

# Canadian Blonde

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# Canadian Blonde D'Aquitaine Association

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## Message from the President

Where did the year go? Did not seem too long ago the cows were calving, and now you're at the sale barn watching the calves sell. The cows are in their last trimester getting ready for another calving season. Guess what, we all enjoy it and would not change a thing!

Our Cream of the Crop sale went well. Lots of enthusiasm which brought the average price up, better than the last couple of years. The stocker prices seem to be getting stronger each week too. The futures market is telling us that the prices are staying strong going into next summer. Hoping the cycle stays up for a few years!

As each year passes, we would not be able to have a sale without our volunteers that work countless hours behind the scene. All their hard work throughout the year planning and organizing has paid off for another successful sale. I would like to give a huge thank-you to Nicholas Boyd, without him reaching out to consignors, we would likely not have a sale due to lack of entries. Also, there are two other families that need to be recognized for their time, efforts and dedication to the breed. The Payne's, "The Two Young Lads" (Barry & Lawrence) for working the barns on Friday and Saturday and the NcNevan's for working their magic once again on the bidders and buyers.

The Ontario Board is really lucky to have dedicated members that are willingly donating animals at their annual sale. Between Rick Drinkill and John Langstaff, the board received close to \$10,000 in donation funds. Make sure to give all the volunteers a special thank-you when you see them. Remember, without them, we likely wouldn't be making memories in October with our Blonde Breeders! Let's have another thriving sale next year, shall we!

As the holiday's fast approaches, stay safe and healthy for this upcoming year.

Have a Merry Christmas Everyone!

Paul Ferguson

# News from the Board

- We have received the following information from Unigen (James Peal 450-549-6002 or [info@unigen.ca](mailto:info@unigen.ca)) regarding the order of semen from Evolution in France.
  - Minimum order per bull is 5 doses and orders must be placed in 5 dose increments.
  - Minimum order per customer per shipment is \$1000 + applicable taxes.
  - All costs associated with registering progeny or the bulls into the herdbook are the responsibility of the customer.
  - Deadline for ordering semen is December 16th, 2022
- An on-line Breeders Map is available. If you wish to have your farm included please contact CBDA Board member Jane Schiestel. The link can be found on the CBDA webpage or by copying and pasting the following address into your web browser. <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Hh3gsn67zB0qykVLCb-bBdv6uBiwahb&usp=sharing>

# Nouvelles du Conseil

- Nous avons reçu les informations suivantes d'Unigen (James Peal 450-549-6002 or [info@unigen.ca](mailto:info@unigen.ca)) concernant la commande de semence d'Evolution en France.
  - La commande minimum par taureau est de 5 doses et les commandes doivent être passées par tranches de 5 doses.
  - La commande minimum par client par envoi est de 1000\$ + taxes applicables.
  - Tous les frais liés à l'enregistrement de la descendance ou des taureaux dans le livre généalogique sont à la charge du client.
  - Unigen fournira toute la documentation demandée pour appuyer une demande au registre tant qu'elle est disponible auprès d'Evolution, tous les frais supplémentaires pour le faire sont à la charge du client.
  - La date limite pour commander est le 16 décembre 2022.
- Une carte des éleveurs en ligne est disponible. Si vous souhaitez y figurer, veuillez contacter Jane Schiestel, membre du conseil d'administration du SCBA. Le lien peut être trouvé sur la page Web du SCBA ou en copiant et collant l'adresse suivante dans votre navigateur Web. <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Hh3gsn67zB0qykVLCb-bBdv6uBiwahb&usp=sharing>

Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
from  
**Crystal  
Farms**



*Thank you to our 2022 buyers!*

- Gary Picken
- Rick & Jan Drinkill
- David Payne & Lisa Leduc
- Sean & Lois Recker
- Bill Reid



 [www.facebook.com/crystalfarms1987](http://www.facebook.com/crystalfarms1987)

Paul, Mary Ellen, Samantha & Phillip Ferguson



Merry Christmas  
& Happy 2023  
From: **Bar K Farms**  
*Look at the potential*

	%wb	CE	BW	WG	Milk	PWG	YG
Bar K Krystal 03K	78	85	71	59	97	90	
Bar K Kalysee 02K	22	71	69	68	73	73	
Bar K Kelsey 06K	56	61	82	53	81	84	
Bar K Kenora 18K	28	76	97	80	93	96	
Bar K Keeta 21K	52	58	79	62	72	79	
Bar K Cassidy 23K	39	44	64	80	97	93	
Bar K Kendra 24K	60	58	87	60	95	93	
Bar K Kiwi 36K	32	31	92	55	98	96	

