require further assistance please contact the office.

Gerald Coughlin Jr. Wins 2006 Curtis Clark Award

Gerald Coughlin Jr. of Trent Valley Holsteins, Peterborough, Ont., has been named the Curtis Clark Achievement Award winner for 2006. The announcement of his selection came during the Holstein Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ont., on November 11th. Coughlin is the 20th recipient of this award which honours the memory of the late Alberta Holstein breeder and showman, Curtis Clark of Acme Holsteins.

The Curtis Clark Achievement Award is sponsored by the Alberta Holstein Branch and is awarded annually to the dairy cattle exhibitor who possesses the necessary attributes to be respected by his peers. Selection of the winner is made by former recipients of the award.

BREED/RACE: BROWN SWISS										TOP LPI BULL REPORT / RAPPORT DES MEILLEURS TAUREAUX SELON L'IPV										NOVEMBER 2006						
RANK	LPI	RK	TC	A.I.	CODE	NUMBER	NAME	HERDS	DAUS	TDR	REL	MILK	RK	FAT	RK	PROT	RK	FAT%	PROT%	PERS	SCS	CONF	RK	HL	DF	
RANG	IPV	RC	CT	CODE	NUMERO	NOM	TROUP	FILLES	RJT	FIAB	LAIT	RC	GRAS	RC	PROT	RC	%GRAS	%PROT	PERS	CCS	CONF	RC	DV	FF		
1	1298	99	I	011BS00603	39421	BLESSING PROPHEET RANSOM	12	16	198	70	1220	99	22	75	29	94	-0.33	-0.19	67	2.82	3	76	MS/SM	2	3.37	MSP/VT 89
						Lactation 1			118	69	1109		18	25					74	2.68			FL/PM	10		MT/TT
						Lactation 2			50	66	1191		20	28					58	2.90			DS/PL	4		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			30	62	1205		21	30					61	2.89			UD/PP	0		MCE/FVM
2	1125	97	D	200BS00102	10034127	GUBELMAN DENMARK DANIEL	38	67	573	87	-106	24	18	56	15	59	0.30	0.22	71	2.40	10	96	MS/SM	6	3.17	66 MSP/VT 81
						Lactation 1			421	88	-519		6	2					79	2.47			FL/PM	6		MT/TT 91
						Lactation 2			152	85	178		27	23					62	2.29			DS/PL	9		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			0	82	22		21	19					64	2.44			UD/PP	6S		MCE/FVM
3	1119	94	I	014BS00256	190202	R HART CHRISTIANS ACE ET	17	36	351	80	531	75	40	91	28	94	0.23	0.09	72	2.67	6	89	MS/SM	9	3.15	63 MSP/VT 86
						Lactation 1			212	81	208		29	16					80	2.71			FL/PM	-6		MT/TT 93
						Lactation 2			114	79	575		43	30					65	2.67			DS/PL	6		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			25	75	797		47	39					65	2.64			UD/PP	8S		MCE/FVM
4	1084	91	I	011BS00581	39420	R HART TC DENMARK ET	81	275	3988	97	450	70	22	75	28	94	0.05	0.12	72	2.34	5	85	MS/SM	8	3.24	63 MSP/VT 81
						Lactation 1			1933	97	45		10	14					79	2.48			FL/PM	-1		MT/TT 89
						Lactation 2			1259	97	639		27	34					64	2.32			DS/PL	2		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			796	96	664		29	34					66	2.21			UD/PP	1S		MCE/FVM
5	1053	88	D	073BS00018	38796	R HART CARTOON ET	127	342	3378	96	530	75	25	78	17	67	0.05	-0.04	70	3.07	9	95	MS/SM	8	3.27	66 MSP/VT 91
						Lactation 1			2183	97	212		18	8					77	3.11			FL/PM	5		MT/TT 87
						Lactation 2			765	96	812		38	26					60	3.08			DS/PL	8		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			430	95	571		20	17					65	3.02			UD/PP	0		MCE/FVM
6	1028	88	I	054BS00273	41255	R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET	49	95	1298	92	603	78	50	97	26	86	0.31	0.03	71	2.76	1	62	MS/SM	1	3.01	68 MSP/VT 88
						Lactation 1			719	92	528		46	24					79	2.92			FL/PM	0		MT/TT 88
						Lactation 2			402	91	637		49	29					62	2.87			DS/PL	1		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			177	90	622		53	25					65	2.49			UD/PP	0		MCE/FVM
6	1028	88	D	071BS00020	34148	FOREST LAWN PAT JOYTREK ET	85	158	2403	95	21	29	23	78	13	51	0.29	0.15	69	2.82	6	91	MS/SM	4	3.34	75 MSP/VT 92
						Lactation 1			1118	95	230		32	17					75	2.64			FL/PM	-4		MT/TT 88
						Lactation 2			690	94	-37		22	13					62	2.80			DS/PL	6		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			595	94	-132		16	10					64	3.01			UD/PP	5S		MCE/FVM
8	997	88	D	014BS00233	40815	GEARING'S PATRICK CAMELOT	12	17	268	73	171	45	22	75	11	43	0.20	0.06	67	2.96	6	86	MS/SM	9	3.29	MSP/VT 92
						Lactation 1			125	72	388		25	17					73	2.90			FL/PM	-1		MT/TT
						Lactation 2			90	70	-108		13	5					59	3.03			DS/PL	1		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			53	67	194		28	11					63	2.95			UD/PP	6S		MCE/FVM
8	997	88	D	200BS00403	40590	HARTS ELM PARK ESKIMO ET	38	64	822	88	-236	16	10	45	10	40	0.25	0.22	67	3.41	12	98	MS/SM	7	2.95	70 MSP/VT 91
						Lactation 1			421	88	-189		12	11					74	3.32			FL/PM	15		MT/TT 92
						Lactation 2			291	87	-239		9	6					57	3.40			DS/PL	8		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			110	85	-339		5	10					63	3.51			UD/PP	1S		MCE/FVM
10	958	82	D	007BS00733	39468	MISA JETWAY MASCOT ET	30	56	390	83	831	91	47	97	30	97	0.16	-0.02	70	2.86	-1	42	MS/SM	0	2.94	71 MSP/VT 89
						Lactation 1			294	85	637		39	26					77	2.94			FL/PM	-4		MT/TT 89
						Lactation 2			93	81	928		50	33					62	2.78			DS/PL	5		CE/FV
						Lactation 3			3	76	908		50	30					64	2.85			UD/PP	4D		MCE/FVM

CANADIAN DAIRY NETWORK (CDN) RESEAU LAITIER CANADIEN

BREED/RACE: BROWN SWISS

TOP LPI COW REPORT / RAPPORT DES MEILLEURES VACHES SELON L'IPV

NOVEMBER 2006

RANK RANG	LPI IPV	RK RC	COW VACHE	COW NAME NOM DE LA VACHE	BIRTH DAT	SIRE NAIS	DAM MERE	L CALV D VEL	L DIM D JEL	L HERD D TROUP	# LAC	# TDR RJT	# SUP	REL FIAB	MILK LAIT	RK RC	FAT GRAS	RK RC	PROT PROT	RK RC	FAT% %GRAS	PROT% %PROT	CONF CONF	MS SM	FL PM	DS PL	SCS CCS	HL DV	ACT	
1	2377	99	10035387	KRUSES PRELUDE FLORIDA ET	00-02	39169	789702	05-04	291	04-07054	3	23	23	67	1427	99	82	99	62	99	0.30	0.08					7	93	2.99	Y
2	2051	99	41676	SWISS DREAM DENMARK UNITA	00-04	39420	37444	04-02	304	05-60587	2	16	16	65	1561	99	41	95	53	99	-0.26	-0.08					12	99	2.67	Y
3	1963	99	37444	SWISS DREAM JETWAY UNA	95-12	35398	33389	00-04	283	05-60587	3	22	22	73	1725	99	41	95	56	99	-0.34	-0.11					11	99	2.93	Y
4	1931	99	8444664	SWISS DREAM EMERALD SONIA	01-02	40646	40495	05-10	298	05-60587	3	24	24	67	1211	98	76	99	63	99	0.32	0.18					4	69	3.07	Y
5	1889	99	39913	GUBELMAN GORDON DORA	98-10	38976	38086	02-06	276	05-16474	2	15	15	70	1051	95	75	99	59	99	0.39	0.21					7	93	2.98	Y
6	1881	99	9331433	KAMA GORDON ITALI	01-02	38976		05-07	286	05-02715	3	23	23	62	2222	99	79	99	68	99	-0.12	-0.18					3	63	3.01	Y
7	1841	99	10034538	SWISS DREAM DENMARK KARIN	00-12	39420	38524	04-08	265	05-60587	2	16	16	64	818	90	50	98	45	98	0.21	0.15					7	91	2.56	Y
8	1820	99	8509217	SPRING ROSE MASCOT PEANUT	02-04	39468	40533	05-07	287	05-31180	2	16	16	59	1069	96	78	99	49	99	0.42	0.08					2	57	2.90	Y
9	1816	99	10036137	CASTEL DENMARK CLAUDIA	00-12	39420	DR6956	04-02	287	04-18205	2	17	17	63	957	94	53	98	44	98	0.17	0.08					7	93	2.44	Y
10	1812	99	8377731	GUBELMAN CAMELOT KATIE ET	03-08	40815	38805	06-03	149	05-16474	1	5	5	45	924	93	47	97	40	97	0.12	0.05					4	76	2.92	Y

BREED/RACE: BROWN SWISS

TOP 100 FOREIGN BULLS BY MLPI (MEETING MINIMUM RELIABILITIES)

NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2006

100 MEILLEURS TAUREAUX A L'ETRANGER SELON L'IPVM (CONFORME AU MINIMUM DE LA FIABILITE)

MLPI IPVM	CNTRY PAYS	NUMBER NUMERO	NAME NOM	BIRTH NAISS	SEMEN CODE INT'L	CONT CONT	DAUS FILLES	HERDS TROUP	REL FIAB	MILK LAIT	FAT GRAS	PROT PROT	FAT% %GRAS	PROT% %PROT	REL FIAB	CONF CONF	MS SM	FL PM	DS PL	SCS CCS	HL DV	
2064	CHE	CHE110121201483	PETERS' TOP ZOLDO ZEUS	1999	0196BS10295	0200	88	83	81	1063	52	41	0.10	0.04	59	8	12	1			2.53	3.33
1947	ITA	ITA24000009299	PAEZZA DENM EARN SCIPIO ET	1999			35	32	62	1006	67	50	0.32	0.18	54	10	9	0			3.15	3.15
1838	CHE	CHE120008581270	HANNY SWISS ACE WAGOR *TM	2000	0196BS11288	0200	119	112	81	749	59	41	0.36	0.18	61	7	11	1			2.86	3.15
1834	USA	USA194882	BLESSING BANKER AGENDA ET	2000	0007BS00766	0007	95	82	84	559	61	38	0.49	0.23	70	9	9	2			2.68	3.09
1829	DEA	DEU808379326	VINOZAK	1995			1732	1038	88	1002	59	55	0.22	0.24	55	-2	9	1			2.86	2.98
1730	DEA	CAN40724	SUN-MADE GAR BRO PRONTO ET	1995	0011BS00594	0011	2004	1024	91	862	46	31	0.13	0.01	76	5	6	9			2.83	3.44
1720	ITA	ITA21000782330	SUPERBROWN RUD ZASTER ET *TM	1999			80	77	71	1311	35	38	-0.23	-0.10	60	10	13	5			3.20	3.20
1715	CHE	USA193857	HARTS ELEVATION TWIN	1999			79	74	80	333	42	38	0.37	0.34	59	8	8	3			2.78	3.13
1705	CHE	CHE110496093744	PAUL-ET	1997			92	68	82	570	26	24	0.03	0.05	59	8	11	11			2.72	3.44
1679	USA	USA196031	EMIC GORD BEAMER *TW	1999			50	33	76	410	52	54	0.45	0.51	64	4	3	-1			2.70	3.03

COLOURED BREED HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 2006 CDN

Brown Swiss Experience Calm Release

Blessing Prophet Ransom (Prophet x Ensign) changes little and keeps his hold onto #1 LPI as Gubelman Denmark Daniel (Denmark x Gordon) challenges with an increase of 95 points from #6 to # 2 LPI. Harts Elm Park Eskimo (Ensign x Emory) also makes a climb from #13 to #8 LPI due to an increase of 184 points. The highest arrival on the LPI list this round is R Hart Christians Champ Twin at #39 LPI. Champ was first proven in the US and is a maternal brother to Christians

Ace (#3 LPI), Denmark (#4 LPI) and Christians Pride (#33 LPI). A maternal brother to their dam, Cartoon, completes the Top 5 LPI list at #5 this round. The water is calm on the cow side as well with the Top 5 LPI remaining the same group, namely Kruses Prelude Florida ET (#1 LPI), Swiss Dream Denmark Unita (#2 LPI), Swiss Dream Jetway Una (#3 LPI, Unita's dam), Swiss Dream Emerald Sonia (#4 LPI) and Gubelman Gordon Dora (#5 LP). Two cows amongst the Top 10 LPI increase nicely with Kama Gordon Itali moving from #10 to #6 LPI and Gubelman Camelot Katie ET jumping from #19 to #10 LPI.

INFORMATION FROM NEW GENERATION GENETICS

News of the run:

54BS374 VIGOR- debuts in the Top 10 U.S. Net Merit list! We are extremely excited about what we see from this unique President son of E-93 Even Victoria. His milking daughters in Switzerland look great! With a pedigree stack of the 2 best Productive Life bulls, he is a rising star for longevity, SCS and Udder Composite. He also provides solid production and reasonable components. Watch for many additional daughters in February!

206BS10 BEAMER- Undisputed Net Merit leader! If Net Merit is the value that a cow creates for her owner, then BEAMER is creating an incredible amount of value for dairymen milking his daughters. His production levels are tough to beat: massive protein and fat, high DPR and SCS all with nearly 600 pounds of milk.

54BS316 JOLT- despite his slight slip, Jolt remains tied for #1 Active Type bull with second crop daughters! Unfortunately, as bulls get more daughters they move to the middle. There are only 6 second crop bulls higher than Jolt for type! JOLT is resisting those trends better than most. With 70% more daughters, most early first lactation, volatility is expected. He made significant improvements for both SCS and Productive Life. Watch for lots more daughters in the coming couple runs & and his emergence as the most complete of the second crop bulls.

54BS330 DENVER- Looks as sexy as ever! YES we have sexed DENVER semen, which makes him one of few proven bulls and by far the highest type bull that has been offered. No more settling for a young sire, or bull you are not certain you want to use. His early second crop are calving, and reports are good.

54BS317 TD- TD continues his quiet march up the production list, while maintaining his breed leading Productive Life and Type scores. He now ranks 18th for Net Merit! He also received his first milking speed score coming in at just above breed average at 101.

SELECT SIRES' BROWN SWISS DAMS AND DAUGHTERS PERFORM WELL AT WORLD DAIRY EXPO

PLAIN CITY, Ohio, Oct. 24, 2006 - At the 2006 World Dairy Expo (WDE) Central National Brown Swiss Show, Madison, Wis., Old Mill E Snickerdoodle (EX-94-2E-EX-MS), exhibited by Allen Bassler Jr., Upperville, Va., once again took home impressive honors. This four-time WDE grand champion was named reserve grand champion and first place component merit cow this year. A five-time All-American, she was the 2003 WDE supreme champion of all breeds. With such an impressive purple-ribbon legacy, it's no surprise that Snickerdoodle is the dam to elite Showcase Selections(TM) bull 7BS796 Old Mill WDE SUPREME ET, now available to all Brown Swiss breeders. Showcase Selections bulls are chosen based on elite pedigrees and show-winning results and SUPREME fits this bill perfectly with tall, long, dairy and stylish daughters.

First spring yearling went to Hills Valley Dyn Perspect ET, owned by Chad Nolan, Chad Lundgren and Star Struck Show Cattle, Pleasant Hope, Mo. She is sired by 7BS750 Hilltop Acres EN DYNASTY ET*TM. Oak Forest Eagle Chris ET, owned by Voegeli Farms and Adrian Zuecher, Monticello, Wis. was second in the dry cow class. She is contracted by Select Sires and is the maternal sister to new release 7BS769 Oak Forest Ace CHRIS ET*TM. Based in Plain City, Ohio, Select Sires Inc., is North America's largest A.I. organization and is comprised of 10 farmer-owned and -controlled cooperatives. As the industry leader, it provides highly fertile semen as well as excellence in service and programs to achieve its basic objective of supplying dairy and beef producers with North America's best genetics at a reasonable price.

