

The Passion of Breeding





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The great adventure of Comestar Holstein started in 1976. The beginnings were modest, but Marc and France's goals have always been clear... "To Develop a Top Quality Holstein Herd." The original grade herd, was rapidly replaced by some purebred Holstein cows and is managed with the best tools available.

The farm is located in Victoriaville, in the heart of Holstein breeder area in Québec, Canada. Over the years, some very promising young cows were selected to contribute to the herd's evolution.

In 1985, **Elysa Anthony Lea** became the foundation of **Comestar Holstein's** most amazing cow family. Lea is the dam of **Laurie Sheik**, who gave the Holstein breed Class Extra Sires such as **Lee, Lheros, Stormatic, Leader and Outside** along with an outstanding group of females. One of them is the one we refer to as "**The new Laurie,**" **Lautamie**. Lautamie has quickly become one of the most popular cows in the world, as she combines high index, show winnings, production and pedigree.

The farm has rapidly expanded, but the goals have remained the same. The herd has had many success and accomplishments, developing an important and respected worldwide genetic market.

The herd has grown to more than 750 head, and Comestar became a true family business in December of 2007.

In 2008, the National Dairy Shrine honors Marc and France Comtois and their Comestar Herd as the 2008 Distinguished Cattle Breeder.



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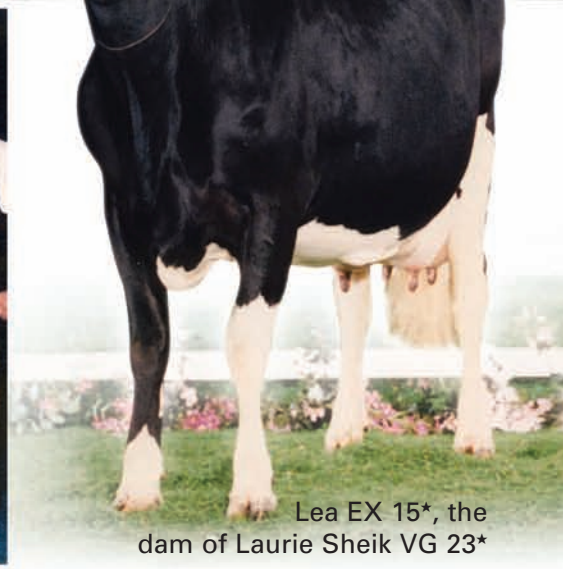
Laurie & Lea