*A Special Thank you to our 2022 Buyers*

- Don & Wendy Dunham of Donaleen Blondes
- Shane & Nicole Baker of Shelbramack Blondes
- Sean & Lois Recker of Recker Farms
- Frank Borrmann of Birchview Blondes

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## **Before you make AI breeding plans:**

- *Check the SNP status of the sire - Fullblood or Embryo Transplant offspring of the sire are required to be parentage verified. This could include a Purebred or Percentage sire if he is used for an Embryo Transplant project.*
- *We encourage you to use the sire list available on the CBDA website. You can also check the CLRC on-line pedigree pages to see if the sire in question has a SNP profile in place. If you have further questions reach out to CBDA Board member Dave Kamelchuk.*
- *If the AI sire doesn't have a SNP profile, and you wish to register his Fullblood or Embryo Transplant offspring, you will be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining the SNP profile including semen donation and testing costs.*
- *A full or partial straw/vial of semen can be sent for testing. The lab (Neogen) does have small plastic vials that can be used to collect a small portion of the semen prior to breeding the cow, while the bulk can be used for insemination, so you don't "lose" the entire straw/vial.*
- *Work with other breeders as several have extensive semen collections, and may be willing to donate a straw for testing. This has worked well in the past with one donating the semen and the other paying for the test.*
- *SNP profiles for French AI sires can be requested from France, and in most cases the sire does not require re-testing in Canada.*

## **Avant de faire des plans d'élevage par IA :**

- *Vérifiez le statut ou profil d'SNP du taureau- Les descendants du taureau, qu'ils soient Fullblood ou issus d'une transplantation embryonnaire, doit faire l'objet d'une vérification de parenté. Il peut s'agir d'un taureau Pursang ou d'un taureau à pourcentage s'il est utilisé pour un projet de transplantation d'embryons.*
- *Nous vous encourageons à utiliser la liste de taureaux disponible sur le site Web de la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine (SCBA). Vous pouvez également consulter les pages de la généalogie en ligne de la Société canadienne d'enregistrement des animaux (SCEA) pour voir si le taureau en question a un profil SNP en place. Si vous avez d'autres questions, n'hésitez pas à contacter Dave Kamelchuk, membre du conseil d'administration de la SCBA.*
- *Si le taureau d'IA n'a pas de profil d'SNP et que vous souhaitez enregistrer sa progéniture Fullblood ou issus d'une transplantation embryonnaire, vous serez responsable de tous les coûts associés à l'obtention du profil d'SNP, y compris le don de sperme et les coûts des tests.*
- *Une paillette ou un flacon de sperme complet ou partiel peut être envoyé pour être testé. Le laboratoire (Neogen) dispose de petits flacons en plastique qui peuvent être utilisés pour la collecte d'une petite portion de sperme tandis que le reste de la paillette peut être utilisé pour l'insémination, de sorte que vous ne "perdez" pas la paillette entière.*
- *Travaillez avec d'autres éleveurs, car plusieurs d'entre eux disposent de vastes collections de sperme, et peuvent être disposés à donner une paillette pour le test d'SNP. Cela a bien fonctionné dans le passé quand l'un a donné la semence et l'autre a payé le test.*
- *Les profils d'SNP pour les taureaux d'IA français peuvent être demandés de la France, et dans la plupart des cas, le taureau n'a pas besoin d'être testé à nouveau au Canada.*

## New Parentage Testing Requirements

- By-laws passed at the 2021 Annual General Meeting have been approved by Agriculture Canada. Important changes you will need to know:
- Random parentage testing of Purebred and Percentage animals has been increased to 1 out of every 10 animals when you apply for registration. In the past it was 1 per 100, and done on Purebred animals only. All Fullbloods must still be parentage verified upon registration.
- The randomly selected animal, and the parents that do not already have SNP profiles will have test costs paid for by the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. Any randomly selected animal whose parentage cannot be proven will be considered ineligible for registration and the breeder will pay all costs.
- It is good practice to collect hair samples from cows prior to culling if you have not yet registered their offspring. If the offspring is flagged for random testing and you cannot prove parentage, the offspring will not be eligible for registration.
- If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Board Secretary Reed Rigney.