PLAIN CITY, Ohio, Oct. 30, 2006 - Need more Jersey, Brown Swiss or Guernsey heifers from elite highly proven bulls? It's possible with Select Sires' ever-growing gender SELECTed(TM) lineup. With an expanding list of bulls backed by industry-leading research and experience, you can trust that Select's gender SELECTed sires offer customer satisfaction while producing 90 percent or more heifer calves. No other A.I. organization in the world can match the comprehensive lineup and outstanding heifer ratio that Select Sires is proud to provide. Breed-leading Brown Swiss Now Available, gender SELECTed

The Brown Swiss gender SELECTed lineup maintains its strength with breed leaders 7BS758 Triangle Acres POLLYDEN ET, 7BS766 Blessing Banker AGENDA ET*TM and 7BS761 Triangle Acres Pol POLO ET. POLLYDEN is a triple threat, leading Brown Swiss for Milk at +1,622 (80% Rel.) and ranking among the top-5

in the breed for Protein (+57) and Fat (+56). He also scores well for PTI (+229 74% Rel.) with daughters that excel in body depth. AGENDA*TM produces profitability, ranking No. 2 in the breed for Fat at +.15% and +70 pounds (84% Rel.). In addition, AGENDA is No. 3 among Brown Swiss for PTI-M at +219 (77% Rel.) and he improves Type at +0.7. POLO is a balanced-breeding specialist, combining beautiful udders (+0.20 UDC) and components (+.01%, +31F +.01%, +26P 85% Rel.).

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DNA: MAPPING THE FUTURE!

In August 2006, the sequencing of the entire bovine genome was completed. This incredible achievement means that scientists worldwide now know the sequence of the 2.7 billion bases that make up the bovine genome. In terms of identifying the exact position and orientation on specific chromosomes, these scientists have about 85% of the bovine genome assembled in long stretches with the remaining 15% representing gaps between these sections. Where will this knowledge take the Canadian dairy cattle improvement industry in the future?

DNA is the Key

Knowing the exact sequence of the bovine genome is the first step on the road to more efficient genetic improvement programs in the future. This knowledge, in itself, is rather limited without also knowing how each gene is associated with the dairy cow's performance for traits of importance. What good is it to know that genes are sequenced A, B, C and D if we have no idea what traits are affected by the different variants or mutations in each of these genes? Therefore, a critical second step for accurate genetic selection programs in the future will be the collection of DNA samples and accurate performance information from every dairy animal in the Canadian population. It is well known that each animal's DNA is unique and related animals are expected to have closer DNA profiles compared to unrelated ones. DNA carries the genetic make-up of each animal, of which half is transmitted at random to its progeny. Even when two animals possess the same gene there may be different stimulators that affect the expression of that gene from animal to animal. This partially explains why cloned animals may not always have the exact same phenotype (i.e.: what we can see) as their original source animal even though the two are genetically identical. Due to the importance of DNA profiling, industry partners have launched a pilot project for collecting DNA from selected Holsteins using an ear tagging system. The project is led by Holstein Canada in cooperation with The Semex Alliance, Bova-Can Parentage Testing Inc., CanWest DHI and Valacta. The federal government is providing partial funding through the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Program. Should the proposed ear tagging system for collecting DNA samples be deemed successful, it is not a far stretch when the day will be here whereby DNA is automatically collected on every calf at birth, analyzed for at least parentage confirmation and stored in a national DNA bank and computer database. This is a vital component of a visionary document that was recently discussed amongst industry leaders in Canada that addressed the need for more structured research and development in the area of dairy cattle genetic and genomics. DNA will undoubtedly also play a critical role in the establishment of a world leading animal traceability system since each animal's DNA can easily be linked from birth through its entire lifetime, even after slaughter.

What is Genomics?

Genomics is the study of how the genome of an organism (in this case the dairy cow) is structured and how the genes and their controlling elements function indi-

vidually and in concert with each other to produce the observed phenotype. Simply stated, genomics research is aimed at establishing links between genes and phenotypic performance for traits of interest.

Early work in the area of dairy cattle genomics tried to find the genes that had a major effect in dairy cattle production. In the end, this approach provided more knowledge of genetic anomalies such as DUMPS, BLAD and CVM rather than important desirable traits such as production, reproduction and health, which are controlled by many genes. The use of Quantitative Trait Loci (QTLs) aims at mapping the location of a few genes that have a moderate to large effect since they explain significant levels of the variation observed within the population for the trait of interest. A very promising technology that is now heavily used is a process that searches for variants or mutations (called SNPs) within the whole genome sequence. These variants are scientifically called Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms, or SNPs for short, and so far over two million have been identified within the bovine genome as part of the international sequencing initiative. The basic concept underlying this novel approach is quite straightforward. Using laboratory equipment, tests are done to associate SNPs along the entire genome with trends in variation for specific traits within the population. Once these associations are established then the DNA from individual animals can be genotyped to determine if they are desirable for these traits or not. Since DNA can be collected at birth the identification of elite animals with "proven" superior genetics can theoretically be done with reasonable accuracy at that stage of their life rather than waiting for their own performance (cows) or that of their progeny (sires).

Accurate Data Collection Remains Vital

The ability of genomics approaches to increase the accuracy of genetic selection decisions made very early in an animal's lifetime depends highly on the associations that can be established between the SNPs and the observed variation in the population. These links will rely heavily on the accurate collection of performance data for all dairy animals in the herd. While well-structured breed improvement programs, including animal identification, herdbook registration, artificial insemination, young sire sampling, milk recording and type classification, have served the Canadian dairy industry well, the importance of complete and accurate data recording will be amplified as we move into the field of genomics for genetic evaluation and selection. This will be especially true for traits of high economic importance but low genetic variation such as reproductive performance, disease resistance and longevity.

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Provincial Brown Swiss Club Reports

Ontario

Ontario News October 2006

Hello, Brown Swiss breeders. We have said good-bye to summer and are looking forward to our Ontario Annual General Meeting and Christmas. Brown Swiss breeders had an excellent show at the Kincardine Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 2, with twenty-six head of Brown Swiss being judged by Mr. Bob McNeil. Prizes were presented by Brown Swiss Miss Marina Signer. Ernst and Stefan Gubelmann were the Premier Breeders and Exhibitors, as well as showing Grand Champion Gubelman Banker Dixie and Reserve Grand Gubelman Conan Danielle. Gubelmans placed first in three calf classes and in the three and four year old and mature cow classes.

The Junior Champion Heifer was Norbella Banker Lady, shown by Mark McLean. Dun Rovin Acres Victoria received honourable mention in the Champion Class and Best Udder, and Dun Rovin showed the second place Breeders' Herd. Bronze Haven Farms showed a full string, including the first place two year old and the second place mature cow. Congratulations to all exhibitors.

The O.B.S.A. presents production awards at the Annual General Meeting. This year's winners are: Walter Von Ah for the Highest B.C.A. of 275 on 16 completed records; Gubelmann Brown Swiss in the category of over 25 Records, with a B.C.A. of 257 on 45 completed records. Stephen and Jen Henhoeffler, Spring Rose Farms had the most improved B.C.A. on 45 completed records with an improvement of 7.7 points.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe winter and a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Tracy Reid, Secretary Treasurer, Ont. Brown Swiss Assoc.

Manitoba

Manitoba Brown Swiss Association Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 81 people gathered at Drumhaggart Ltd. where John and Corina Coulter were hosting THE picnic. After an excellent lunch with meatballs, hot dogs and numerous exciting salads, we indulged ourselves with a delicious assortment of desserts. All the ladies deserve a big round of applause for their effort. When everyone had their fill we had a contest. Each farm/family had to answer 20 interesting, unique and even complicated questions. Great fun was had by all! The most enthusiastic participant was Piggy Pete (Peter Peters), who lay down in the pig pen to determine how many males and how many females were present! We have pictures to prove it. Everyone agreed that the chicken crossed the road to get to the other side. And did you know that Alexandra Grayram invented the telephone and that there are 12 ways to spell "aurora borealis"? Crikside Farm thought they did really well, but only managed to get honorable mention. Third prize of a small gift basket was won by the Van Den Bosch family. Second prize was won by Anna and Marissa Kaegi (Corina's nieces), they received a medium gift basket for their efforts. The grand prize, of a large gift basket and 3 straws of Forest Lawn Simon Jetway semen, was won by a lone man, wondering around estimating some of his answers and convincing young children to give him their answers. Yes, you guessed it, it was Fred Mathys from Swiss Dream Farm Ltd. Congratulations to everyone. John and Corina enjoyed the company of their fellow Brown Swiss breeders, family and friends.

