



Valden Cow of the Year

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. Classification
2. Star Brood Status
3. Recognition for Superior Production
4. Production Worth (as at the first AE run following 1 May in the year of application)
5. Protein Breeding Value (as at the first AE run following 1 May in the year of application)
6. Number of lactations
7. Show Results include North Island, South Island, Royal and NZ Dairy Event Champion Cows
8. Daughter performance in production indexes (as at the first AE run following 1 May in the year of application)
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 first AE run in May each year will be used to judge AE criteria
- The cow must be alive at the time of the first AE run in May each year
- In the event of a tie, the cow with the highest genetic merit will be deemed the winner. If there is still a tie then the cow with the highest genetic 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.