



**CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION**  
**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**  
Annual General Meeting | Thursday, March 28, 2024

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# 2023 CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Eby	Waterloo, ON
Jocelyn Forster	Lynden, ON
Christian Kaiser	Noyan, QC
Paul MacLeod	Embros, ON
Colin Comfort	St. Anns, ON
Brad Comfort	St. Anns, ON
Bruce Fuller	Wolfville, NS
Rob Forster	Lynden, ON
Scott Gordon	Rockwood, ON

## EXECUTIVE

Past President	Jim Eby
President	Paul Macleod
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Bruce Fuller

## BY-LAW OFFICERS

The Board of Directors may appoint from their number or from the other members of the Association, special committees, but must in all cases, name one of their number as a member who shall be the presiding officer. The action of any special committee is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

## REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD

Fieldman	Russell Gammon
Signing authority	Scott Gordon
	Linda Markle
	Kathryn Chapman

## BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Scott Gordon	Chairman
Jim Eby	
Bruce Fuller	
Alan Spence	
Christian Kaiser	
Russell Gammon	



# CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION PAST PRESIDENTS

1906-08 Walter McMonagle, Sussex NB  
1909 -16 DB McKay, Scotsburn NS  
1917 -19 TD Bates, Brookfield NS  
1920 - 21 H Dickson Central Onslow NS  
1922 - 23 J.F Roper, Charlottetown PEI  
1924 Alexander McKay, Scotsburn NS  
1925 - 26 F G McCollough, Truro NS  
1927 F W Swindells, Princeport NS  
1928 - 29 VB Leonard, Clarence NS  
1930 - 31 F W Swindells, Princeport NS  
1932 L W Roper, Charlottetown PEI  
1933 Chas. Hawthorne, Chilliwack BC  
1934 LR Rose, Oakfield NS  
1935 A M Shaver, Ancaster ON  
1936 W L Cook, Yarmouth NS  
1937 Hugh Hill, Goderich ON  
1938 Cyril Roberts, Sardis BC  
1939 George Telfer, Paris ON  
1940 A F Saunders, Peticodiac NB  
1941 S Riddick, Walkerville ON  
1942 Geoffrey McDonell, Sardis BC  
1943 V B Leonard, Clarence NS  
1944 W S Brooks, Paris ON  
1945 R H Irwin, Mission City BC  
1946-47 George H King, Oakville ON  
1948 W T Richardson, Sardis BC  
1949 H Laird, Kensington PEI  
1950 D G McAllister, Richmond Hill ON  
1951 Howard Roper, Old Baros NS  
1952 Murray Davie, Delta BC  
1953 R H Brown, Cornwall ON  
1954 F W Saunders, Aylesford NS  
1955 David Hunter, Cloverdale BC  
1956 Arthur Benge, Ivferlin ON  
1957 Roland Parker, Newport NS  
1958 Jack Fraser, Concord ON  
1959 Carl Ellis, Hespeler ON  
1960 C F W Bums, King ON  
1961 J L Chisolm, Mlilton ON  
1962 N Dunlavey, W Shelford PQ  
1963 J E Hurry, Winsloe PEI  
1964 D MacKenzie, Kitchener ON  
1965 F W Bishop, Bridgetown NS  
1966 Art V Rampton, Dauphin MB  
1967 Harold Clapp, Guelph ON  
1968 James M Brown, Almonte PQ  
1969 Peter Kristoff, Surrey BC  
1970 M G Schwartz, King ON  
1971 EA Eagles, Sussex NB  
1972 Malcolm MacGregor, Crysler ON  
1973 WT Oster, Cayuga ON  
1974 R G Barrett, Bridgetown NS  
1975 Sherman Young, Abercorn PQ  
1976 Stanley Marshall, Innerkip ON  
1977 George W'hite, Aldergrove BC  
1978 John Kudelka, Newmarket ON

1979 Robie J Maxner, Windsor NS  
1980 Lloyd Balsdon, Queensville ON  
1981 W M Cameron, Crossfield AB  
1982 Ivor Williams, Kars ON  
1983 John Wigham, Chilliwack BC  
1984 Allan Royce, Listowel ON  
1985 Ben Sutcliffe, Cobourg ON  
1986 Michael Sandeson, Truro NS  
1987 Stanley Marshall, Innerkip ON  
1988 Peter White, Matsqui BC  
1989 Paul Stuart, Princeton ON  
1990 Sarah Mitham, Norton NB  
1991 Ken D Forster, Lynden ON  
1992 Larry Lybbert, Glenwood AB  
1993 George E Lee, Ailsa Craig ON  
1994 Don Livingston, Surrey BC  
1995 Jim Eby, Waterloo ON  
1996 Gerald Kellington, Newmarket ON  
1997-98 Harry Emmott, Paris ON  
1999- 2000 Larry Lybbert, Glenwood AB  
2001-2002 Alan Black, Moorefield ON  
2003-2004 Brian Livingston, Surrey BC  
2005-06 Ken McNabb, New Hamburg ON  
2007-08 Bill Henhoeffter, Kitchener ON  
2009-2010 Leith West, Dundas NB  
2011-2012 Jim Eby, Waterloo ON  
2013-2014 Scott Gordon, Rockwood ON  
2015-2016 Ken D Forster, Lynden ON  
2017-2018 Alan Spence, Vanklock Hill ON  
2019-2020 Morris Bartlett, Caledonia, ON  
2021-2022 Jim Eby, Waterloo, ON  
2023-Present Paul MacLeod Embro, ON