Laurie at her first Show in 1987



H.M. All-Canadian & H.M. All-American Sr 2-Yr-Old 1989



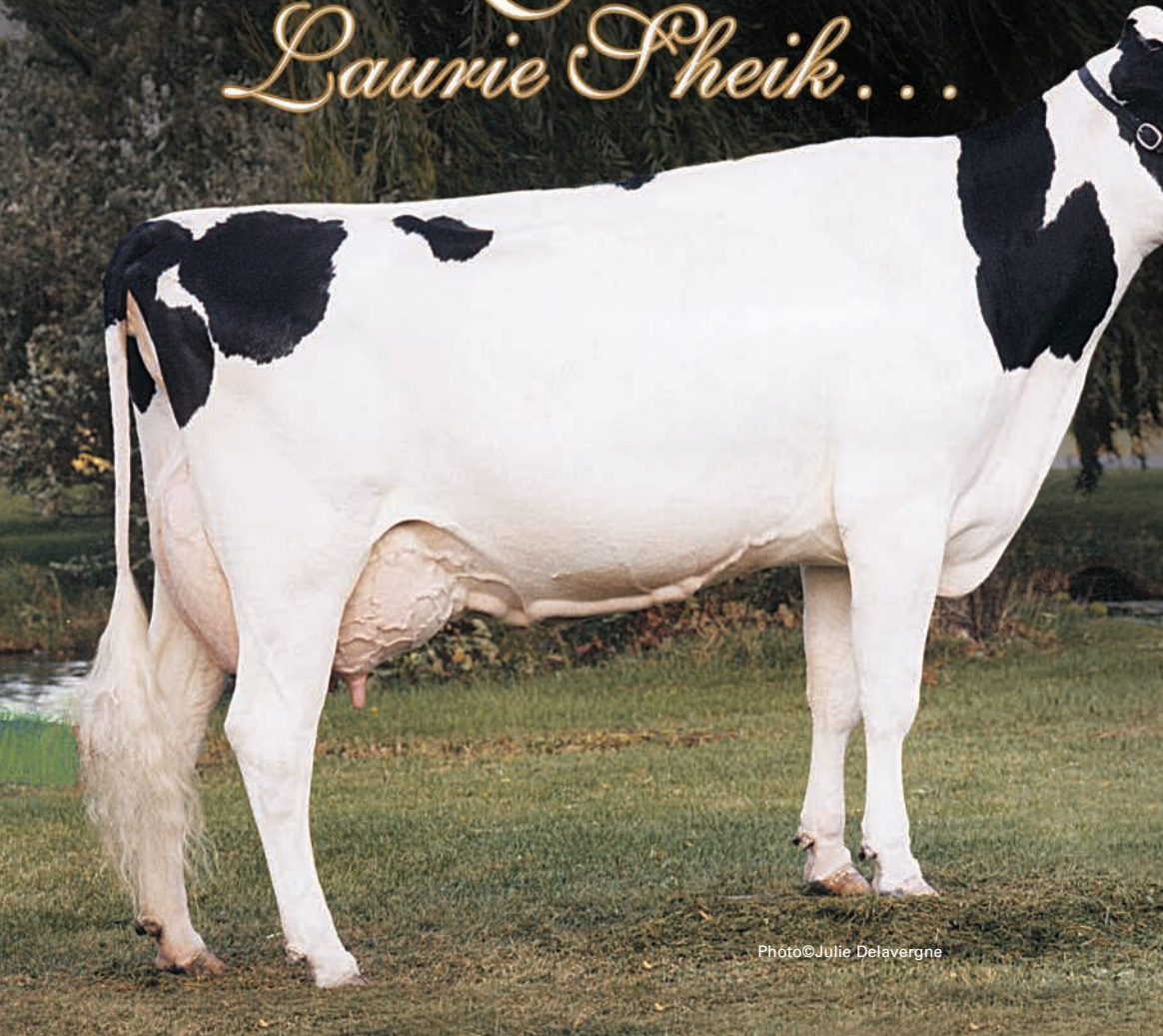
Lea EX 15*, the dam of Laurie Sheik VG 23*

In Memoriam of Laurie

1986-2004



The Queen Laurie Sheik...



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Laurie received
Holstein Canada's first ever
Cow of the Year
Award in 1995.
Also, Laurie was
Queen of the Breed II
Finalist in 2004.



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Blackstar's & Rudolph's impact on Laurie



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Model Lady
VG-89 17*

Lilly
VG-88 19*

Laurie Sheik
VG-88 23*

Lausan Black
VG-87 23*

Laura Black
VG-87 23*



Comestar
Lautamie
Titanic

VG-89 2Y



Lautelma,

VG-89 2*

the dam of Lautamie

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Worldwide Interest in Lautamie and her progeny.



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Laurie ...
LAURIE'S LEGACY CONTINUES!

Reserve
All-Canadian
Junior 2-Yr-Old
2006

The Royal



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*Miriam
& Jessy*

*Julie & Julien with
Mario-Fay & Olivier*

Kathleen

*Steve &
Mariannick*





Harvestore
Comesta's

*France &
Marc Comtois*

4 Millionaire Sires

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FROM LAURIE



Lheros

EX-97-Extra



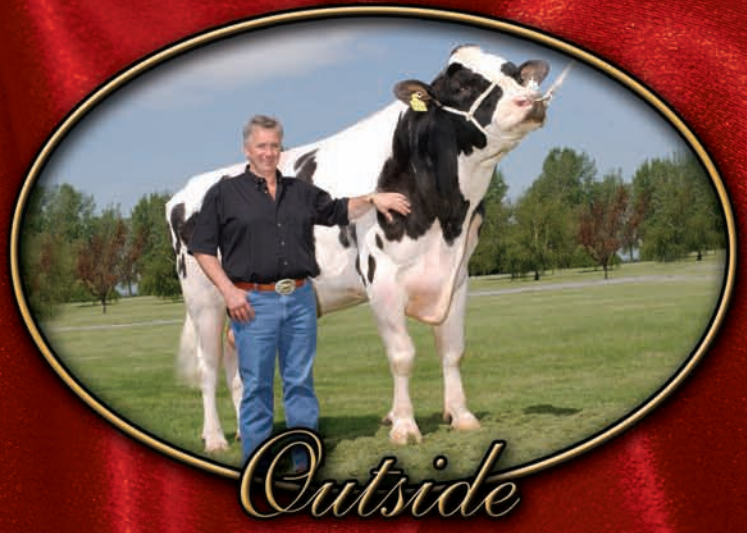
Lee

EX-Extra



Leader

EX-Extra



Outside

EX-95-Extra

Semex Alliance presents those model bulls of Millionaire Sires.

"Semex has been fortunate to have nine Millionaire Sires to date, of which four carry the Comestar prefix... Truly an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations to Marc and everyone at Comestar Holstein!"

by Pierre Laliberté, Alliance Semex

Photos: Lheros & Leader@Patty, Lee & Outside@PAB

Show Time

Over the years, Comestar Holstein have had:
51 All-Canadian nominations which resulted in:
7 All-Canadian honors
6 Reserve All-Canadian
9 Honorable Mention All-Canadian

10 All-American nominations which resulted in:
2 All-American Honors
2 Reserve All-American
2 High Honorable Mention All-American
1 Honorable Mention All-American

At Comestar, attending shows is an important part of our marketing program. These are excellent opportunities for us to develop relationships with breeders and international contacts.



Premier Breeder ^{The} Royal 2007

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair



Laurie Sheik



Model Liza Outside VG-87 6*

Model Lady VG-89 17*

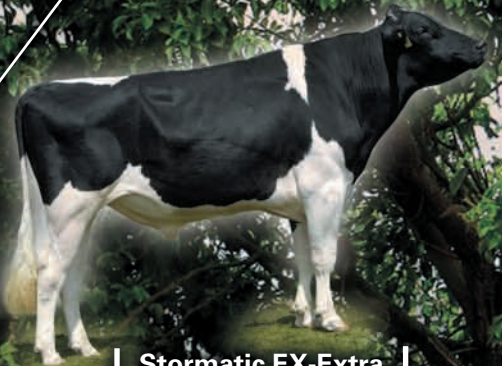
Nom. All-Canadian 1998-1999

Laurie Inspiration VG-87 4*



Outside EX-95-Extra

Millionaire Sire



Stormatic EX-Extra

Lausian Astre VG 14*

#1 CAN LPI August 1997

L'Or Black VG-87 16*

Lausan Black VG-87 23*

In the top 10 Canadian
Star Brood Cow

Laura Black VG-87 23*

In the top 10
Canadian Star Brood Cow



Leader EX-Extra

Millionaire Sire



Laurie Sheik VG-88 23*

Legacy...



Lautamie Titanic VG-89 2Y

Top LPI cow



Lautelma Igniter VG-89 2*

Lautelle Emerson VG 2Y 2*

Memory VG-87 9*

#1 CAN LPI August 2000

Laure Mandel VG 2*

Laurana Raider VG-86 15*

Full Sister to Lee



Rudolph Lilly VG-88 19*

2006 7 Yr Old
Canadian Milk Champion



Lee EX-Extra

Millionaire Sire



Lheros EX-97-Extra

Millionaire Sire
First bull in Canadian history
to classify EX-97



Tina



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Belmoral Tina Lee EX-95
All-Canadian Jr 3-Yr-Old 2005

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Gypsy Grand Family



Braedale Gypsy Grand
VG-88 37*

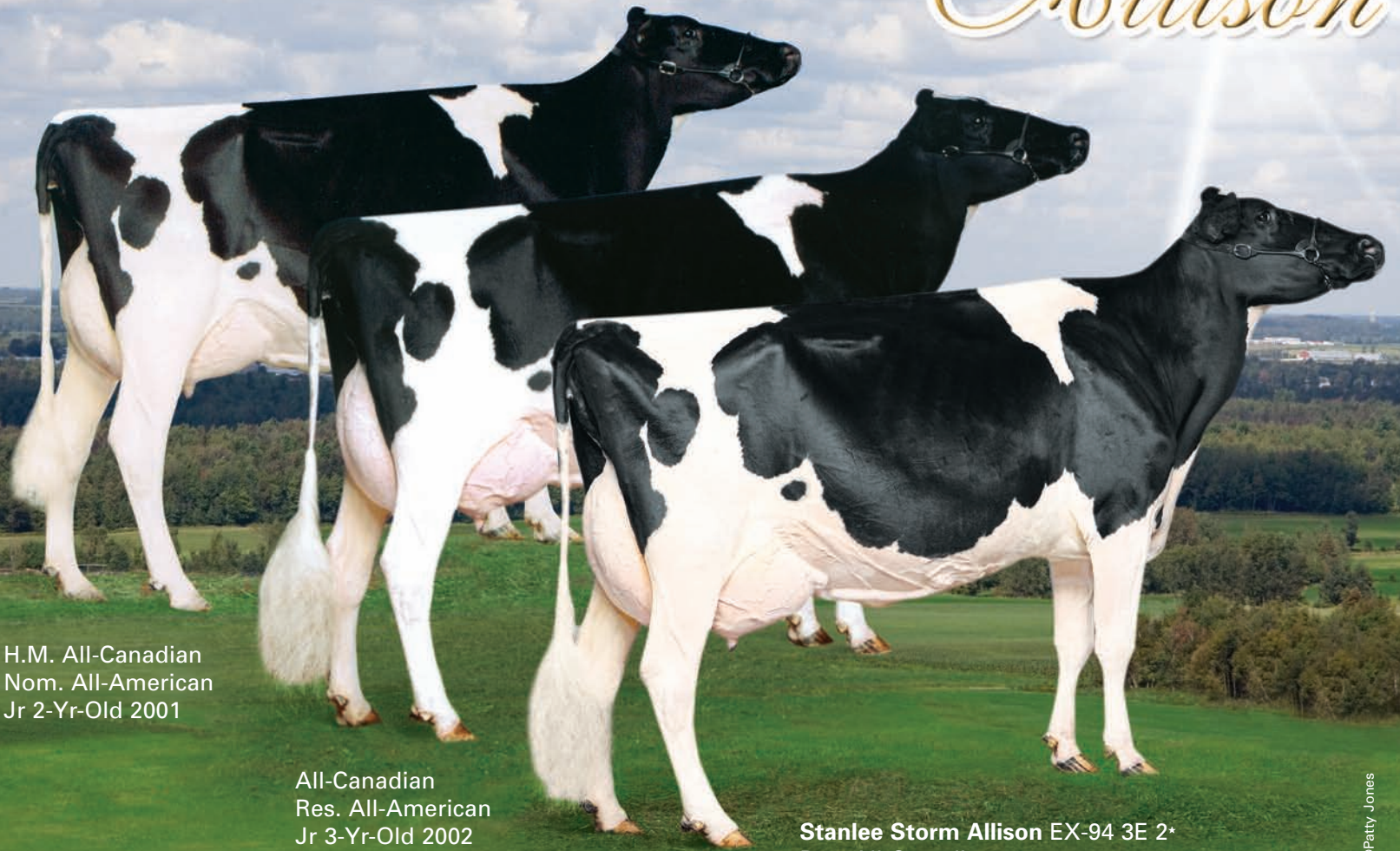
Braedale Ault EX 3*

Comestar Allegria Jackman VG-89 2Y
Ault's daughter - All-Canadian Milking Yearling 2007