Submitted by, Corina Coulter

2006 Excellents (January - November 2006)

Reg.	Name		Class	Owner	Address
0000036988	NOR BELLA BLEND SARAH	06/05/05	EX-5E- 95	Norval McConnell,	Kincardine, ON
0000034388	SHADY LANE SWISS LASS	06/08/29	EX-5E- 90	Barrie A & Diane Drummond,	Shawville, PQ
0000038223	EVENTIDE JETWAY ROYALTY	06/09/07	EX-4E- 94	Edencrest Swiss,	Elmwood, ON
0000037962	CRIKSIDE STELLA	06/02/14	EX-4E- 91	Crikside Farms,	Woodmore, MB
0000039532	SHADY LANE SWISS RHSE ELLIE	06/08/29	EX-4E- 91	Barrie A & Diane Drummond,	Shawville, PQ
0000037851	SWISS LAND MAGNIFIC JESSALYN	06/11/06	EX-3E- 92	Ferme Simmabec Inc.,	St-Valérien, PQ
0000040123	BERJOUR JETWAY JEWELINE ET	06/08/22	EX-3E- 91	Claude Bergeron,	St-Flavien, PQ
0000040284	NOR BELLA JETWAY SOLO	06/09/14	EX-3E- 91	Norval McConnell,	Kincardine, ON
0000040409	SWISS LAND PETE DUFFY ET	06/10/30	EX-3E- 91	Jeannot & Lise Desharnais,	Chesterville, PQ
0000040494	POPLAR OAK VALENCIA	06/05/18	EX-3E- 91	Morsan Farms Ltd,	Ponoka, AB
0000041079	NOR BELLA JASON DESIRE	06/09/14	EX-3E- 91	Norval McConnell,	Kincardine, ON
0000039723	DUN ROVIN ACRES JETWAY VIOLET	06/09/14	EX-3E- 90	Dun Rovin Acres Ltd,	Kincardine, ON
0000040203	SHADY LANE SWISS FLSJ BONI	06/08/29	EX-3E- 90	Barrie A & Diane Drummond,	Shawville, PQ
0000041319	EDENCREST KING MOLLY	06/01/13	EX-3E- 90	Edencrest Swiss,	Elmwood, ON
0000041444	DUN ROVIN ACRES PROPHET LILA	06/01/18	EX-3E- 90	Dun Rovin Acres Ltd,	Kincardine, ON
0000875793	BO JOY ENSIGN EILEEN	06/09/18	EX-3E- 90	Four Oak Farms,	Kleefeld, MB
0010034075	GUBELMAN CONAN DANIELLE	06/08/29	EX-3E- 90	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
DR00005896	VIADUC ENSIGN ETINA	06/06/29	EX-3E- 90	Michel Côté,	St-Augustin de Desmaures, PQ
0000041072	NOR BELLA JETWAY TABITHA	06/05/05	EX-2E- 93	Norval McConnell,	Kincardine, ON
0000041660	CRIKSIDE ERICA	06/09/19	EX-2E- 91	Crikside Farms,	Woodmore, MB
0008026789	GUBELMAN DENMARK INGRID	06/05/11	EX-2E- 91	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
0010034030	APPLEGROVE JETWAY COCOA ET	06/09/21	EX-2E- 91	Morsan Farms Ltd,	Ponoka, AB
0000038147	SHADY LANE SWISS BLOSSOM	06/08/29	EX-2E- 90	Barrie A & Diane Drummond,	Shawville, PQ
0000040379	SWISS DREAM GORDON OLMA	06/05/20	EX-2E- 90	Swiss Dream Farm,	Wawanesa, MB
0000041564	GUBELMAN FRED MIRACLE	06/01/11	EX-2E- 90	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
0008026817	GUBELMAN ACE TEXAS	06/08/29	EX-2E- 90	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
0010034609	DUN ROVIN ACRES JETWAY ANNETT	06/01/18	EX-2E- 90	Geoffrey McConnell,	Kincardine, ON
0010034677	SPRING ROSE MONACO BAMBI	06/03/21	EX-2E- 90	Stephen Henhoeffler,	Ayr, ON
0008377667	GUBELMAN BANKER DIXIE	06/08/29	EX - 92	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
0000041676	SWISS DREAM DENMARK UNITA	06/05/20	EX - 91	Swiss Dream Farm,	Wawanesa, MB
000884309	MAYCCO FINELEE ET	06/03/09	EX - 91	May Farm,	Hornby, ON
0008646311	CRIKSIDE TRUDAWN	06/02/14	EX - 91	Crikside Farms,	Woodmore, MB
0010035151	SWISS DREAM DENMARK URIANNE ET	06/05/20	EX - 91	Swiss Dream Farm,	Wawanesa, MB
0100755048	ANFIELD STAR DIAMOND ET	06/10/25	EX - 91	Markus Mueller,	Huntingdon, PQ
0000036573	SWISS DREAM JETWAY URSULA	06/05/20	EX - 90	Swiss Dream Farm,	Wawanesa, MB
0000195653	KULP GEN ZOLDOS VICTORY ET	06/08/30	EX - 90	The Semex Alliance,	Guelph, ON
0007299109	ANFIELD ENSIGN ROXY ET	06/07/14	EX - 90	Markus Mueller,	Huntingdon, PQ
0007299124	ANFIELD COLLECT TITANIC ET	06/07/14	EX - 90	Markus Mueller,	Huntingdon, PQ
0008377677	GUBELMANN REGGIANO GINA	06/08/29	EX - 90	Ernst Gubelmann,	Walton, ON
0008646312	CRIKSIDE NICKEL	06/05/23	EX - 90	Crikside Farms,	Woodmore, MB
0008743267	DUN ROVIN ACRES BANJO'S REGAL	06/01/18	EX - 90	Dun Rovin Acres Ltd,	Kincardine, ON
0009359292	EVENTIDE DUKE DAISY	06/09/07	EX - 90	Edencrest Swiss,	Elmwood, ON
0010033837	SHADY LANE SWISS FLSJ TAMMY	06/08/29	EX - 90	Barrie A & Diane Drummond,	Shawville, PQ
0010034308	SWISS LAND CAMELOT BRIDGETTA	06/10/30	EX - 90	Jeannot & Lise Desharnais,	Chesterville, PQ
0010034962	ELISCHWAND CARTOON HELEN	06/01/06	EX - 90	Moritz Roth,	Clinton, ON

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NOVEMBER 2006 BROWN SWISS EVALUATIONS

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Taureaux Brown Swiss Bulls

Newly Proven Bulls by LPI		Top 5 LPI Bulls					Bulls with Big LPI Change		Sires of Top 25 LPI Bulls (Average LPI)					
Nouvellement Éprouvés selon IPV		5 Meilleurs selon l'IPV					Taureaux avec changement d'IPV important		Pères des 25 Meilleurs (Moyenne d'IPV)					
39	CHAMP TWIN	312	1	ALTARANSOM	+	1298	PRESIDENT	-224	365	JETWAY (M)	16% 850			
50	CHESTER	204	2	DANIEL	+	1125	ESKIMO	+184	997	PROPHET	12% 1011			
			3	ACE	-	1119								
			4	DENMARK	-	1084								
			5	CARTOON	-	1053								
Milk / Lait (kg)		Fat / Gras (kg)					Protein / Protéine (kg)					Conformation		
1	ALTARANSOM	- 1220	1	DOMINATE	+	54	1	GORDON	+	36	1	ESKIMO	0	12
2	DOMINATE	- 1171	2	JEMSTONE	-	50	1	DOMINATE	+	36	1	STARBUCK	+	12
3	PROPHET	- 1002	3	MASCOT	+	47	3	BRANDON	+	32	3	DANIEL	-	10
4	MASCOT	+ 831	4	ZOLDO	+	43	4	MASCOT	+	30	3	JADE	+	10
5	PRELUDE	- 759	5	GORDON	+	41	5	ALTARANSOM	-	29	5	CARTOON	0	9

Vaches Brown Swiss Cows

Top 5 LPI Cows		Sires of Top 400 LPI Cows					Dams of Top 400 LPI Cows		New Top LPI Cows					
5 Meilleures Vaches selon l'IPV		Pères des 400 Meilleures selon l'IPV					Mères des 400 Meilleures selon l'IPV		Meilleures Nouvelles Vaches selon l'IPV					
1	KRUSES PRELUDE FLORIDA ET	+ 2377	DENMARK	15.50%	1160	SWISS DREAM JETWAY UNA	5	109	CLEARCREST CARTOON HILLARY	1253				
2	SWISS DREAM DENMARK UNITA	+ 2051	CARTOON	11.25%	1094	GUBELMAN GORDON DORA	5	122	SWISS DREAM COLBY GRACE ET	1205				
3	SWISS DREAM JETWAY UNA	+ 1963	JETWAY (M)	7.25%	1120	POPLAR OAK CRYSTAL	5	131	GUBELMAN DENMARK DOLLY	1183				
4	SWISS DREAM EMERALD SONIA	- 1931	PRELUDE	3.75%	1317	MAPLEYARD EVEN VIXIE	4	137	GUBELMAN BRINKS MOLLY	1174				
5	GUBELMAN GORDON DORA	+ 1889						142	SWISS DREAM URANO KARINA	1161				
Milk / Lait (kg)		Fat / Gras (kg)					Protein / Protéine (kg)					Conformation		
1	POPLAR OAK CALEY	- 2549	1	KRUSES PRELUDE FLORIDA ET	0	82	1	KAMA GORDON ITALI	+	68	1	POPLAR OAK CRYSTAL	+	14
2	KAMA GORDON ITALI	+ 2222	2	KAMA GORDON ITALI	0	79	2	SWISS DREAM GORDON ULICIA ET	+	66	1	ISIDORE STARBUCK SAHARA ET	0	14
3	GUBELMAN COLLECTION SNOWWHITE	+ 1987	3	SPRING ROSE MASCOT PEANUT	0	78	3	POPLAR OAK CALEY	-	65	3	TOP SWISS STARBUCK SWISSIE	+	13
4	SPRING ROSE PR FLOSSY	- 1931	4	SWISS DREAM EMERALD SONIA	-	76	4	SWISS DREAM EMERALD SONIA	-	63				
5	GUBELMAN CONAN IONA	- 1915	4	TOP SWISS DOTSON JESSEY	0	76	5	KRUSES PRELUDE FLORIDA ET	0	62				

Production Records (January - November 2006) Ranked by Composite Fat & Protein

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1. GUBELMAN EARNHART DARLENE ET (GP) -7409968- (R HART EC EARNHART ET-GUBELMAN GORDON DORA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 9 10653 434 4.07 380 3.57
2. GUBELMAN PRESIDENT INEZ (GP) -8377726- (LOST ELM PRESIDENT ET-GUBELMAN CONAN IONA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	356 +96 356 +95 362 +98 1 11 9161 363 3.96 331 3.61 297 +39 288 +26 306 +45
3. GUBELMAN CARTOON VICKY (VG) -8377725- (R HART CARTOON ET-GUBELMAN PLAYBOY VERONA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 11 8587 364 4.24 308 3.59 280 +21 289 +26 288 +26
4. GUBELMAN PRESIDENT INDIANA (GP) -8377733- (LOST ELM PRESIDENT ET-GUBELMAN GORDON IRMA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 11 9843 306 3.11 355 3.61 319 +59 241 -20 329 +65
5. GUBELMAN HUSJUP BIANCA (G) -8377727- (HUSJUP-MC COY GITAN BINKA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 11 8328 345 4.14 307 3.69 270 +11 274 +11 284 +22
6. GUBELMAN PRESIDENT DAZZLE (GP) -7409972- (LOST ELM PRESIDENT ET-GUBELMAN PARAQ DANA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 11 11326 311 2.75 368 3.25 349 +79 234 -30 323 +51
7. KAMA EAGLE INGA (GP) -9399395- (R HART EC EAGLE ET-KAMA GORDON ITALI)Katharina Andrist, AB	1 10 9249 355 3.84 327 3.54 284 +46 267 +39 287 +56
8. GUBELMAN EXCITE DAPHNE (VG) -8377728- (R HART PROTEIN EXCITE ET-GUBELMAN CONAN DANIELLE)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	1 11 8541 339 3.97 300 3.51 277 +0 269 +0 278 +0
9. PLEASANT VIEW EARNEST MORMISS (G) -9399407- (R BAY EMORYS EARNEST T- PLEASANT VIEW MISS 3G)Katharina Andrist, AB	1 11 8732 323 3.70 309 3.54 285 +37 256 +33 289 +51
10. PLEASANT VIEW EARNEST MEGHAN (G) -9399406- (R BAY EMORYS EARNEST T- PLEASANT VIEW MISS 17E)Katharina Andrist, AB	1 11 9003 311 3.45 307 3.41 294 +46 247 +24 287 +49

Junior 2 Yr Old

1. EDENRIDGE MASCOT LISA (G) -8803087- (MISA JETWAY MASCOT ET-EDENRIDGE SUPREME LISA 2)Morsan Farms Ltd, AB	2 3 12162 415 3.41 390 3.21 374 +96 317 +50 342 +80
2. SWISS DREAM VANCE GINA ET (GP) -8444753- (BUCKEYE KNOLL PRESTO VANCE-SWISS DREAM PATRICK GLENDA)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	2 1 9434 434 4.60 367 3.89 289 +40 326 +69 322 +67
3. MAPLE BOOM ESTHER () -8815161- (LYNDALE EMORY EMERALD ET-)Rimann's Maple Boom Farm, ON	2 2 10422 498 4.78 345 3.31 304 +39 356 +93 288 +32
4. MON PARADIS LITTLE CHAMP (GP) -101374479- (R HART CHRISTIANS CHAMP TWIN-MON PARADIS JET STARBRITE)Ferme Mon Paradis l'Isle-Verte Inc., PQ	2 0 9782 428 4.38 344 3.52 304 +52 327 +49 307 +48
5. ROSELANE JEMSTONE LINDA (G) -9308786- (R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET-ROSELANE PLAYBOY LEONA ET)Roselane Farm, AB	2 3 10328 432 4.18 369 3.57 306 +0 315 +0 313 +0
6. SWISS DREAM PRES UNIQUE ET (GP) -8806468- (LOST ELM PRESIDENT ET-SWISS DREAM JETWAY UNA)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	2 1 9200 387 4.21 355 3.86 291 +40 305 +44 320 +63
7. GUBELMAN EAGLE UREKA (GP) -8377711- (R HART EC EAGLE ET-GUBELMAN ZOLDO URANIA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	2 2 11001 390 3.55 381 3.46 336 +81 293 +33 331 +74
8. EASTWIND ACE ANNABELL (VG) -8729548- (R HART CHRISTIANS ACE ET-)Heidi & Walter Von Ah, ON	2 0 9949 399 4.01 333 3.35 314 +54 309 +36 300 +40
9. POPLAR OAK JETWAY COURTNEY (GP) -8837092- (FOREST LAWN SIMON JETWAY ET-POPLAR OAK COURTNEY ET)Morsan Farms Ltd, AB	2 0 8732 404 4.63 317 3.63 280 +3 316 +53 291 +28
10. GUBELMAN COLLECTION BRITTANY (GP) -8377719- (R HART BC COLLECTION-GUBELMAN ZOLDO BRANDY)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	2 1 9444 406 4.30 325 3.44 298 +43 313 +54 293 +37

Senior 2 Yr Old

1. GUBELMAN BANKER DIXIE (EX) -8377667- (BLESSING AYTOLA BANKER-GUBELMAN TOP ROX DOLLY)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	2 11 13731 510 3.71 452 3.29 380 +121 347 +84 359 +97
2. MOROCO CUBE MICHE (G) -100742832- (R HART CHILLERS CUBE-MOROCO LORENZO KARA)Ferme Sabono, PQ	2 9 13182 465 3.53 422 3.20 363 +163 316 +126 332 +143
3. SWISS KINE PR LOUELLA (GP) -8486558- (JOHANN PETE ROSE ET-SWISS KINE ELEVATOR LOUISE)Morsan Farms Ltd, AB	2 7 12717 464 3.65 395 3.11 357 +72 322 +58 316 +50
4. KAMA DENMARK DORIA (VG) -9399392- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-KAMA JETWAY DIANA)Katharina Andrist, AB	2 7 9973 419 4.20 359 3.60 291 +30 304 +66 300 +50
5. MAPLE BOOM ARIANE () -8637258- (R HART CHRISTIANS ACE ET-)Rimann's Maple Boom Farm, ON	2 6 10871 431 3.96 363 3.34 309 +35 304 +36 295 +32
6. GUBELMANN REGGIANO GINA (VG) -8377677- (AYTOLA TIT REGGIANO-LORELDI GOLDA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	2 10 10324 419 4.06 357 3.46 289 +30 289 +26 286 +24
7. GUBELMAN CARTOON UTAH ET (GP) -8377665- (R HART CARTOON ET-OAKLOT CONTRACTOR UTILITY)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	2 10 10773 437 4.06 358 3.32 292 +40 293 +31 278 +22
8. SPRING ROSE JEMSTONE BRIDEL ET (GP) -8509233- (R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET-NOR L BRIDIE)Stephen Henhoeffler, ON	2 10 9254 403 4.35 339 3.66 261 +39 280 +49 273 +50
9. DUN ROVIN ACRES GORDON ALICE (GP) -8743283- (WESTLEY MATT GORDON-DUN ROVIN ACRES JETWAY ANNETT)Geoffrey McConnell, ON	2 6 9733 391 4.02 329 3.38 277 +73 275 +56 267 +63
10. DERRY WAY BERNADETTE'S KRISSEY () -10035829- (SUN-MADE GARBRO PARAQ TWIN-DERRY WAY WENDY'S BERNADETTE)William G. Butler, ON	2 9 10554 389 3.69 365 3.46 281 +0 256 +0 279 +0