## SECRETARIES

1904-25 Howard Corning  
1925-26 Frances (Corning) Calder  
1927-31 E G McCullough  
1932-44 Roy Grant  
1945-53 Dr AR Campbell  
1954-68 Bruce Hodgins  
1968-83 Don Mackenzie  
1983-84 Jack Peaker  
1985-1986 Rosemary Peer  
1986 Doris Howie  
1987-89 Elizabeth Barnes  
1990-2005 Vivianne Macdonald  
2005-2007 Nellie Endeman, Jill Medland  
2007-2010 Nellie Endeman, Doris Curan  
2010-2021 Jessie Weir  
2022-Present Holstein Canada

## HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Howard Corning  
W S Brooks  
Jack Fraser  
Murray Davie  
Mrs Jessie Donelda Dunlap

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

## 119<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:30 a.m. | In person and virtually through Teams

10:30 a.m. | Call to Order

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1. Approval of Agenda
  2. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
  3. President's Address
  4. Administration Report
  5. Financial Report
  6. Breed Improvement Committee Report
  7. Fieldsman Report
  8. Awards
  9. Elections
  10. New / Other Business
  11. Adjournment
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- A silhouette of a cow standing in a field, with a fence in the foreground. The background is a warm, orange and red sunset sky with some clouds. The cow is facing left.

# 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held in-person and virtually Friday, March 17, 2023

<b>Board of Directors Present:</b>	Jim Eby Paul MacLeod Morris Bartlett Bruce Fuller (virtually) Christian Kaiser (virtually) Colin Comfort Allan Spence (virtually) Jocelyn Forster Russell Gammon	President, ON Vice-President, ON Director, ON Director, NS Director, QC Director, ON Director, ON Director, ON Field Representative
<b>HC Staff:</b>	Linda Markle Emilie Wallace Janine Eygenraam	Coordinator, Administrative Services Bilingual Assistant Registrar, Canadian Guernsey Association

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Eby presided as chair for the Canadian Guernsey Association. The meeting was called to order at 1:26 pm with thirteen (13) members in attendance.

## 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

J. Eby asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda that was circulated.

On Motion by C. Comfort and seconded by B. Eby, it was RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING

J. Eby advised that the meeting minutes from Friday, March 18, 2022 Annual Meeting were in the Annual Report and provided highlights of the meeting. Action items from that meeting were noted, with an update on investments interest, correction on statistics from Ag Canada butterfat percentages and updates to website.

There being no errors or omissions noted, the Chair requested a Motion that the reading of these Minutes be dispensed with and that same be approved.

M. Bartlett accepted the previous minutes. P. MacLeod seconded. **Motion carried.**

## 4. PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

J. Eby read his message as presented in annual report.

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

E. Wallace read the administrative report as presented in the Annual Report.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

J. Eby reviewed the 2021 and 2022 financials such as assets, liabilities and equities, market, losses, etc. J. Eby asked for a motion to accept the financial statement as printed. S. Gordon moved the motion. M. Bartlett seconded. **Motion carried.**

J. Eby mentioned the acceptance letter from the Financial Review Committee. J. Eby asked for a motion to accept the committee's report. J. Forster moved the motion, P. MacLeod seconded. **Motion carried.**

J. Eby presented the budget for 2023. Prediction of a \$6400 surplus this year. J. Eby asked for a motion to accept the budget. P. MacLeod moved the motion, which was seconded by C. Comfort. **Motion carried.**

## 7. BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

S. Gordon highlighted his report as presented in annual report.

Followed some discussion on how fees would work regarding genomic test project, process and fees.

S. Gordon reviewed the breed averages and statistics for previous years.

## **8. FEILDMANS REPORT**

R. Gammon highlighted his report from the annual report.

## **9. PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

R. Gammon noted that twenty-two (22) amendments were submitted last year. Out of 22, nineteen (19) were approved and the remaining three (3) will be presented again at this meeting, 2 to bring forth with new wording and one to leave as is.

Following are the three (3) proposed by-law amendments that were presented.

### **1. Be it resolved that Section 14 Recorded Animals page 11, which reads:**

An animal which exhibits typical Guernsey characteristics, but for which there is no available information on its ancestry, shall be recorded at a level designated on the certificate as "Base-BB". An animal which does not exhibit Guernsey characteristics shall be recorded as "Crossbred-XX". This designation may apply to more than one generation, if those generations do not exhibit Guernsey characteristics or otherwise meet the requirements of Base or percentage animals. The progeny of Crossbred animal that exhibit typical Guernsey characteristics shall be recorded as Base-BB animals and the progeny that are out of a Base-BB dam and have a known purebred Guernsey sire shall be recorded as 50% Guernsey.

### **Be amended to read:**

An animal which has Guernsey characteristics and there is no available information on its ancestry shall be recorded at a purity level designated on the certificate as 0%. Progeny may not be upgraded unless it exhibits typical characteristics of Guernsey. The progeny of Crossbred animal that exhibit typical Guernsey characteristics shall be recorded as 0% animals and the progeny that are out of a 0% dam and have a known purebred Guernsey sire shall be recorded as 50% Guernsey.

### **Reasoning:**

Only one type of certificate needs to be issued which clearly states the purity level of the animal. Base-BB or Crossbred designations are no longer relevant.

On recommendation by the Canadian Guernsey Board of Directors, it was: RESOLVED that the By-Law be approved as presented to the meeting. **Motion carried.**

### **2. Be it resolved that Section 18 1a. TRANSFER AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES page 14, which reads:**

An application for transfer of ownership of an animal or embryo must be completed showing the name of the actual purchaser and signed by the seller or their authorized representative, who shall pay the transfer fee. In the case of a female, the service certificate must be completed, or the application must be accompanied by the approval Artificial Insemination report. The application for transfer with the certificate of registration and fee must be forwarded to the Registrar for recording and endorsement of ownership.

### **Be amended to read:**

Upon the sale of an embryo or animal as registered or purebred, it is a responsibility of the seller to ensure a duly transferred certificate, issued by the Association, is provided to the buyer within 6 months. A seller shall initiate the transaction by submitting a transfer in an approved manner with the Association and ensuring arrangements are complete for the payment of any necessary fees. In the event that the buyer and seller intend for a sale agreement to supersede this protocol, the responsibility for payment of the transfer fee and responsibility for submitting a transfer may be established amongst the parties themselves. In such case, proof of the buyer-seller agreement shall be made available to Guernsey Canada upon request. Old certificates of registry are destroyed if returned to office or should be destroyed by owner upon receipt of new certificate issued.

### **Reasoning:**

Allows for electronic or multiple means for completing a transfer of an animal or embryo. The payment for the transfer fee will be decided on between buyer and seller before the transfer is completed and the association will automatically invoice the proper party.

On recommendation by the Canadian Guernsey Board of Directors, it was: RESOLVED that the by-law be approved as presented to the meeting. **Motion carried.**

### **3. Section 18.2. which reads as follows:**

A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or their authorized agent files a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the Registrar showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed or unobtainable, or a duplicate certificate may be issued if the application is certified by an official appointed by the Executive of the Canadian Guernsey Association.

### **No Change to this by-law.**

**Rationale:** the issuing of duplicate certificates is governed by the procedural guidelines of the Association and not included in the by-laws. Proof of current and up to date animal information is available online therefore a statutory declaration is not necessary to reissue a Certificate of Registry.

APA Rationale: the issuance of duplicate certificates would fall under the provision of the Act. By-laws should therefore establish the general requirement(s) for re-issuance of a registration certificate.

On recommendation by the Canadian Guernsey Board of Directors, it was: **RESOLVED** that the by-law be approved as presented to the meeting. **Motion carried.**

### **10. AWARDS**

P. MacLeod presented awards to members for each class.

### **11. ELECTIONS**

R. Gammon ran the elections. A. Spence stepped down. B. Comfort and R. Forster were elected to the board and accepted.

R. Gammon asked for a motion to accept. S. Gordon moved the motion. P. MacLeod seconded the motion.

### **12. NEW / OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

J. Eby adjourned the meeting at 3:11 pm.

### **14. CLOSING REMARKS**

R. Gammon ran the auction. \$700 was raised. J. Eby thanked staff for organization of the Annual Meeting, Registrar for all her work and members for attending.



# CANADIAN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello fellow Guernsey members!

This has been a good year to be your President with some exciting developments happening in the breed. Some highlights to make note of: Another 95-point cow! This being the second cow bred by Maplehurst to attain that kind of scoring. Maplehurst also with a Guernsey heifer calf selling for over \$10,000 at the Calf for Cause sale this past spring.

Since our changes orchestrated by the Breed Improvement Committee, I've noticed improvement in the udders of Guernsey's especially rear udders in the many Facebook and social media pictures we are seeing now. I'm very happy to see the uptake in the Genomic Testing Incentive we have invested in. Over the next year we will start putting together some of that data to help breed improvement. I urge anyone who has animals to test to get them done. There is still funding available for these incentives. If you have some cows that are in the top % let's share this data for breed improvement and create some excitement!

On a personal note, Ellen and I have enjoyed meeting more members and look forward to continuing to do

more for our membership. The upcoming farm tours will hopefully be well attended and educational.

The challenge for the future is to keep our registrations and classifications up! If you need some help or know someone who might require assistance with this, please let us help.

A continued thank you for all the ongoing work from the staff and the administrative support team at Holstein Canada, for their assistance. Also, to our field representative Russell Gammon who works endlessly at helping promote and bring attention to our beloved breed.

My final note is to remind you of the unique products made with Guernsey Milk, and the niche market this breed has a place in. Let's keep up the good work!

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul MacLeod*

President

Photo: Colin MacLeod, from whom we got our Guersneys



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Hello Guernsey members!

Spring seems to be popping up all around us as the time and weather shift to welcome in a new year. As we approach a busy new season, we can take a moment to reflect on the year 2023.

Last year was a year of change and transition with your Administration and Registrar. Golda and Isabelle joined the team in mid-June in the role of Registrar and Customer Service Representatives following Janine's return to the farm. Isabelle is the primary contact for Guernsey producers with Golda as her back up during vacation times.

On the Administration side we welcome Nicky Barnard back from her maternity leave as your administrative assistant. She will be working closely with the Board of Directors and Field representative in coordination of events and meetings. Currently Nicky is working on the spring issue of the Guernsey News. Over the next month she will be collecting pictures, information, advertisements and stories. If you have anything to share, please send them her way by April 2nd. [nbarnard@holstein.ca](mailto:nbarnard@holstein.ca) .

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Guernsey Association's and breeders in 2023 and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Respectfully;

*Linda Markle*

## A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR



Eight months into the role and we are still learning! Last fall I had the opportunity to help with the National Guernsey Show at the Ancaster Fair, it was nice to meet some of you in person and see the Guernsey animals too! Being my first show, it was impressive to see all the work that went into presenting the animals in the ring and the passion shown by the breeders. We hope members enjoyed the take home banners and overall experience of the day.

This year, we had a dozen 4-H applications come in from members who completed their project using a registered Guernsey calf, who received a halter from the association for doing so. So many great pictures!

As a bit of a recap, we have seen an increase in genomic tested animals this year with the Canadian Guernsey Association Genomic Testing Promo. There is still time - If you are Classifying and on Milk Recording, the Association will credit \$33 for each cow and \$15 for each heifer/calf genomic tested.

I want to thank you for your patience and support as I learn more about the Guernsey breed, it has been a pleasure getting to know and work with you all! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Email: [ipassaretti@holstein.ca](mailto:ipassaretti@holstein.ca) or by phone 1(855)756-8300 ext. 223. If I happen to be away, Golda will be more than happy to assist you ([gnabila@holstein.ca](mailto:gabila@holstein.ca)/ext.249).

Happy spring!

*Isabelle Passaretti*

# Canadian Guernsey Assoc.

## Balance Sheet

as at December 31, 2023

	As at 12/31/2023	As at 12/31/2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 8,737	\$ 13,742
Accounts Receivable	250	250
Sundry Receivable	144	2,590
Investments	221,005	197,709
Office Equipment	4,490	4,490
Accum. Deprec - Office Equip	(4,490)	(4,490)
Inventory	738	738
4-H Inventory	429	429
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 231,302</b>	<b>\$ 215,456</b>
<b>LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,234	\$ 0
Accounts Payable Accrual	170	1,107
Young Sire Syndicate	9,469	9,379
HST Payable	(1,301)	(1,139)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>	<b>\$ 11,572</b>	<b>\$ 9,347</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	\$ 206,110	\$ 213,358
Profit / (Loss) - Current Year	13,620	(7,248)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 219,730</b>	<b>\$ 206,110</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 231,302</b>	<b>\$ 215,456</b>

# CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

## Year to Date Income Statement

as of December 31, 2023

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Investment Income	\$ 6,184	\$ 1,461
Unrealized Gain / (Loss) on Investments	17,112	(16,866)
Funds From Ontario Guernsey Assoc.	10,000	20,000
Promo Supplies Income	500	220
Membership	7,300	5,715
Annual Mtg - Misc. Income	500	500
Annual Meeting - Auction	705	0
Silent Auction Sales	450	0
National Show	1,300	1,400
Journal Advertising	0	720
Animal Classification	376	474
Registrar Income	6,514	11,679
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 50,941</b>	<b>\$ 25,303</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Scholarship Awards	\$ -	\$ 400
Executive Meeting	0	6
Annual Meeting	908	0
Breed Promo Supplies	1,968	1,610
Donations	500	0
National Show	960	1,631
Journal/Newsletter	1,674	2,284
Blood/DNA Testing Expense	0	132
Registrar Expense	3,840	6,005
Insurance	745	14
Administration Fees	10,500	12,574
Office Expense	0	955
Phone/Fax	0	397
Postage & Courier	348	520
Bank Charges/Investment Fees	3,817	993
Fieldman - Per Diem	4,663	3,375
Fieldman - Mileage	141	732
Fieldman - Travel Expenses	0	553
Miscellaneous Expense	6,796	267
WebHosting / Internet	110	102
Computer Program Development	349	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>37,321</b>	<b>32,551</b>
<b>NET INCOME / NET (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 13,620</b>	<b>\$ (7,249)</b>

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

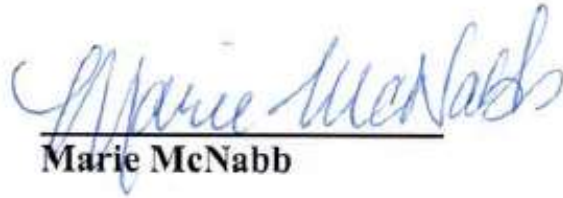
**TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION**

**We have reviewed the balance sheet and income statement of the Canadian Guernsey Association as of December 31, 2023. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Canadian Guernsey Association. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our review.**

**In our opinion these financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for non-profit organizations.**



**Rob Forster**



**Marie McNabb**

## FIELDMAN'S REPORT



### MOMENTS OF DECISION RE-DIRECTION

A hearty greeting to all those who are keen about and invested in the future of the Guernsey cow in Canada!

In a world where we are constantly in communication either live or over our phones digitally; our wisdom dictates that we regularly take time to stop and listen. Active listening bears much fruit as we ask questions to ensure we understand the other person.

I recently had the golden opportunity to visit with two newer owners – significant numbers of Guernseys! I learned so much from listening to them about their launch into the Guernsey breed and what they have learned and experienced since.