## Nouvelles exigences de test de filiation

- Les règlements adoptés lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2021 ont été approuvés par Agriculture Canada. Voici des changements importants que vous devrez connaître:
- Les animaux seront notés avec les termes Fullblood, Pursang ou à Pourcentage avec leur pourcentage de contenu du sang blond sur leurs papiers d'enregistrement et les pages généalogiques en ligne.
- Les tests de parenté des animaux Pursang et à pourcentage choisis au hasard ont été augmentés à 1 sur 10 animaux lors de la demande d'enregistrement. Auparavant, il était de 1 animal sur 100, et n'était effectué que sur les animaux Pursang. Tous les animaux Fullblood doivent toujours faire l'objet d'une vérification de parenté lors de l'enregistrement.
- L'animal choisi au hasard et les parents qui n'ont pas encore un profil d'SNP verront les coûts des tests payés par la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine. Tout animal sélectionné au hasard, dont la parenté ne peut être prouvée, ne sera pas éligible à l'enregistrement et l'éleveur paiera tous les coûts des tests.
- Si vous avez des questions concernant ces changements, veuillez contacter le secrétaire du Conseil, Reed Rigney.



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d'Aquitaine

Thank you to the consignors, buyers,  
bidders, & attendees at the 22nd Annual

**Cream of the  
Crop Sale!**

**Wishing You a Healthy  
& Prosperous 2023!**

**Congratulations to the People's Choice Award Winner!**



**Bar K Haylee 1H**  
Consigned by Bar K Farms, Manotick, ON  
Purchased by Birchview Farms, Lakefield, ON  
Banners Sponsored by Acres Farms & Little Creek Farm

**High Selling Bull: Langstaff Jake 3J**  
Consigned by John Langstaff, Sombra, ON  
Purchased by Shelbramack Blondes, Sunderland, ON



**High Selling Female: Bar K Hershey 12H**  
Consigned by Bar K Farms, Manotick, ON  
Purchased by Donaleen Blondes, Campbellford, ON



Thank you to John Langstaff  
for his generous donation of Langstaff Kara 7K.  
A total of \$6240 was raised for the OBdAA.  
Congratulations to Paul and Lisa  
of Fee Haven Farms for winning the heifer!





## **RDAR makes Major Investment in CBIN Genetics Data Platform to Improve Efficiency and Profitability of Cattle Producers**

October 19, 2021 (Edmonton, Alberta) – Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) has invested \$640,000 in a collaborative research project with the Canadian Beef Improvement Network (CBIN) to springboard the development of a unified, standardized, and producer-accessible beef cattle genetics data platform.

Through this platform, CBIN will provide commercial cattle producers and the entire beef production chain with access to critical data that will help better inform genetic decisions and improve environmental and economic sustainability.

*“Genetic data is essential to ensuring Alberta beef continues to be known worldwide for being the best. This project is a prime example of the innovation Alberta is known for, with industry groups working together to find new opportunities and new markets for their producers. I’m interested in seeing how this project benefits our ranchers and the province as a whole.”*

**Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry**

To date, eight Canadian beef cattle breed associations have committed to participate in the development of CBIN under the leadership of the Canadian Beef Breeds Council. This data-driven platform will benefit Canadian cattle producers directly. CBIN will give producers access to on-farm, on-demand genetic information to improve herd quality and inform marketing and genetic selection decisions.

Genetic data has value as a change agent. Today, genetic information is available to help producers make essential breeding decisions on fertility, growth, feed efficiency, disposition, calving ease, and carcass measures, to name a few. However, the beef industry underutilizes genetic data, and significant opportunities for producers to optimize their herd genetics are missed. By utilizing the CBIN platform to inform genetics decisions, producers will realize substantial benefits by capturing environmental efficiencies, improving animal and herd health and management, and validating product quality.

The collaborative framework of CBIN’s genetic advancements and technological innovations will be vitally important for the whole Canadian beef industry.

*“Data-driven genetic decisions and adoption of innovative genetic technologies will benefit all segments of the Canadian beef production chain from conception right through to consumption. Genetics has the potential to create benefits across the board, in the areas including, but not limited to, production efficiencies, environmental sustainability, animal health and welfare, food security and food product outcomes.”* **David Sibbald, President, Canadian Beef Breeds Council & Chair, Canadian Beef Improvement Network**

This project is unique as it seeks to bring an innovative solution to an existing gap in data capture, standardization, and digitalization in beef production. By adopting new genetic technologies and increasing genetic data literacy, Canadian beef producers will be better able to interpret the genetic data of their herds. By using data to inform breeding decisions, producers will improve economic efficiencies and reduce their environmental footprint.