Comestar Aubelle Salto VG-86 2Y
Ault's daughter - Reserve Intermediate Champion Victoriaville 2008

Photos : Gypsy Grand & Allegria©Patty Jones
Ault & Aubelle©PAB

Allison



H.M. All-Canadian
Nom. All-American
Jr 2-Yr-Old 2001

All-Canadian
Res. All-American
Jr 3-Yr-Old 2002

Stanlee Storm Allison EX-94 3E 2+
Res. All-Canadian
5-Yr-Old 2004

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Reserve Grand Champion

The Royal 2004

National Holstein Show
2004
Royal Agricultural
Winter Fair



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Melinda



Co-Vista Durham Melinda VG-89 3Y
Res. All-Canadian Milking Yearling 2006

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Intermediate Champion
Atlantic National Spring Show 2007



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Grand Champion Victoriaville Show 2008

Club Holstein
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BOIS-FRANCS



Home of Lila Z

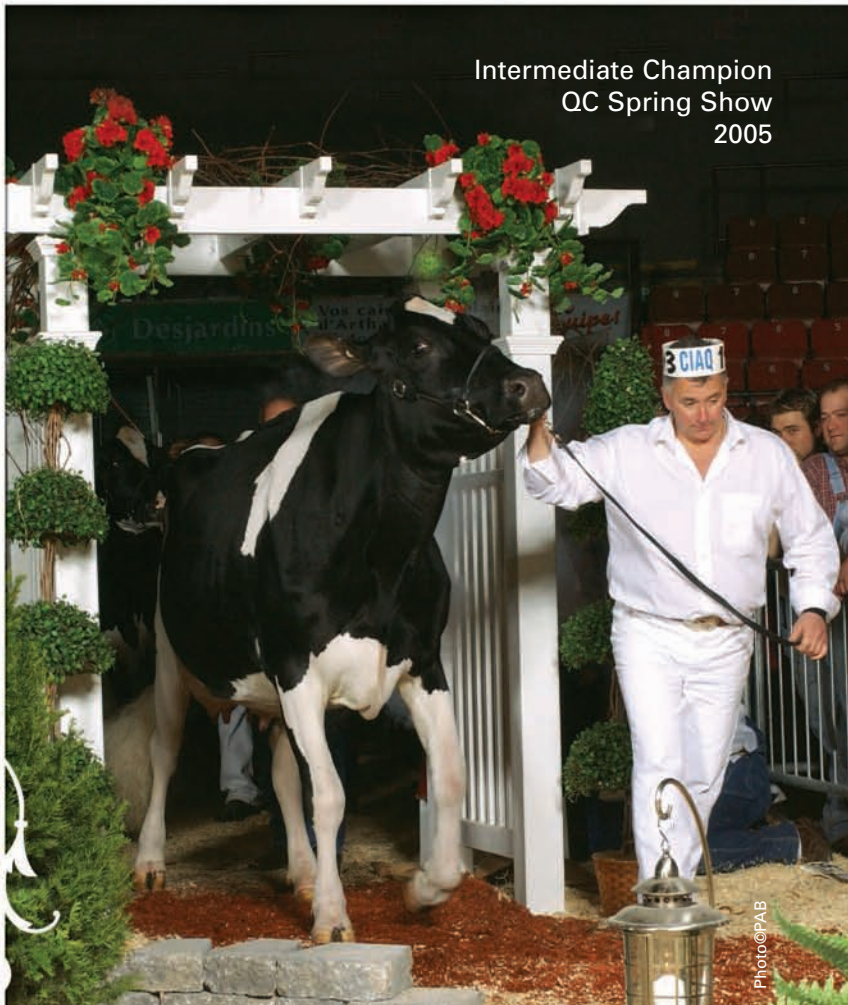


Lylehaven Lila Z VG-89 2Y
All-Canadian 2003-2004
H.M. All-Canadian 2006-2007

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Intermediate Champion
QC Spring Show
2005

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Marc has officiated sho



Shows in over 20 countries.