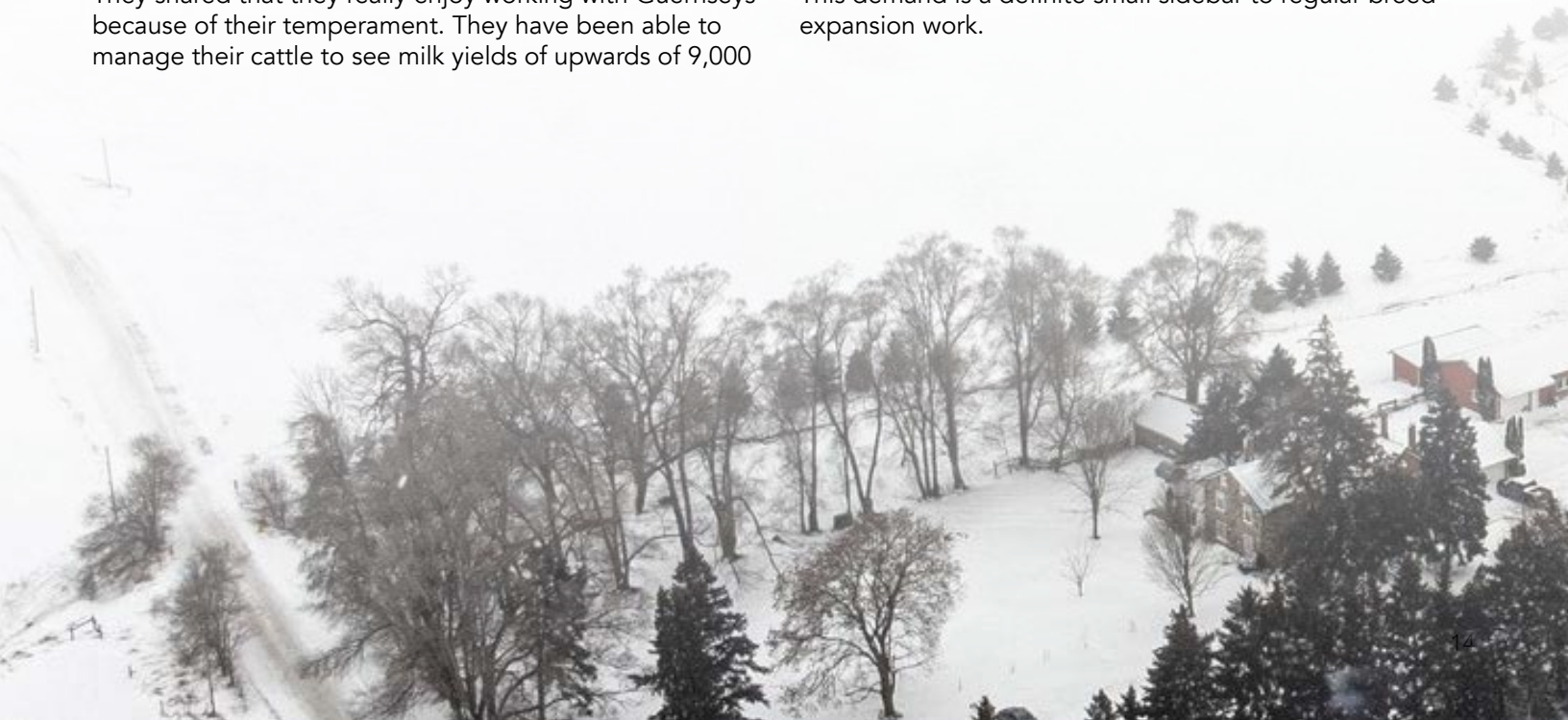
They shared that they really enjoy working with Guernseys because of their temperament. They have been able to manage their cattle to see milk yields of upwards of 9,000

to 13,000 kilograms of milk from their best producers, with good levels of milk solids. Both producers are fortunate to receive a bonus for a portion of their production, which is used for the creation of Guernsey-specific products. They've had solid success raising heifers. They did express mild concerns about reproductive efficiency of the breed. When identifying challenges with working with the breed they had an almost identically worded comment: *"More Guernseys are needed. We need other source herds for animals if we are short on milk or have periodic challenges requiring the purchase of a few head."* In both cases they would prefer to purchase Canadian stock and the more local the sources the better.

At this juncture we must ask ourselves which is the greater challenge? When demand for our product is meagre or non-existent or when you have abundant demand? The answer is obvious! However; the wrinkle comes into the obvious preferred scenario (hint: It is the latter one!) when you have much greater demand than you can fill.

Based on the goals for the breed for the near future endorsed by the CGA Board the clear target is growth of the Guernsey breed in Canada. It is never easy to identify the obstacles in obtaining that goal. On the other hand, true visionary leadership says: Okay, what are we going to do about this matter? What actions need to be taken? HOW can we know success in breed growth?

We've noted on numerous occasions that we receive a modest but steady demand for Guernseys as family/ acreage cows. Most of that interest comes from the Western Provinces where supply is thinner than Central and Eastern Canada, and by thin we mean very thin! This demand is a definite small sidebar to regular breed expansion work.



I would respectfully, but also fervently ask leaders of the breed and others who are passionate about the breed to address this topic with vigour and a controlled sense of urgency. It appears to be job #1 for the breed!

We see some exciting developments to celebrate and build upon:

- At least four highly prominent sales in the first half of 2024 are featuring at least one Guernsey consignment. These happenings provide opportunities for those who wish to purchase their first Guernsey, those looking for a quality 4-H project, those who want to add foundation stock to an established Guernsey grouping and the export market south of the border.
- CGA has a very active presence on social media, and we have good pick up to the material that we post. We must commend the World Guernsey Cattle Federation on their highly superb efforts to share positive Guernsey information, stories and images on the active "World Guernsey" Instagram pages. We draw quite a bit of material from that page and reuse it. In some sense the Guernsey breed is "punching above its weight" in this regard.
- How exciting it is to see 4-H members lining up Guernsey calves for project/club use and completing those projects.
- We so look forward to the Golden Guernsey Gathering Day on March 27th. This is an initiative glimmering with possibilities and potential. The hosts will be ready, and a great Golden Guernsey story will be available that day. Question: How do we effectively address the interest of anyone who is keen to invest in Guernsey genetics after that day?

- Further afield are the summer picnic and the National Show in Ancaster in September.
- Participation in the widespread genotyping project has been great so far and it is obvious that all allocated funding will be used. What are the next steps as follow up? What do we learn from this experience?
- As always, the question is: How can we do more, but more importantly, how can we marshal and use our resources to maximum effectiveness to create a more robust Guernsey presence in Canada?

Thanks to the board for your guidance, enthusiasm and input and ideas. Expressing enough gratitude to our administration and support staff is almost impossible. I could not begin to count the number of people I have told about the positive, wise, logical input from various members of the "Guernsey team at Holstein Canada". Linda has been our rock, and it is great to welcome Nicky back. They have several colleagues within the HQ in Brantford who have been ever so helpful and provided top quality support.

Together with vision, determination, more ideas that morph into action and positive attitudes we can get the job done, continually! Thanks so much for allowing me the privilege of being part of the evolving Golden Guernsey story in Canada!

*- Russell (Russell) Gamman*

National Field Representative for CGA



## Breed Improvement Committee Report

Once again, it's time to reflect on the past year in the Guernsey breed. The Guernsey genomic testing program was the biggest development last year and has been well received. There have been 244 animals tested so far, 166 cows and 78 heifers, with some funding left. It's going to be interesting to see what information we can glean from the results.