Junior 3 Yr Old

1. GUBELMAN DOMINATE MARIA (VG) -8377676- (HILLTOP ACRES PR DOMINATE ET-GUBELMAN EARNHART MOCCA)Marco Pfister, ON	3 0 11347 586 5.16 397 3.50 315 +0 404 +0 315 +0
2. MON PARADIS EDEN STARBUCK (VG) -8263051- (MORT JADE STARBUCK-MON PARADIS AYTOLA KAKI)Ferme Mon Paradis l'Isle-Verte Inc., PQ	3 3 11326 542 4.79 434 3.83 284 +9 339 +33 310 +27
3. DRUMHAGGART MAP PRELUDE LADY (GP) -8338451- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-DRUMHAGGART J KING LUCAINN ET)Morsan Farms Ltd, AB	3 4 12996 518 3.99 423 3.25 338 +62 332 +65 313 +55
4. EASTWIND BANKER BARBI (GP) -8559000- (BLESSING AYTOLA BANKER-EASTWIND DENMARK DORLI ET)Heidi & Walter Von Ah, ON	3 2 10839 481 4.44 409 3.77 295 +29 323 +42 317 +52
5. GUBELMAN GORDON DAPHNE (VG) -8377643- (WESTLEY MATT GORDON-GUBELMAN SAM DARLEN ET)Daetwyler Farms Ltd., ON	3 3 11324 512 4.52 421 3.72 290 +65 328 +81 307 +72
6. SPRING ROSE MASCOT PEANUT (GP) -8509217- (MISA JETWAY MASCOT ET-SPRING ROSE CARTOON PRISCILLA)Big Spring Farms Ltd, ON	3 2 10016 480 4.79 372 3.71 273 +50 327 +97 291 +68
7. SPRING ROSE CHIME BAMBI (GP) -8509267- (ROLLING VIEW JETWAY CHIME ET-SPRING ROSE ELEVATOR BAILY)Big Spring Farms Ltd, ON	3 2 9756 463 4.75 360 3.69 266 +46 315 +92 281 +67
8. GUBELMAN JUBIL LUNA ET (GP) -8377673- (ROLLING VIEW JUBILATION ET-ABBY LEIGH DOTSON LUCY)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	3 0 10267 449 4.37 360 3.51 282 +24 305 +43 283 +22
9. SWISS KINE HORIZON TAYLOR (VG) -8486541- (LA RAINBOW SWEET HORIZON-SWISS KINE STAR TRULY)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	3 2 11317 468 4.14 378 3.34 295 +44 304 +44 282 +26
10. CLEARCREST PARAQ NOVABELLE (VG) -8571025- (SUN-MADE GARBRO PARAQ TWIN-KIM-KRIS MILA)Harold & Marsha Jelinski, ON	3 4 10611 444 4.18 376 3.54 280 +64 290 +64 283 +68

Senior 3 Yr Old

1. EDENRIDGE DUKE TAMMY (G) -9359280- (EDENCREST STARBUCK DUKE-EDENRIDGE BRANDON POLKA)Morsan Farms Ltd, AB	3 6 13261 500 3.77 448 3.38 350 +77 327 +62 337 +81
2. SWISS DREAM DENMARK KARIN (VG) -10034538- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-SWISS DREAM PROPHET KESSY)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	3 8 11722 513 4.38 432 3.69 305 +60 331 +76 322 +70
3. MOROCO PRELUDE LOBEL (G) -10035594- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-MOROCO MAGNIFIC ALISON)Ferme Sabono, PQ	3 8 11241 445 3.96 377 3.35 290 +103 285 +109 277 +100

4. GUBELMAN ACE TEXAS (EX) -8026817- (R HART CHRISTIANS ACE ET-GUBELMAN GORDON TERESA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	3 10 11186 416 3.72 401 3.58
5. ROBIN NEST ESKIMO DORIS () -9348060- (HARTS ELM PARK ESKIMO ET-ROBIN NEST PROPHET DAISY)Oscar Bowman, ON	285 +26 263 +0 293 +31 3 11 10501 419 3.99 385 3.67
6. FOUR OAK EMERALD MELODY (G) -7298616- (LYNDALE EMORY EMERALD ET-ST YVES TEQUILLA METIQUA)Four Oak Farms, MB	268 +43 267 +36 281 +62 3 11 9065 443 4.89 355 3.92
7. DES AULNETS PALMY (G) -100768822- (HARTS ELM PARK ESKIMO ET-YLMER CREDIT FLEUR)Ferne des Aulnets (1994) Inc, PQ	232 +35 282 +71 259 +57 3 6 9559 431 4.51 337 3.53
8. GLEN LILAC EMERALD BUBBLES () -7317915- (LYNDALE EMORY EMERALD ET-GLEN LILAC ELEVATOR BELL)Stephen M Higgs, BC	252 +61 284 +79 253 +57 3 6 9502 423 4.45 344 3.62
9. DES AULNETS FOUANY (VG) -10035376- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-DES AULNETS CANNY)Ferne des Aulnets (1994) Inc, PQ	251 +36 276 +60 259 +39 3 8 10503 421 4.01 365 3.48
10. MON PARADIS J LIGHT FAY () -8263064- (FOREST LAWN SIMON JETWAY ET-MON PARADIS PAT LIGHT)Ferne Mon Paradis l'Isle-Verte Inc., PQ	265 +71 265 +59 263 +64 3 8 10352 448 4.33 337 3.26 262 +3 280 +10 244 -16

Junior 4 Yr Old

1. GUBELMAN EMERALD VRENI (VG) -8026815- (LYNDALE EMORY EMERALD ET-MAPLEYARD EVEN VIXIE)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	4 4 13754 662 4.81 521 3.79
2. GUBELMAN BANKER MONALISA (VG) -8026806- (BLESSING AYTOLA BANKER-GUBELMAN ENVY MINDY)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	320 +48 383 +117 345 +70 4 1 12513 537 4.29 484 3.87
3. DUN ROVIN ACRES ZOLDO TAMMY (GP) -10036004- (EMORY TAMMYS ZOLDO *TW-DUN ROVIN ACRES VALU COLLEEN)C Mark McConnell, ON	313 +54 334 +71 346 +84 4 2 11624 546 4.70 409 3.52
4. GUBELMAN JEMSTONE GREDEL (GP) -10034129- (R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET-WEST LAWN SENSATION GIRLA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	284 +81 331 +108 286 +82 4 5 11034 525 4.76 394 3.57
5. GUBELMAN PRELUDE KORA ET (VG) -8026797- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-PETDALE TRADITION KATIE)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	265 +10 314 +55 270 +14 4 0 11464 485 4.23 400 3.49
6. KAMA DENMARK HULDE (GP) -9331438- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-Katharina Andrist, AB	277 +25 292 +30 276 +20 4 2 11129 463 4.16 393 3.53
7. GAHILET GRANAM DEREK (GP) -10035463- (ARTHURST DEREK ET-GAHILET SUZUKI CARTOON)Jeannot & Lise Desharnais, PQ	274 +26 284 +61 277 +39 4 5 13844 451 3.26 435 3.14
8. SPRING ROSE PRELUDE SIERRA ET (GP) -8509191- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-EDENRIDGE SENSATION SANDRA)Big Spring Farms Ltd, ON	318 +94 261 +48 284 +68 4 4 10337 464 4.49 358 3.46
9. MON PARADIS JET STARBRITE (GP) -8263043- (FOREST LAWN SIMON JETWAY ET-MON PARADIS PAT LIGHT)Ferne Mon Paradis l'Isle-Verte Inc., PQ	255 +32 285 +55 252 +29 4 2 11045 473 4.28 373 3.38
10. TOP SWISS SAM MARINA (GP) -8455925- (VICTORY ACRES PROPHET SAM-TOP SWISS GORDON GORDA)Hans Signer, ON	264 +12 283 +5 254 -5 4 1 10591 425 4.01 380 3.59 259 +31 259 +15 266 +34