Ireland



Japan



Australia

Thank you to our Holsteins

"Marc had to start from scratch and earn the hard way every step of his ascension to success. He studies his herd and the breed methodically, but in his decision-making process, he always leaves some room for his intuitions."



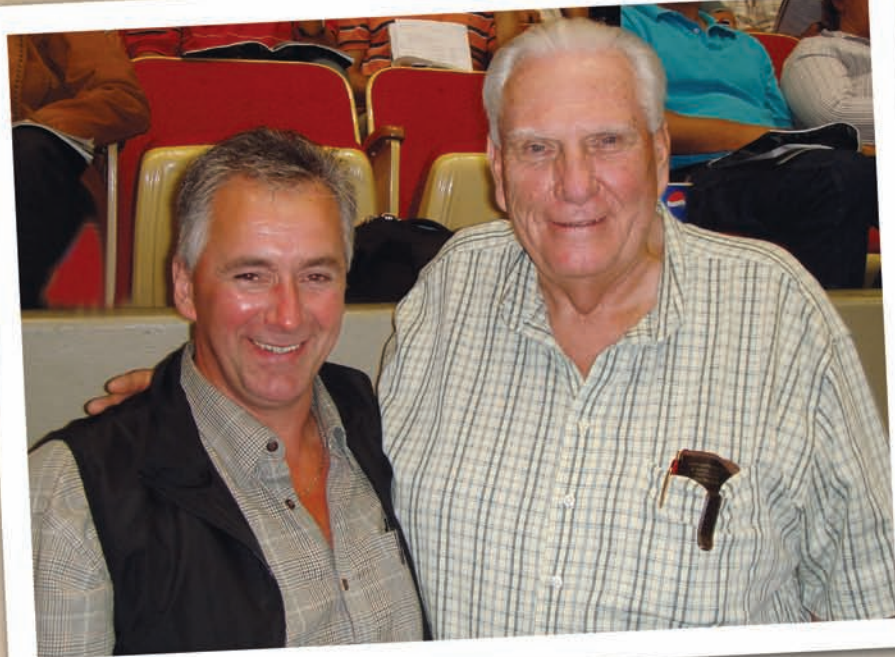
*Robert Chicoine,
retired Semex general manager*



*Steve Briggs of Brigeen Farms,
Turner, Maine*

"Comestar cattle are among the most sought after in the world. The breeding impact of Comestar Laurie Sheik is now legendary. So it goes without saying that buyers voted with their pocketbooks in 2000 by making the Comestar herd the highest ever sale in Canadian history."

... friends for their support!



"They have accomplished so much in developing the Comestar herd to where it is recognized the world over, as one of the premier breeding establishments for world class genetics."

*Peter Heffering of Hanover Hill Farm,
Port Perry, Ontario*



*Special thank
you to our partners
in Comestar from
1993-2007,
our dear friends
Freddy &
Nicole Steen.*

1996 Curtis Clark Award Winner

1996

Royal

Agricultural Winter Fair

Marc Comtois is indeed respected by his peers and in 1996 he was awarded the Curtis Clark Award. This award is the highest honor given to a Canadian dairy exhibitor at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, recognizing someone who shows exceptional sportsmanship and has a warm, gentleman like personality.



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Comestar 1995 Master Breeder



The highest recognition given to a Holstein breeder in Canada, Marc and Comestar Holstein was awarded their Master Breeder Sheild in 1995.

NATIONAL DAIRY SHRINE

2008 Distinguished Cattle Breeder

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Dear Marc :

Congratulations! You have been selected as National Dairy Shrine's Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder for 2008.

This is one of the industry's most prestigious awards and one you can be extremely proud of.

You are most deserving of this recognition. We certainly hope it will be possible for you and your families to attend the awards banquet.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Maurice E. Core
Maurice E. Core
Executive Director

Piece of collection about the history of dairying at National Dairy Shrine museum.

Distinguished Breeder Continued... Comestar

Marc & France Comtois are proud to have their children as part of the business, ensuring a very promising future for Comestar Holstein.



The Passion of Breeding

Comestar



Lila Z



Lautamie