There have been a few adjustments made to the classification system over the last year as well. Locomotion scoring has been implemented in the free stall barn category but is still a research trait for tie stall systems. To accommodate locomotion and Front Leg View slight adjustments have been made to the Foot and Mobility section on the scorecard. Other minor changes include the Teat Length Measurement which will now be done from the back teats instead of the front. Code 9 Rear Teats that are too close will result in an automatic defect and 2-point deduction off the mammary score. Also, the term Dairy Capacity has been changed to Rib Structure.

The committee looked over the classification reports and it appears the change we made to the Rear Udder Height measurement 2 years ago is having the desired effect. High Tail Head is again the defect that gets the most attention

from the classifiers, but Toes Out Front was also identified on a high number of cows last round. We will need to monitor this now that a Front Leg View has been introduced. Another research trait being measured in herds now is the Anogenital Distance. Researchers have found a relationship with this measurement and fertility so it will be interesting to see if this can help the Guernsey breed.

I have also been in contact with the classification coordinator, Bruno Jubinville, asking if he could try to plan the classifiers yearly workshop at a farm with Guernsey's to try to build up their familiarity with our golden breed.

Lastly, after about a dozen years as chair of the Breed Improvement Committee it is time for me to step back and let someone else lead the committee into the future. I'd like to thank the committee members and our administrators for all their support over the years. It has been an honour to serve the breed in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted

*Scott Gordon*





# 2023 BREED IMPROVEMENT STATISTICS

## Average Production by Breed

BASED ON OFFICIAL - SUPERVISED RECORDS IN CANADA

	Number of Records	Milk kg	Fat		Protein		BCA		
			kg	%	kg	%	Milk	Fat	Protein
2022	302	7,305	339	4.66%	252	3.46%	224	207	217
2021	304	7,394	344	4.67%	257	3.48%	226	209	220
2020	324	7,285	337	4.65%	254	3.50%	223	206	218
2019	278	7,276	344	4.74%	255	3.51%	219	206	216
2018	295	7,273	340	4.71%	251	3.47%	220	206	213
2017	317	7,389	351	4.77%	254	3.46%	222	210	214
2016	351	7,086	331	4.69%	241	3.42%	214	199	205
2015	384	6,730	313	4.67%	228	3.40%	203	189	194
2014	370	6,759	315	4.69%	231	3.43%	205	191	197
2013	375	6,952	322	4.64%	239	3.45%	211	195	204

-: Nil  
 BCA: Breed Class Average

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
 Compiled by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Animal Industry Division, Market Information Section

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## Classification Breakdown

Breed	Visit Year	EX		VG		GP		G		F		Total
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
GU	2023	12	6.4%	45	24.1%	86	46.0%	42	22.5%	2	1.1%	187
GU	2022	24	10.1%	56	23.6%	122	51.5%	35	14.8%	0	0.0%	237
GU	2021	26	12.0%	52	24.1%	99	45.8%	37	17.1%	2	0.9%	216
GU	2020	22	12.0%	62	33.9%	73	39.9%	26	14.2%	0	0.0%	183
GU	2019	23	9.7%	66	27.8%	111	46.8%	37	15.6%	0	0.0%	237
GU	2018	21	11.8%	65	36.5%	72	40.4%	20	11.2%	0	0.0%	178
GU	2017	23	13.8%	57	34.1%	60	35.9%	24	14.4%	3	1.8%	167
GU	2016	24	12.3%	66	33.8%	82	42.1%	23	11.8%	0	0.0%	195
GU	2015	25	11.0%	73	32.2%	90	39.6%	38	16.7%	1	0.4%	227
GU	2014	16	7.2%	79	35.7%	84	38.0%	38	17.2%	4	1.8%	221
GU	2013	12	5.0%	82	34.5%	104	43.7%	36	15.1%	4	1.7%	238

# REGISTRATION ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Province	Total Number of Active Members	# Animal Registered				#Animal Transferred	
		Purebred		Percentage		Purebred	Percent
		Male	Female	Male	Female		
NEWFOUNDLAND							
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	1		1				
NOVA-SCOTIA	5		5			2	
NEW-BRUNSWICK	6		30		9		
QUÉBEC	13	1	13		27		
ONTARIO	32	2	112		9	10	3
MANITOBA	1						
SASKATCHEWAN	1				7	2	
ALBERTA	2		1				
BRITISH-COLUMBIA	13	2	8		4	25	5
<b>TOTAL CANADA</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>

Guernsey Statistics	Registration		Transfers	Annual	Life
	Non-Pure	Pure			
2013	12	181	22	40	41
2014	15	215	10	33	41
2015	27	272	29	39	41
2016	34	186	91	40	41
2017	41	159	33	43	41
2018	62	200	94	45	40
2019	41	267	202	47	40
2020	48	213	69	50	45
2021	49	220	129	57	18
2022	64	237	52	66	18
2023	56	175	47	74	19

# FEE SCHEDULE

<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Annual	\$100.00
<b>Registration:</b>	
0 to 3 months	\$15.00
3 to 6 months	\$18.00
6 to 12 months	\$40.00
12 to 24 months	\$50.00
24 months and over	\$60.00
Females 50% Purity or Less	\$11.00
Additional fee for non-members (No Extra Fee for Animals 50% Purity or Less)	\$25.00
Registration of Imported Animal	\$26.00
<b>Transfer:</b>	
Transfer of Ownership	\$25.00
Bulk Transfer (15+ animals)	\$10.00
Transfer within Family	\$10.00
Whole Herd Transfer within Family	\$250.00
<b>Embryo Registry Work:</b>	
Recovery	\$10.00
Freezing	\$5.00
Transfer (export only)	\$50.00
<b>Other Fees:</b>	
Duplicate Certificate	\$17.00
Registration of Lease	\$22.00
Registration of Prefix	\$22.00
Transfer of Prefix	\$22.00
Registration of Tattoo Letters	\$22.00
Transfer of Tattoo Letters	\$22.00
Extended Pedigree – 3 gen	\$20.00
Extended Pedigree – 4 gen	\$25.00

