



CANADIAN MILKING SHORTHORN SOCIETY Newsletter - December 2015

CHANGE IN REGISTRY SERVICE PROVIDER: HOLSTEIN CANADA

From previous communications, members will be aware that the Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society is moving our registry service from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in Ottawa, ON to Holstein Canada in Brantford, ON. This decision was formally approved by the membership at the 2014 AGM, and the Secretary-Manager has been working with Holstein Canada staff in the meantime to develop a new registry service for our breed.

Holstein had made a commitment to provide service for our breed (as well as Brown Swiss and Guernsey) starting in January 2016. Due to some staffing changes at Holstein Canada and difficulties that arose in programming the new system, we were informed in September 2015 that the new unified all-breed system would not be completed for January 2016. Thankfully, Holstein Canada came up with an interim solution that fulfills their commitment to our breed as well as serving as a step forward toward completion of the final project.

Starting in January, Holstein Canada will begin core registry services for the CMSS. This includes registrations, transfers, DNA testing services through GenServe, and membership services. Holstein Canada will also be receiving electronic registration applications from CanWest DHI and Valacta.

Additional services will be provided later in 2016. These will include on-line registration, online pedigree database, automatic award calculations (Star Brood, Master Breeder), and extended pedigrees. More details will follow on when these services are scheduled to be available.

Members will see very little difference in service from what is currently available from CLRC, except that we expect improvements in turn-around times and customer service. Online pedigree and performance information will continue to be available on the Canadian Dairy Network website at www.cdn.ca.

New Address for Registry Service:

Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society
- Registrations
Box 610, Brantford, ON N3T 5R4

Toll-Free: 1-855-756-8300
Fax: (519) 756-3502

Registry Service Contacts:

Crystal Smith (service bilingue)
Ext 208 csmith@holstein.ca
Grace Cyperling
Ext 214 gcyperling@holstein.ca

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Holstein Canada will be accepting registration applications, transfers and DNA applications effective immediately. Work will be completely in January 2016.

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Registrations/Transfers will no longer be accepted at Canadian Livestock Records Corp in Ottawa. Anyone with outstanding accounts with CLRC are encouraged to reconcile those accounts ASAP.

Fee Schedule Changes

The CMSS Board of Directors have approved a new fee schedule in conjunction with the move of registry service to Holstein Canada. The full list of fees can be found attached to this newsletter.

Notable changes include:

- There is a new age group for registrations of **0 to 3 months of age** at the time of registration, with a fee of **\$15.00**. This is \$3.00 less than the current 0 to 6 month rate.
- The **new 3 to 6 month rate has a \$18.00 charge**. The other two age rates remain the same.
- Animals registered **online or by ERA** are eligible for a **\$1.00/animal discount**.
- Animals **50% purity or lower will be registered at \$12.00**. This is a slight increase from \$10.00.
- **Non-members** will be subject to a **\$15.00 per animal additional fee** for all animals 51% purity or higher.
- Membership fees remain the same.
- **Transfer fees have been reduced to \$20/animal** from \$25/animal. Transfer fees for whole herd transfer or bulk transfer remain unchanged.
- There have been some reduction in fees for transfer of embryos.
- DNA services will continue to be performed by GenServe in Saskatchewan and the fee for **DNA testing (microsatellite) remains the same at \$35.00**.

Change in Membership Renewals

Starting in January 2016, there will be a change in how memberships are renewed.

Breeders who held memberships in 2015 will have their membership automatically renewed in January. If you would like to discontinue your membership, you will need to contact Holstein Canada registrars to cancel your membership.

Breeders who did not hold a membership in 2015 but who have previously been members will be contacted with membership applications for those that wish to become CMSS memberships.

Additionally, Associate Memberships will now be administered by Holstein Canada rather than directly through our office. Associate Memberships (\$20 + tax) will be automatically renewed for 2015 members, and reminders will go out to lapsed members.

Moving forward, memberships will be for 12 months from the date where they are purchased, as opposed to an "annual" membership good only for a calendar year regardless of when it was purchased. For example, a membership purchased on March 15th, 2016 would expire on March 14th, 2017.

A new membership form is being finalized and will be available on the CMSS website very soon. Breeders can also contact the CMSS office to obtain any necessary forms.

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Financial Arrangements with Holstein Canada

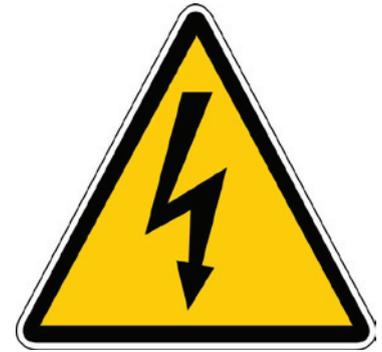
Each client will now have a financial account with Holstein Canada. Almost all breeders will already have an account with Holstein Canada from purchase of NLID tags, classification, or Holstein registry services. Each client will have one account for all of their business with Holstein Canada, not just with the CMSS.