Senior 4 Yr Old

1. EASTWIND DENMARK DONNA ET (VG) -10033821- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-SWISS LAND EMORY PEBBLES)Heidi & Walter Von Ah, ON	4 8 13004 583 4.48 454 3.49
2. ROSEBANK FRANZ MIMI (VG) -10035042- (GUBELMAN GORDON FRANZ-ROSEBANK CYNAR MIMI)Heidi & Walter Von Ah, ON	299 +39 339 +66 299 +38 4 8 12139 606 4.99 416 3.43
3. GUBELMAN CONAN IONA (VG) -10034086- (GUBELMAN JETWAY CONAN-GUBELMAN ENVY IDA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	281 +18 348 +68 275 +12 4 7 14671 542 3.69 457 3.11
4. GUBELMAN EARNEST PEACH (VG) -8026788- (R BAY EMORYS EARNEST T-LOST ELM JET PRECIOUS ET)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	342 +89 317 +55 305 +49 4 11 11970 570 4.76 434 3.63
5. BERTNOR GOGOUNE KIRI (VG) -10034034- (TANDARA SONIC-BERTNOR CORNEIL GOGOUNE)Ferne Bertnor Inc, PQ	271 -1 322 +56 280 +5 4 7 11151 542 4.86 417 3.74
6. MAPLE BOOM EVELIN () -10034061- (LYNDALE EMORY EMERALD ET-MAPLE BOOM REHLI)Rimann's Maple Boom Farm, ON	255 +43 311 +90 273 +51 4 10 11385 509 4.47 392 3.44
7. SWISS DREAM PRELUDE ORLA (GP) -10034223- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-FERMARIEN ORELIA AYTOLA)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	277 +11 310 +48 272 +19 4 9 11375 445 3.91 401 3.53
8. BERTNOR HARDY KAKI (G) -10034033- (TANDARA SONIC-BERTNOR FANNY HARDY)Ferne Bertnor Inc, PQ	268 +17 263 +3 271 +15 4 7 10793 458 4.24 416 3.85
9. CLEARCREST JEMSTONE DIANNE (GP) -8214299- (R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET-Harold & Marsha Jelinski, ON	246 +34 263 +42 270 +48 4 6 10055 441 4.39 333 3.31
10. YLMER KENDY (P) -10034596- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-YLMER CREDIT FLEUR)Ferne des Aulnets (1994) Inc, PQ	248 +38 272 +54 235 +29 4 7 10800 428 3.96 361 3.34 260 +66 256 +51 249 +51

5 Yr Old

1. KRUSES PRELUDE FLORIDA ET (EX) -10035387- (BETTA VUE EMORY PRELUDE ET-KRUSES GK JADE FANTASY VIX ET)Markus Mueller & Roger Vannod, PQ	5 2 13598 574 4.22 496 3.65
2. EASTWIND DENMARK DORIS ET (VG) -10033819- (R HART TC DENMARK ET-SWISS LAND EMORY PEBBLES)Heidi & Walter Von Ah, ON	315 +119 334 +130 328 +130 5 0 11886 575 4.84 430 3.62
3. GUBELMAN PLAYBOY VERONA (GP) -10034105- (P.F.B. EMORY PLAYBOY ET-MAPLEYARD EVEN VIXIE)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	281 +19 338 +65 291 +32 5 0 11949 458 3.83 443 3.71
4. GUBELMAN CONAN DANIELLE (EX) -10034075- (GUBELMAN JETWAY CONAN-GUBELMAN MATTHEW DEVON ET)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	286 +27 274 +11 303 +41 5 0 12774 470 3.68 416 3.26
5. TOP SWISS GORDON SOMONA (GP) -41137- (WESTLEY MATT GORDON-TOP SWISS STARBUCK SUMMER)Hans Signer, ON	309 +49 285 +24 287 +23 5 5 11765 561 4.77 377 3.20
6. GOULAISE BACH JOLIET (GP) -41411- (DES AULNETS BACH-GOULAISE EMORY BICHE)Ferne Goulaise Inc., PQ	265 +39 319 +75 243 +12 5 11 10642 509 4.78 405 3.81
7. MOROCO BACH KERBA (GP) -10034791- (DES AULNETS BACH-MOROCO PEGASUS FADE)Ferne Sabono, PQ	237 +43 281 +59 258 +50 5 7 13577 498 3.67 412 3.03
8. LITTLE COBB CAM KATIE (VG) -894597- (GEARING'S PATRICK CAMELOT-LITTLE COBB BLEND KAROL)Swiss Dream Farm, MB	301 +82 277 +67 261 +55 5 4 9700 465 4.79 375 3.87
9. TOP SWISS JEM CALANDA (VG) -10034208- (R HART CJ JEMSTONE ET-TOP SWISS CURT CASANA)Hans Signer, ON	232 -19 278 +17 257 +0 5 1 10751 503 4.68 376 3.50
10. SHADY GLEN S SATIN 2 (VG) -8223873- (GLENMOOR BRIETTA BRANDON-MAPLEYARD AYTOLA SILKEN ET)Batesdale Farms, ON	245 +15 284 +41 244 +12 5 0 11574 438 3.78 402 3.47 264 +0 249 +0 263 +0

Mature Cow

1. GUBELMAN GORDON DORA (VG) -39913- (WESTLEY MATT GORDON-GUBELMAN SAM DARLEN ET)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	6 10 14784 637 4.31 559 3.78
2. MAPLEYARD EVEN VIXIE (VG) -37776- (VICTORY ACRES SIMON EVEN ET-MAPLEYARD GENERAL NORMA)Ernst Gubelmann, ON	344 +81 373 +111 373 +105 8 9 13457 572 4.25 494 3.67
3. NOR BELLA SENSATION DIXIE (VG) -38344- (V B SPICES SENSATION-NOR BELLA DOTSON ELAINE)Norval McConnell, ON	304 +49 329 +69 319 +62 8 8 11802 521 4.41 402 3.41
4. ANFIELD ELEVATOR DAYLIGHT (EX) -37409- (R HART STAR ELEVATOR ET-ANFIELD ST PATRICKS DAY)Markus Mueller, PQ	275 +66 308 +91 268 +65 9 2 12981 506 3.90 423 3.26
5. LYNDALE JADE ELITA ET (EX) -37923- (BRIDGE VIEW ELEGANT JADE ET-LYNDALE CONVINCER ELAINE)Markus Mueller, PQ	285 +93 286 +86 266 +72 9 7 13243 437 3.30 457 3.45
6. DES AULNETS KELLY (GP) -35424- (TWIN GATE ANDY ET-DES AULNETS TIBRIN)Ferne des Aulnets (1994) Inc, PQ	302 +115 254 +64 297 +106 9 7 11331 493 4.35 398 3.51
7. ROBIN NEST JETWAY DANDY (EX) -10018653- (FOREST LAWN SIMON JETWAY ET-	259 +51 285 +75 260 +56 7 0 11586 509 4.39 398 3.44

ROBIN NEST SENSATION DOLL)Four Oak Farms, MB
 8. KIM-KRIS RIA (VG) -39374- (TOP ACRES FLT PEGASUS ET-
 MIL-ROS URSA ROSE)Harold & Marsha Jelinski, ON
 9. SPRING ROSE JETWAY BUNS (VG) -40326- (FOREST LAWN SIMON JETWAY ET-
 LORELDO W S BUNNY)Stephen Henhoeffler, ON
 10. HEWITT EVAN CLARISSA (VG) -40890- (LYNDALE COMBINATION EVAN ET-
 HEWITT ELEVATION CLARISSA)Hewitt Creek Farms Ltd, ON

260 +42 289 +55 255 +29
 7 9 11713 497 4.24 394 3.36
 258 +27 279 +55 248 +21
 6 2 11371 457 4.02 383 3.37
 257 +36 260 +32 247 +26
 6 0 10847 419 3.86 379 3.49
 256 +0 248 +0 256 +0

Aged Cow

1. NOR BELLA BLEND SARAH (EX) -36988- (TROUT RUN DISTINCT BLEND-
 NOR BELLA PAUL SUGAR)Norval McConnell, ON

10 7 17761 718 4.04 562 3.16
 402 +194 417 +200 363 +162

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE.....

Rain, rain, go away, come again..... I think there is a nursery rhyme that exemplifies the thoughts of every farmer these last few weeks. Enough is enough! What a struggle to get the harvest done in just about every part of the country. Hopefully you've had a few good days left this year to get into the fields.

I'd like to give you a bit of a summary of the two major shows that took place this fall.

WORLD DAIRY EXPO....Madison Wisconsin

2006 marked the 40th anniversary of World Dairy Expo. The "theme" for this year's show was "Get On Board" a railroad theme with the coliseum decorated as a railway station. And get on board is just what happened with the Brown Swiss Show. Over 360 Brown Swiss were paraded before judge Larry Tande of Medford Minnesota.