# SUPERIOR PRODUCTION RECORDS

Based on 2023 Production Records | January ~ December 2023 Records

## BUTTERFAT +475 KG

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER (G-79)

2 Yr 11574 **544** 4.7% 371 3.2%  
BCA 371M 344F 334P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING JACLYN (GP-83)

3 Yr 10467 **541** 5.2% 408 3.9%  
BCA 304M 315F 332P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR ERNIE LEMONAID (VG-87)

4 Yr 10179 **484** 4.8% 342 3.4%  
BCA 306M 285F 290P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### DON HAVEN LATIMER VAVOOM (VG-85)

5 Yr 9761 **496** 5.1% 344 3.5%  
BCA 285M 288F 282P  
SCOTT GORDON, ROCKWOOD, ON

### MAPLEHURST NAVARRO BRIDGET (EX-91)

5 Yr 11642 **529** 4.5% 400 3.4%  
BCA 341M 306F 328P  
MARLEY FARMS INC, WATERLOO, ON

### MARODORE HP NOVAK PORTIA-ETV (VG-85)

5 Yr 11180 **557** 5.0% 359 3.2%  
BCA 324M 320F 292P  
FULLER VIEW FARM, MUSQIE VALLEY FARMS, J.  
FUL, WOLFVILLE, NS

### BROADVIEW LEVI APPLE (VG-85)

6 Yr 10806 **537** 5.0% 353 3.3%  
BCA 280M 281F 258P  
SCOTT GORDON, ROCKWOOD, ON

### MAPLEHURST ARCHIE BINGO (EX-90)

7 Yr 10458 **478** 4.6% 359 3.4%  
BCA 277M 256F 268P  
HIDDEN LANE DAIRY INC., ELMIRA, ON

### SUNNY MEAD NOVAK GOLDIE (VG-87)

3 Yr 9328 **525** 5.6% 338 3.6%  
BCA 274M 307F 279P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR ERNIE IDAHO (GP-80)

4 Yr 9764 **479** 4.9% 309 3.2%  
BCA 287M 278F 255P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING FELICIA (GP-80)

4 Yr 11630 **554** 4.8% 388 3.3%  
BCA 315M 298F 294P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### BEAVERWOOD RUSSELL'S ELIZABETH

5 Yr 12238 **566** 4.6% 414 3.4%  
BCA 331M 306F 316P  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### LINDRIAN POLLY LEVI ET (EX-90)

5 Yr 10287 **532** 5.2% 381 3.7%  
BCA 288M 299F 300P  
WISSELVIEW FARMS, PITT MEADOWS, BC

### EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA (GP-82)

6 Yr 12576 **573** 4.6% 404 3.2%  
BCA 366M 333F 331P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR CASPIAN FAIRE (VG-85)

6 Yr 9556 **478** 5.0% 325 3.4%  
BCA 273M 275F 260P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### BEAVERWOOD GARY'S ALYSSA

8 Yr 11699 **572** 4.9% 364 3.1%  
BCA 312M 316F 274P  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

# SUPERIOR PRODUCTION RECORDS

Based on 2023 Production Records | January ~ December 2023 Records

## PROTEIN +370 KG

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER (G-79)

2 Yr 11574 544 4.7% **371** 3.2%  
BCA 371M 344F 334P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING FELICIA (GP-80)

4 Yr 11630 554 4.8% **388** 3.3%  
BCA 315M 298F 294P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### MAPLEHURST NAVARRO BRIDGET (EX-91)

5 Yr 11642 529 4.5% **400** 3.4%  
BCA 341M 306F 328P  
MARLEY FARMS INC, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA (GP-82)

6 Yr 12576 573 4.6% **404** 3.2%  
BCA 366M 333F 331P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### EBY MANOR LIGHTNING JACLYN (GP-83)

3 Yr 10467 541 5.2% **408** 3.9%  
BCA 304M 315F 332P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### BEAVERWOOD RUSSELL'S ELIZABETH

5 Yr 12238 566 4.6% **414** 3.4%  
BCA 331M 306F 316P  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### LINDRIAN POLLY LEVI ET (EX-90)

5 Yr 10287 532 5.2% **381** 3.7%  
BCA 288M 299F 300P  
WISSELVIEW FARMS, PITT MEADOWS, BC

## CANADIAN CLASS LEADERS: HONOUR ROLL

Based on Breed Class Average | January ~ December 2023 Records

## ADDITIONS BUTTERFAT

### Yearlings ~ 4

EBY MANOR INDIGO JERICHO  
9316 **472** 5.1% 298 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### 5 Yr Old ~ 6

BEAVERWOOD RUSSELL'S ELIZABETH  
12238 **566** 4.6% 414 3.4%  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### Mature Cow ~ 4

EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA  
12576 **573** 4.6% 404 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### Mature Cow ~ 5

BEAVERWOOD GARY'S ALYSSA  
11699 **572** 4.9% 364 3.1%  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### Sr. 2 Yr Old ~ 1

EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER  
11574 **544** 4.7% 371 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### 5 Yr Old ~ 9

MARODORE HP NOVAK PORTIA-ETV  
11180 **557** 5.0% 359 3.2%  
FULLER VIEW FARM, MUSQIE VALLEY FARMS, J.  
FUL, WOLFVILLE, NS