*“Alberta produces some of the best beef in the world. To help our industry expand markets and compete globally, there needs to be an improvement in producers’ genetic literacy and the use of genomics within our beef industry. By understanding and sharing the linkages of beef genetic data, along with other production metrics, we will see increased profitability and competitiveness in our industry.”* **Clinton Dobson, RDAR Director of Research**

RDAR is proud to support this research project. The work will drive the integration and adoption of genetic innovations, standardizing genetic data capture and simplifying data access, assisting Canadian beef producers in making better decisions.

RDAR’s funding contributions – of which \$576,000.00 comes from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) – are valued at \$640,000 over 18 months.

To learn more about RDAR research projects, please visit [rdar.ca/research](http://rdar.ca/research)

### **About the Canadian Agricultural Partnership**

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment by Canada’s federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada’s agri-food and agri-products sectors. This commitment includes \$2 billion for programs cost-shared by the federal and provincial/territorial governments, with the programs designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

### **About RDAR**

RDAR is a not-for-profit organization that will continually consult with Alberta’s crop and livestock producers to set research priorities and distribute funds. Its mandate is: to support results driven agriculture research priorities and programs that will increase the competitiveness and profitability of Alberta’s agriculture industry. Arm’s length from the provincial government, RDAR is funded by two sources: The Government of Alberta, the Government of Canada, and Alberta’s Government through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership program. [rdar.ca](http://rdar.ca)

### **About CBIN**

The Canadian Beef Improvement Network is a collaborative network established to increase genetic data utilization, validate genetic influence, and drive market signals to create value within the Canadian beef industry. Members and advisors include: Canadian Beef Breeds Council; Canadian Cattlemen’s Association; 8 Canadian Breed Associations; National Cattle Feeder’s Association; Cargill; McDonald’s; Beef Cattle Research Council; Lactanet Canada; and AgSights

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# 2022 Video Show Results

Live animal shows finally got back to normal for 2022 with Blonde cattle represented at 16 shows across the country (primarily in Ontario). Great job to those that took the time to get Blonde cattle in front of the public.

Also, due to the great success of our Video Show the past two years, it was continued for 2022. 54 entries were placed by judge Cassandra Gorrill of Lindsay, ON . Congrats to all the winners below and all those that participated.

<b>Grand Champion Female</b>	<b>Fee Haven Hipster 38H &amp; Fee Haven Kustom Made</b>	<b>Fee Haven Farms, ON</b>
<b>Res. Grand Champion Female</b>	<b>Rondakk Dutchess 31D with Ridge View King 94K</b>	<b>Ridge View Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Grand Champion Male</b>	<b>Dusty Acre Finally 25F</b>	<b>Dusty Acre Blondes, BC</b>
<b>Res. Grand Champion Male</b>	<b>Donaleen Jackpot</b>	<b>Donaleen Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Premier Exhibitor</b>		<b>One Oak Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Calf Champion Female</b>	<b>Donaleen Kaylee</b>	<b>Donaleen Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Res. Calf Champion Female</b>	<b>Little Creek Kokonut 15K</b>	<b>Little Creek Farms, AB</b>
<b>Calf Champion Male</b>	<b>Donaleen Kodiak</b>	<b>Donaleen Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Res. Calf Champion Male</b>	<b>FeeHaven Klondike 828K</b>	<b>Fee Haven Farms, ON</b>
<b>Junior Champion Female</b>	<b>Little Creek Jazzy 4J</b>	<b>Little Creek Farms, AB</b>
<b>Res. Junior Champion Female</b>	<b>Fee Haven Jasmin 828J</b>	<b>Fee Haven Farms, ON</b>
<b>Junior Champion Male</b>	<b>Donaleen Jackpot</b>	<b>Donaleen Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Res. Junior Champion Male</b>	<b>WSS Juggernaut 43J</b>	<b>Willow Springs Stock Farm, AB</b>
<b>Senior Champion Female</b>	<b>Fee Haven Hipster 38H &amp; Fee Haven Kustom Made</b>	<b>Fee Haven Farms, ON</b>
<b>Res. Senior Champion Female</b>	<b>Rondakk Dutchess 31D with Ridge View King 94K</b>	<b>Ridge View Blondes, ON</b>
<b>Senior Champion Male</b>	<b>Dusty Acre Finally 25F</b>	<b>Dusty Acre Blondes, BC</b>
<b>Res. Senior Champion Male</b>	<b>Little Creek Cash 7C</b>	<b>Little Creek Farms, AB</b>



