

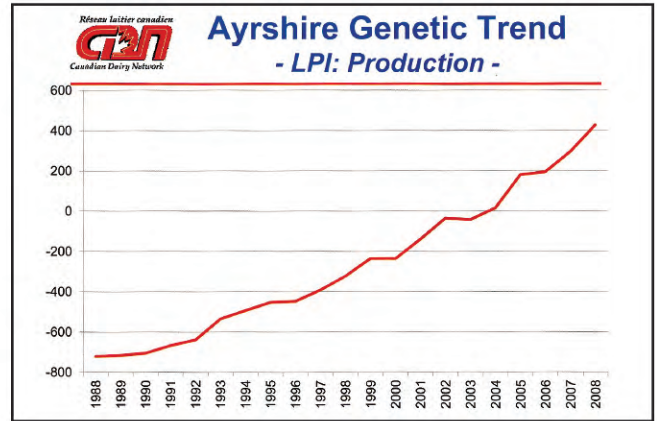
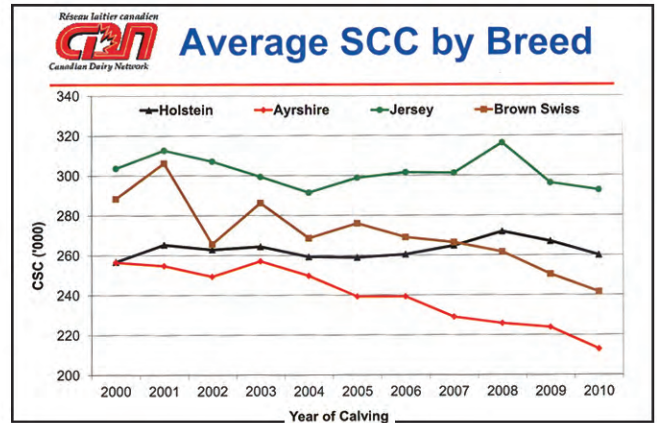
# Ayrshire's statistics

Over the past few years, we have placed emphasis on our strongest traits in order to show our breed at its best. Udder health is one of the Ayrshire's best traits and we are always working to improve it but we are proud of the gains that have been made.

As the present chart shows, the Ayrshire has the lowest somatic cells count of all other dairy breeds again this year. The slope is still in a descending tangent, which is even more positive. In fact, with an average of about 215 for 2010 compared to 240 for 2006, it's an enormous progress achieved over the years. Udder health is a crucial factor in our cow's performance, as well as in the annual expenses for your business.

Another important fact about our beautiful Ayrshire is the LPI gain on production. It's also increasing at an important pace which is highly desirable.

As this chart shows, the year 2008 ends with numbers above 400kg for the breed's average production. Not surprising that our cows increase in production because more and more producers are over 10,000 kg and more. What more could we ask from a cow who increases her production while decreasing somatic cells count?!



## Proof round



La Sapinière  
Blandinas, VG-85  
daughter of  
Hautpré Kansas

Frank Robinson

This year's December 6 proof round was stable for the Ayrshire breed. None of the new sires were sent back in service by CIAQ/Semex, but the potential of those already active was confirmed. Hautpré **Kansas** is now 2nd in Canada for LPI. Showing great deviations – +0.34% F and 0.17% P – as well as 1,311 kg of milk, he remains a leader for production while maintaining good conformation. Kellcrest **Landscape-ET** increases his LPI by 164 points, moving up from 9th to 6th place. He brings strength to his progeny, as shown by his indexes of +8 for stature and +6 for chest width. Palmyra Jerry **Bendig** continues to impress with his 100 LPI point record. At +9 for mammary system, use him as a specialist for median suspensory and rear attachment width. Finally, **Oblique** and **Percy** – respectively 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for LPI – are still among the 10 best sires for these criteria, while **Normandin** and **Poker** maintain their proof numbers by both adding once again an impressive number of daughters.