

# Valden Cow of the Year

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***The Valden Cow of the Year is awarded to any cow that has completed at least four lactations and is deemed to have, or have the potential to, contribute to the breed on a continual basis. Automatic entry into this competition will take into account the following aspects:***

1. Production Worth following the running of the Production suite annually
2. Protein Breeding Value ie. 2015 Production => 2016 Cow of the Year
3. Number of lactations
4. Classification
5. Show Results include North Island, South Island, and Semex On-Farm competition
6. Star Brood Status
7. Recognition for Superior Production
8. Daughter performance in production indexes
9. Daughter proven sons in AB

## **Criteria**

- Entry will be automatic and open to all Holstein Friesian New Zealand members who have registered females in New Zealand
- The cow must be a registered Holstein Friesian with a minimum breed content of PF16
- The cow must have completed a minimum of four lactations whether autumn or spring calving
- The cow must be alive as at 1 May the year the competition is awarded
- In the event of a tie, the cow with the highest production worth will be deemed the winner. If there is still a tie then the cow with the highest value for protein (kg) will be deemed the winner.
- A cow cannot win the Cow of the Year award more than once
- The cow must have been born and bred in New Zealand with all production completed in New Zealand
- All calculations will be completed by the Holstein Friesian New Zealand office from information recorded on the National Database and Holstein Friesian New Zealand records of show results

NB: All results are available for publication.