



# **Celebrating Excellence in Canadian Dairy**

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It is with great pleasure that Lactanet releases its list of Canada's Best Managed Dairy Herds for 2023. Based on their Herd Performance Index (HPI), top dairy farms were recognized for outstanding herd scores, and who in turn elevate the standards of excellence within the Canadian dairy industry.

The top 25 herds across Canada and by province were also unveiled at Lactanet's 2023 Best Managed Dairy Herds celebration held on February 20, 2024. The event brought together dairy farmers, esteemed guests, partners, and stakeholders. From milk value to udder health, the HPI is a revolutionary metric that takes into account a multitude of factors that reflect herd performance. A video recording of the celebration highlights can be watched on [YouTube](#).

“Whether you are a small-scale family farm or a large-scale commercial operation, the HPI empowers you to make informed decisions that drive long-term success,” states Barbara Paquet, Lactanet Board Chair. “Please join us in celebrating the achievements of these remarkable individuals and their hard-working animals, this exceptional accomplishment is a testament to the spirit of excellence that defines the Best Managed Herds program and is an inspiration to us all.”

“The Best Managed Herds event is not only a celebration of achievements but also an opportunity to express our gratitude to our customers for their invaluable contributions to our organization’s success and to the industry at large,” says Neil Petreny, CEO, Lactanet Canada. “It’s a proud moment – as together we are able to unlock the full potential of each herd and help elevate their standards of excellence.”

Canada’s top three award recipients based on Lactanet’s Herd Performance Index (HPI):

1. HPI of 988: Ferme Drahoka Inc, Kamouraska, Quebec – *Owners: Francis & Sylvain Drapeau*
2. HPI of 976: Sunny Point Farms Ltd, Densmore Mills, Nova Scotia – *Owners: Phillip & Lori Vroegh*
3. HPI of 969: Lochdale Holsteins, Alexandria, Ontario – *Owners: David, Anne Marie & