

# The Royal

The Ayrshire show at the 2011 Royal Winter Fair was one to admire. A total of 112 animals were shown and they were all exceptional animals. These entries came from Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, PEI and the US. Mr. Marc Charpentier from Victoriaville, Quebec was the judge for the day, assisted by his ringman, Carl Desrochers.



The ringside was filled with spectators and we were happy to have visitors from Brazil, Colombia, Finland, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States among them. The atmosphere in the barns was wonderful all week as exhibitors talked and shared information about all things Ayrshire! We were especially pleased to have so many entries from the US and enjoyed having their owners take part in our activities. We congratulate them on their success at our show and certainly hope that they will come back again next year.

Special guests from New Zealand, Vince and Sherri Steiner, and from Finland Nina Nieminen and Merja Rasi, attended the show and then toured farms in Ontario. The Steiners continued their travels into Quebec for more herd visits and a stop at the Howick-Huntingdon Club Annual banquet where they gave a presentation on farming in New Zealand.

Congratulations to all the participants at the 2011 Royal Ayrshire Show from the first animal to the last in each class they were all prime examples of quality Ayrshires. The exhibits in the barn were impressive, congratulations to Mapleburn Farms on winning one of the herd exhibit awards for their display. The energy and enthusiasm seen in Toronto was the perfect way to end a very successful 2011 show season and to make us look forward to next year.

## Ayr Supply Program

Last September, Ayrshire Canada launched "Ayr Supply", an all-new program to help launch new herds.

This program was implemented following many discussions at meetings of Ayrshire Canada's Breed Improvement and Marketing Committees. The main objectives of the Program are, among others, to increase the number of Ayrshire dairy cattle in Canada and to introduce the Ayrshire breed to new breeders. The Program is offered to all Clubs throughout Canada who will have the responsibility of managing the Program locally. Ayrshire Canada will offer his support and help to Clubs to manage the Program through his National Fieldman, Yves Charpentier.

The Ayr Supply Program is meant mainly for new breeders, buyers or whomever is interested in discovering the Ayrshire breed. To date, we have received a few inscriptions from interested breeders and others are still to come, which shows that the existence of our Ayr Supply Program is justified! Also, if as breeder you have a surplus of calves and would like to be included in the bank of names of supporters of the Program, please contact Mr. Charpentier directly at the Ayrshire Canada office.



Call us now!  
Appelez-nous dès maintenant!

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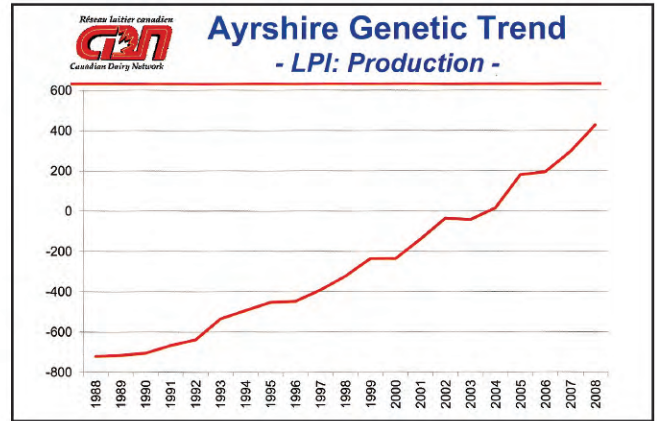
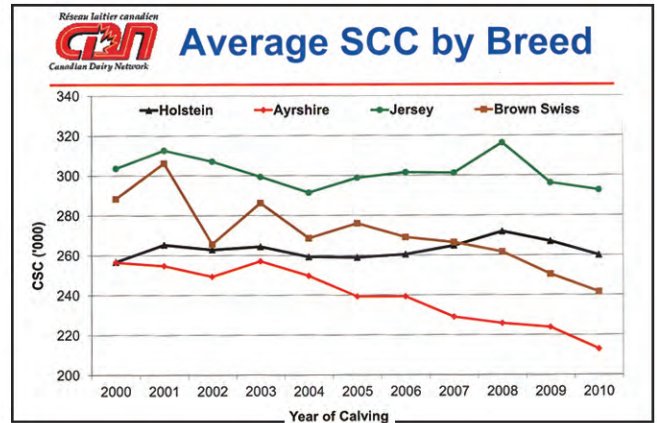
# Ayrshire's statistics

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.