As such, registry work no longer has to be accompanied with payment at the time that work is completed. An invoice will be generated after work is completed, which can then be paid by cheque, credit card, or online banking. Clients also have the option of having an online profile through the Holstein Canada website where invoices can be viewed and payments can be made.

The Electric Trainwreck

by John Knox, Knoxdale Farms

About three years ago, we finished our third consecutive year as the top BCA herd in our county, somewhere in the 255 range. We were chugging along, and I was scheming about catching up to Oceanbrae Farms somehow. Then things started to go off the rails. Milk production was going backward and I was having trouble getting my favorite cows in calf. I had some health issues around this time and I admit my ability to care for the cows suffered so I felt that this was the problem; however, they continued to spiral downward.



When I felt better, I expected improvement but saw none. For probably 18 months, I beat myself up about what I must be doing wrong. Why were my heifers doing so badly? Was my feed bad? Were there micotoxins? In addition to low production and poor reproduction, the somatic cell count was always elevated, often in the penalty level. I had three months averaging over 400,000 (not consecutive months). In 30 years of dairying, this had only happened once before. Most of the time that the count was elevated, the filter would appear pristinely clear. Up to 20% of the cows began lying in the dirty alleyways. This also was a new occurrence. Some of the cows were thin despite the copious amounts of grain they were receiving. I stopped milk recording because it was too depressing and I felt I might depress the breed average.

I began milking more cows to fill my quota, but failed to do so most of the time. You can imagine that these problems were costing money and lots of it. I think that \$100,000 would be a conservative estimate over the time period, but would be more if you count the value of lost records and genetic losses due to forced culling. These financial markers don't touch on the terrible feeling of discouragement that was part of this.

Finally, about a year ago, I realized this problem was not going away by itself and I started to look at other causes. I had, of course, heard of stray voltage but since my cows seemed to drink water and would come into the parlour, I doubted that was the issue. After a particularly depressing pregnancy check (3 of 12), I asked the vet and he knew someone with voltage testing equipment. In February 2015 the test was conducted and indicated that I had 1.5-2.0 volts coming in on the neutral wire and going to the ground under my barn. I'm not going to attempt to explain this here but I will say that 0.1 volts is enough to bother a cow as she stands on a wet floor in her bare feet. Look up stray voltage on Google for an explanation and a history of the phenomenon.

Potential liability issues makes Hydro One very nervous about this issue, so it took a lot of time and a lot of help from my MPP's office among other folks to get a Dairyland Isolator installed on my pole (a resistor which blocks the flow on the neutral line). In defense of Hydro One, they now seem to be taking this issue seriously in this area as it has become epidemic in central Ontario.

One month has passed and the results seem promising. Somatic cell counts are better, and production has improved by 3 liters per cow. I already see a change in cow body condition and most cows now lie in the stalls. It will take time as stale cows won't improve as much. Two of my fresh cows have hit 40 kg and nothing has come close to that in a long time.

I am hoping better times are ahead. I asked Ryan to let me write this article to say that if anyone experiences anything like what I have described, get a third party (not hydro) in as soon as possible to test for stray voltage. This way you can rule out voltage as the culprit. If I had been more aggressive, I might have saved myself a lot of money, time and suffering.



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Fee Schedule for Registry Services
Liste des tarifs pour services d'enregistrement

Membership/Cotisation:

Annual Membership / Cotisation annuelle	\$85.00
Annual Membership (first time) / Cotisation annuelle (première fois)	\$40.00
Junior Membership / Cotisation junior	\$25.00
Associate Membership / Cotisation associé	\$20.00
Honourary Life Membership / Cotisation honoraire à vie	free / gratuit

Registration / Enregistrement:

	Members	Non-Members
Less than 3 months / Âgés moins de 3 mois	\$15.00	\$30.00
3 to 6 months / Âgés 3 mois mais moins de 6 mois	\$18.00	\$33.00
6 to 12 months / Âgés 6 mois mais moins de 12 mois	\$26.00	\$41.00
More than 12 months / Âgés plus de 12 mois	\$40.00	\$55.00
Registration for an animal 50% purity or less/ Enregistrement d'un animal à pourcentage 50% ou moins - n'importe l'âge	\$12.00	\$12.00
Registration of an imported animal / Enregistrement d'un animal importé	\$25.00	\$40.00

Transfers / Transferts:

