

**A**nother year of the Ontario Blonde Point Shows is in the books! A long, wet spring quickly turned to drought conditions, which made putting up the winter's feed quite challenging to say the least. Weekends at the fairs gave a nice escape as the Blonde camaraderie was out in full force, once again! Show numbers remained strong and the energy and enthusiasm for Blonde cattle was palpable in the barns. Our group of dedicated breeders put in the long hours of training, feeding, grooming, and driving to keep our breed in the public eye. As always, the quest for Top Female, Top Male, and Premier Exhibitor began in August with our first point show at Campbellford Fair. The infamous '3 mile walk' to the ring and 'the dreaded ramp' make for a daunting first fair, but the breeder's who hadn't spent the summer fishing brought an impressive lineup of cattle that were a sure sign there was going to be quite a race for the top honours again this year. The points were calculated using the same system as previous years. Exhibitor's animals were required to show at a minimum of three point shows (The National Show at Markham Fair was mandatory) and all shows that qualified as point shows in 2017 and 2018 were automatically deemed point shows for 2019. The Ontario Fairs that qualified as point shows this year were Campbellford, Kinmount, Orono, Warkworth, Lindsay, Markham, and Elmvale.



**HIGH POINT FEMALE – High Rock Alotacreme 6A**  
Donaleen Blondes

# ONTARIO BLONDE

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# POINT SHOWS

Ten of our breeders and their animals met the requirements and it was another exciting race to watch all season. A front runner shot out early in the chase for Top Female. The heifer calves and yearlings traded places all season, but the experienced showgirl found her place at the head of the class and was untouchable. High Rock Alotacreme 6A with her Poll Cat heifer calf Donaleen Goldilocks 3G at side, exhibited by Donaleen Blondes, was named Top Female for 2019. The competition for Top Male was tight with a solid group of bull calves and a quality junior yearling battling it out. In the end, Donaleen General Lee 4G exhibited by Donaleen Blondes, proved unstoppable and came out on top being awarded Top Male for 2019. Banners sponsored by Shelbramack Blondes and Bernie Pilon Construction were presented to the winners.

Taking back the title and making it a clean sweep, Donaleen Blondes was crowned Premier Exhibitor. A banner sponsored by Split Rail Farms was presented to the big winner. Congratulations to The Dunham Family (and extended family) for putting together an outstanding showstring and exhibiting quality animals, as always! Thanks to all who participated in making this year another successful one in the showing. Get your 2020 winners picked out and start halter breaking...the thrill is in the chase and August will be here before you know it!



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