### Mature Cow ~ 10

BROADVIEW LEVI APPLE  
10806 **537** 5.0% 353 3.3%  
SCOTT GORDON, ROCKWOOD, ON

# CANADIAN CLASS LEADERS: HONOUR ROLL

Based on Breed Class Average | January ~ December 2023 Records

## ADDITIONS PROTEIN

### Yearlings ~9

EBY MANOR INDIGO JERICHO  
9316 **298** 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### Sr. 2 Yr Old ~4

BEAVERWOOD KAKADU FLAME  
10394 **351** 3.4%  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### Jr. 3 Yr Old ~3

EBY MANOR LIGHTNING JACLYN  
10467 **408** 3.9%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### 5 Yr Old ~9

MAPLEHURST NAVARRO BRIDGET  
11642 **400** 3.4%  
MARLEY FARMS INC, WATERLOO, ON

### Aged Cow ~10

EBY MANOR MOREY SPECIAL  
9065 **310** 3.4%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### Jr. 2 Yr Old ~9

EBY MANOR LEGEND WHISPER  
9576 **332** 3.5%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### Sr. 2 Yr Old ~1

EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER  
11574 **371** 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

### 5 Yr Old ~3

BEAVERWOOD RUSSELL'S ELIZABETH  
12238 **414** 3.4%  
BEAVERWOOD FARMS INC., DUNDAS, NB

### Mature Cow ~6

EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA  
12576 **404** 3.2%  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON



# CANADIAN CLASS LEADERS

Based on Breed Class Average | January ~ December 2023 Records

## BUTTERFAT

- Yearlings**      **EBY MANOR INDIGO JERICHO**  
9316 472 298      BCA: 343M 345F 307P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
- 2 Yr Old**      **EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER (G-79)**  
11574 544 371      BCA: 371M 344F 334P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
- 3 Yr Old**      **EBY MANOR LIGHTNING JACLYN (GP-83)**  
10467 541 408      BCA: 304M 315F 332P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
- 4 Yr Old**      **EBY MANOR LIGHTNING FELICIA (GP-80)**  
11630 554 388      BCA: 315M 298F 294P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
- 5 Yr Old**      **MARODORE HP NOVAK PORTIA-ETV (VG-85)**  
11180 557 359      BCA: 324M 320F 292P  
FULLER VIEW FARM, MUSQIE VALLEY FARMS, J. FUL,  
WOLFVILLE, NS
- Mature Cow**      **EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA (GP-82)**  
12576 573 404      BCA: 366M 333F 331P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
- Aged Cow**      **EBY MANOR MOREY SPECIAL (EX-90)**  
9065 388 310      BCA: 257M 232F 246P  
EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON

## 2023 CANADIAN CLASS LEADERS

Based on Breed Class Average | January ~ December 2023 Records

### PROTEIN

<b>Yearlings</b>	<b>EBY MANOR INDIGO JERICHO</b> 9316 472 298    BCA: 343M 345F <b><u>307P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
<b>2 Yr Old</b>	<b>EBY MANOR LIGHTNING SHIMMER (G-79)</b> 11574 544 371    BCA: 371M 344F <b><u>334P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
<b>3 Yr Old</b>	<b>EBY MANOR LIGHTNING JACLYN (GP-83)</b> 10467 541 408    BCA: 304M 315F <b><u>332P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
<b>4 Yr Old</b>	<b>EBY MANOR LIGHTNING FELICIA (GP-80)</b> 11630 554 388    BCA: 315M 298F <b><u>294P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
<b>5 Yr Old</b>	<b>MAPLEHURST NAVARRO BRIDGET (EX-91)</b> 11642 529 400    BCA: 341M 306F <b><u>328P</u></b> MARLEY FARMS INC, WATERLOO, ON
<b>Mature Cow</b>	<b>EBY MANOR LOGO SYLVIA (GP-82)</b> 12576 573 404    BCA: 366M 333F <b><u>331P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON
<b>Aged Cow</b>	<b>EBY MANOR MOREY SPECIAL (EX-90)</b> 9065 388 310    BCA: 257M 232F <b><u>246P</u></b> EBY MANOR LTD, WATERLOO, ON



# 2023

CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

## Annual Awards

### **MARSHDENE FARMS AWARD**

To the Highest Lifetime Butterfat Producer completing a record in 2023

**EBY MANOR AARON WHEY (VG-87)**

4132 kg in 9 lactations

Eby Manor Ltd., Waterloo, ON

### **CALLUMLEA FARM AWARD**

To the Highest Lifetime Protein Producer completing a record in 2023

**EBY MANOR MOREY SPECIAL (EX-6E)**

3001 kg in 10 lactations

Eby Manor Ltd., Waterloo, ON

### **GARTMORE FARMS AWARD**

For the Highest Increase in Fat + Protein BCA over the previous year (2021 – 2022)

**Beaverwood Farms Inc., Dundas, NB**

2021 BCA 407 – 2022 BCA 419 – Increase 12

### **LINDRIAN FARMS AWARD**

For the Highest Butterfat Herd Average (kg) 2022

**Scott Gordon, Rockwood, ON**

9 records 8767 402 305

BCA 282M 258F 275P

### **CHINOOK CREST DAIRY AWARD**

For the Highest Protein Herd Average (kg) 2022

**Scott Gordon, Rockwood, ON**

9 records 8767 402 305

BCA 282M 258F 275P

### **LINDLEY FARM AWARD**

For the Highest Fat + Protein Breed Class Average 2022

**Scott Gordon, Rockwood, ON**

BCA 258F 275P = Fat BCA + Protein BCA Total 533

**2022**

*Gold Star  
Breeder*  
AWARD

**EBY MANOR LTD**

Waterloo, ON

Congratulations on your achievement!

To achieve this honour, a home-bred herd will have at least 15 completed records, with classification score average at least 82.5% and BCA 10 points above the National Herd Average for Butterfat and Protein.



# Notes