Transfer of ownership / Transfert de propriété	\$20.00
Bulk Transfer (10+ animals, one seller) / Transfert d'une groupe (10+ animaux)	\$15.00
Transfer within family / Transfert dans la famille	\$10.00
Whole herd transfer / Transfert d'un troupeau entier	\$100.00
Transfer of an embryo / Transfert d'un embryon	\$10.00/embryo \$30.00/flush

Additional Fees / Tarifs additionnelle:

Prefix Registration / Enregistrement d'un préfixe	\$10.00
Transfer of Prefix / Transfert d'un préfixe	\$25.00
Registration of Tattoo Letters / Enregistrement de lettres de tatouage	\$10.00
Duplicate Certificate / Certificat duplicata	\$10.00
Extended Pedigree / Pedigrees rallongées	\$10.00
DNA Analysis (microsatellite) / Analyse d'ADN (microsatellite)	\$35.00
Rush Fee / Frais de service en urgence	\$10.00

NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY-MANAGER

Hello Milking Shorthorn breeders,

It's been another busy year for the breed, and a particularly busy fall and early winter. Following the National Sale and then the trip to Lindsay for a very successful National Show, the rest of the year has been spent getting the next Syndicate sire (Koopycrest Anecdote-P) syndicated and released as well as getting things lined up to transfer our registry service to Holstein Canada from Canadian Livestock Records.

Additionally, the Board has agreed to participate in the 2016 edition of the Canadian Dairy XPO in Stratford, Ontario, where we will once again be participating in the Component Breed Display. This show will be moving to the first week of April instead of February this year, so we hope to see an even larger attendance at the show. We will be looking for members who would be interested in volunteering some time to help staff the display during the two day show....watch for more details soon.

Earlier in this newsletter, we outlined changes to registry service as well as changes to the fee schedule. Based on proposed cost of service, we are expecting a small decrease in the cost of providing registry service for breeders, so the Board wanted to find ways to pass along some of those savings back to breeders. The reduction

in transfer fees as well as new cheaper 0 to 3 month age bracket for registrations is part of this effort. We will be assessing registry service throughout the year to ensure that we are generating sufficient income to fund breed programs.

As always, I am always keen to hear from Milking Shorthorn breeders across the country. Whether you are looking for breeding stock, have animals available, need information on available sires, or just want to have a chat about cattle....I'd be happy to hear from you.

My number one priority continues to be to enhance the status of the Milking Shorthorn breed in Canada. I do this by highlighting accomplishments from all breeders via social media, print advertising, our website, and discussions with prospective buyers and industry partners. I am always willing to work with all breeders who share this vision to shine a light on our breed and how Milking Shorthorns can excel in herds from coast to coast.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas, and that 2016 is an excellent year for your families, your herds, and for the Milking Shorthorn breed!

Ryan



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*

*May your holiday season and your
2016 be happy and healthy!*

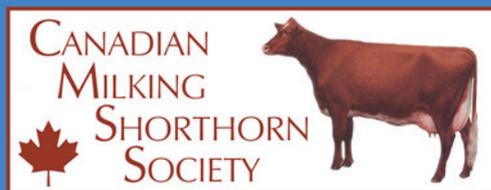
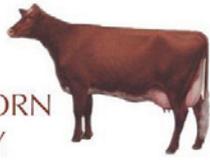


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Application for Registration

- Female
 Male

Individual ID - NLID / ATQ

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Primary Herd Management #

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Tattoo (Optional)

Left Ear

Right Ear

Calf Information

Prefix

Animal Name

Date of Birth:

DD/MM/YY

Is this estimated?

Gestation Terms

- Normal
 Late
 Premature

Birth Type

- 1 - Single
 2 - Twin
 3 - Triplet

Twin Sex

- Female
 Male

Calf Size

- Normal
 Large
 Small

Colour

- Red White Red & White Red with White markings
 Roan Light Roan Dark Roan

Non-Breed Character Colour

- Black / Black & White Blue Roan Brindle

Polled

- No Yes

Embryo Transfer

- No Yes *

Parent and Breeding Information

Dam

Breed & Country Code

Individual ID or Reg #

Name

D.O.B

Sire

Breed & Country Code

Individual ID or Reg #

Name

Semen Code

Service Type

- AI Technician AI by Herd Owner Natural

Date of Service

DD/MM/YY

- Pasture / Paddock

Range of Dates (exposure to dam)

DD/MM/YY

to

DD/MM/YY

Embryo Transfer Information

- Regular Manipulated Cloned

Recipient Dam - Individual ID or Reg #

Frozen ID

Straw #

Date of Recovery

DD/MM/YY

Date of Transplant

DD/MM/YY

Ownership Information

Membership Name

I declare that the information herein is to the best of my knowledge and belief true.

Account # or Prefix

Signature

More than 1 owner

Membership Name

Location of Calf

Premises ID - ex: ON123475

Date

Comments

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