There was much speculation and anticipation as to whether previous 4X Grand Champion "Old Mill E Snickerdoodle" would defend her title and become the Champion again in 2006. For all the "problems" she's encountered in the past few years, Snickerdoodle looked great and she would be shown in the "Component Merit Class" and easily handled the competition. However, when it came to Champion, Snickerdoodle would have to settle for the Reserve Champion Banner. A beautifully balanced, exceptional uddered Senior 3 yr old by the name of Sunnyside Colby Twilite exhibited by Jeffrey Boldt of Whitewater Wisconsin would garner not only the Intermediate Championship but, the Grand Championship Banner as well.

Two beautifully developed, well grown winter yearlings would claim the Junior Championship. Ja-Ka Hilary Hillbilly was named Junior Champion for Pat Conroy & Don Rottinghaus of Indiana. Classmate Savage-Leigh Twilite B was reserve for Cory Lewis of Knoxville Maryland.

Premier Breeder was Rex Mort of Indiana while Premier Exhibitor was Elite Dairy, Peter Vail and Ken Main of Kinderhook New York

Premier Sire was Forest Lawn Simon Jetway.

WORLD PREMIER SHOWCASE SALE:

Family members and offspring of Old Mill E Snickerdoodle Ex-94 again topped the sale. Lo-Vi Cook EM Camay-Et a sister of Snickerdoodle topped the sale at \$16,000. Second high of the sale was an embryo package of 5 embryos from Snickerdoodle by a mutually agreeable sire would be purchased by Elm Park Enterprises for \$10,500. 36 Lots in the sale average \$3,942.36.

Royal Winter Fair - 2006

While numbers were down a bit from last year's show, quality of the classes from end to end was probably one of the best we've seen in the Brown Swiss Show. Our judge, Callum McKinven was quite impressed with the quality of all the contestants and he was very complimentary when giving his reasons for placing the classes. This is the first time that Callum has judged our Brown Swiss show and he has now placed every dairy breed at the Royal.

A pair of Cartoon daughters would be named Junior and Reserve Junior Champions. Fragances Cartoon Eva the winning Summer Yearling was named Junior Champion for Ferme Fragances Enr. In reserve position was the winning Senior Yearling, Edencrest Cartoon Lee from Fred & Marian Hopkins.

In the milking classes, it was quality, quality, quality all the way down the line. There were no milking Senior Yearlings in this new class offered this year. In the Junior 2 yr olds, Nor Bella Jetway Portrait would be the winner and best udder in class for Norval McConnell. This well uddered young cow would go on to claim the Intermediate Champion award as well as best udder in the entire show. Second in class was Anfield Collection Janes Eileen from Markus Mueller. Shady Lane Swiss would be one & two in the Sr 2 yr olds with the winner being Shady Lane RHC Kandikane. Shady Lane Swiss Bab Ella was second.

In the 3 year olds, Nor Bella would win again on Nor Bella Dominate Petals. Second prize was claimed by Ferme Goulaise Inc on Swissland Cartoon Betty. In the 4 yr olds, Eventide Duke Daisy would easily claim first prize for Fred & Marian Hopkins. Second would go to Anfield Star Diamond for Markus Mueller. In the 5 year old class Markus Mueller would claim first on Anfield Collect Titanic. Second place went to Lise & Jeannot Desharnais on Swiss Land Camelot Bridgetta. In the final cow class of the day, Dortholme Holsteins, John Dortmans Jr & wife Shirley along with May Farms would garner the Red Ribbon on the beautifully uddered Maycco Finelee. Eventide Jetway Royalty would come along next for Fred & Marian Hopkins.

For the Championship Parade, there were several outstanding cows vying for the coveted award. However, looking better than ever and claiming her second consecutive Grand Champion Award was the winning 4 Year Old Eventide Duke Daisy. Praised by judge McKinven for her style, angularity, blending of parts, she was the crowd favourite to wear the Championship Rosette. Following right in line and again praised for her beautifully attached mammary was the Aged Cow, Maycco Finelee from the Dortmans.

Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor was awarded to Shady Lane Swiss

The Anfield Acres Total Performance Award was claimed by the Gubelman Family on Gubelman Conan Danielle

In the 4-H Showmanship Class, we had one of the largest entries in the last few years. Winning the class was Katelyn Hopkins followed by Amelie Hardy Demers in reserve position.

Component Breeds Edition - Sale of Stars

While there were only 4 Lots in the Brown Swiss section of the sale, the prices reflected the extremely high caliber of the consignments. Commanding the high price of \$ 5,200.00 was Gubelman Wurl Sarah.

Second high was \$4,300.00 for Nor Bella Prelude Soda.

Third was \$4,000.00 for Morsan Jolt Elaine.

The embryo consignment from Swissgenetics was the selection of Jolden & Scipio embryos from Brkli's BS Zoldo Wunia and they garnered a price of \$1,100.00.

Scotiabank Classic....

This year, there were only 3 Brown Swiss calves exhibited at this National 4-H

show. Now in it's 27th year of showcasing the best of 4-H from across the country, 2006 would be a record setting year with the largest number of contestants ever crossing the floor of the coliseum. Our conformation judge was Mr Mark Rueth from Wisconsin. Mark started his career as a cattle fitter and now owns his own dairy farm in Oxford Wisconsin. Mark has owned lead to victory no less than 8 Grand Champions at World Dairy Expo in 3 different breeds.

The outstanding Brown Swiss entries at the 2006 Scotiabank Classic were Mark McLean leading Nor Bella Banker Lady
Katelin Hopkins escorting Edencrest Supreme Angel
Remi Pelletier on the halter of Lenteroche Myla Jolt

Certainly the Royal would not happen without the many people and volunteers who make it all come together. Each of you made the show run very smoothly. We couldn't have done it without your help. I'd name each of you personally but, surely I'd miss someone. So, from Jessie and myself a great big "THANK YOU".

We certainly need to congratulate the breeders and exhibitors who come to the Royal year after year. Brown Swiss are noticed at the Royal and we deserve to be there. This year's show proved that, as did the sale consignments. Let's not loose our National Show.

The weather has certainly been the most frustrating part of this fall. Seems that if we have nothing to talk about, we can always talk about the weather! Well, as the weather turns colder, let's look forward with anticipation, just like kids of all ages do to a special celebration in December. Gather your loved ones around you and enjoy their company as you celebrate Christmas.

From our house to yours, our wish for good health, love and happiness, good times with your loved ones, and the "Peace That Christmas Brings". Have a Blessed Christmas!

Until Next Time....

Murray

From the Secretary Manager's Desk ...

Thank you so much to all the exhibitors, trophy donators, sale consignors and the many people who continue to support the Royal and promote the Brown Swiss breed. Ernst and Murray have already updated you on the show and sale so I will concentrate on other items.

The National Brown Swiss Board of Directors met for a Genetic Committee Meeting and a Board Meeting at the Royal. Serge Bilodeau and Normand Bigue presented a new Brown Swiss brochure that the Quebec club is developing. The brochure is very classy and will soon be available in both French and English with the costs split between the Quebec club and the National office. Very shortly information will be mailed to each of you regarding a Special Edition "Bell" Magazine. For a number of years now there have been comments to resurrect the magazine as a promotional item for new & current members, cattle buyers, visitors, etc. I encourage members to place an advertisement in the magazine to promote your herd, cow families, show winnings, production awards, All Canadian winnings, etc. With a smaller breed there is limited opportunity to promote Brown Swiss, so do not miss your chance to be in the spotlight.

The Board and I are very excited about a new venture with Canadian Dairy Network. For a number of years we have been concerned with the "Manager" program which generates pedigrees, production records & awards, as well as stores the member and breed information. The program was built back in the mid 1980's and was never meant to handle the tremen-

dous amount of information or facilitate the numerous industry changes. CDN is currently programming the system so all the protein breed associations (Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, Canadien, Ayrshire & Jersey) will have access to their own breed database housed at CDN. The database will have accurate, complete and more information than ever before. All information will be stored in one location at CDN! This being said, we can remain with CLRC as our registrar, however solve our outdated computer system problem. This program should be available by year-end.

The Annual General Meeting details are listed at the front of the newsletter so mark your calendars and plan to attend. As well, any amendments are due at the office by January 18th, 2007. The Board will be discussing at the Board Meeting in April the possible creation of a Marketing Committee to set goals for a marketing strategy. If you are interested in being part of a marketing committee or have suggestions please let us know. We really want to put more emphasis on promoting the breed in all provinces. Our new website is complete as you know. If you have not had a chance to "check it out" please do so and let the office know of any updates or changes you wish to see - this is your website!

Wishing you health and happiness this holiday season!

All for now! Until next time ...

Jessie Weir
Secretary Manager



Season's Greetings from Canadian Brown Swiss & Braunvieh Association

One of the real joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and to wish the very best for you in the new year.

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