# SEMEN SALES

WEST WIND BLONDES VAN ALTA BLONDES JACOBSEN FAMILY

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT *within* THE BLONDE BREED



CANADIAN ROCKY



MARKWOOD WOODROW T LUKE



NOR-Geo AUTUER



SUNDANCE ZEPPELIN



VAN ALTA LUCKY BOY



WEST WINDS GERSHWIN 147G



WEST WINDS HERDSMAN 32H

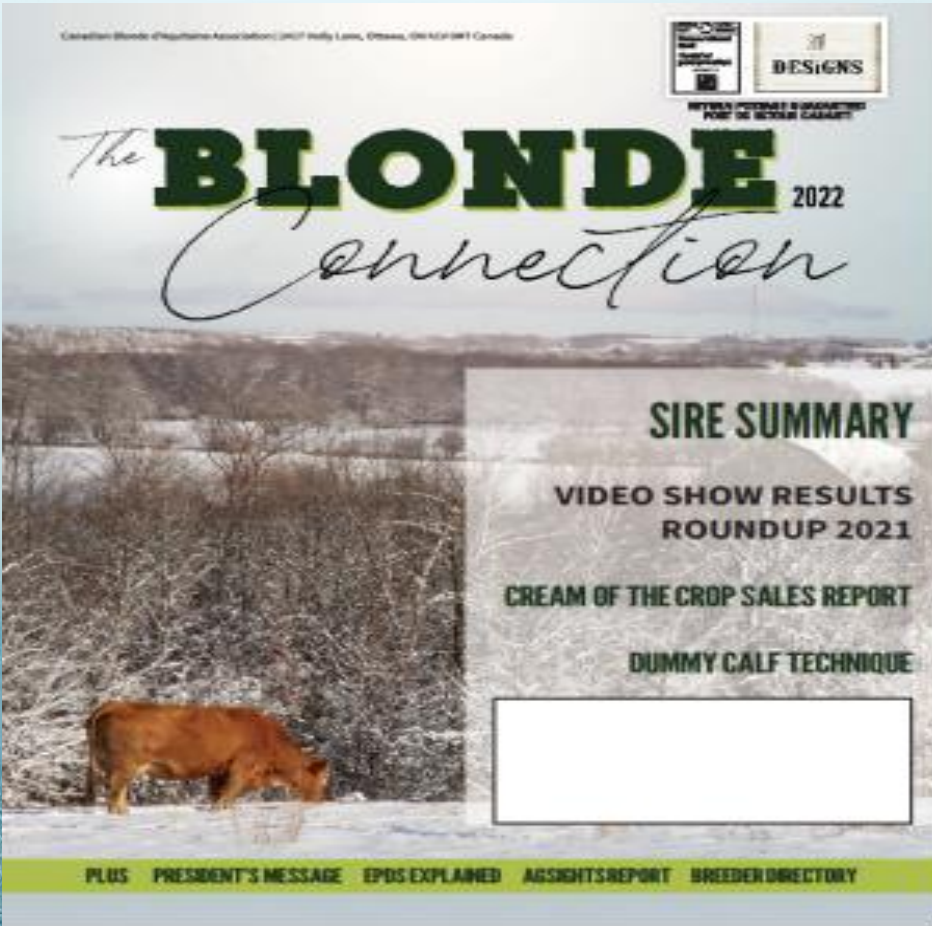


WESTWINDS WORKMAN 94W

A huge Thanks to the Estate of Myrna Flesch (West Wind Blondes), the family of Pete Van Tighem (Van Alta Blondes) and the Jacobsen family (NAJ & MNJ prefix) all of whom have graciously donated semen from their past herdsires to the Canadian and Alberta Blonde d'Aquitaine Associations. The money raised through the sale of this semen is to be used for junior development within the Blonde breed.

The sires available are listed right; some semen is for use within Canada only and some is eligible for Export as noted. Buyers are responsible for shipping and handling costs. Please contact REED RIGNEY if you are interested in purchasing semen.  
 780-348-5308

SIRE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SEMEN STATUS
Canadian Rocky	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Clay	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Deebran PLD Jail Breaker 28Y	heterozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
Markwood Woodrow T Luke	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Nor-Geo Autuer	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Sundance Zeppelin	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Van Alta Lucky Boy	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
West Winds Beau 9B	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Breaker 36B	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Gershwin 147G	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic
West Winds Herdsman 32H	heterozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Rainer 11R	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Workman 94W	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable



We have recently updated our mailing list for the Blonde Connection magazine. If you didn't get a copy in 2022 and would like to be added to our mailing list please contact Reed Rigney – [rigney@clearwave.ca](mailto:rigney@clearwave.ca)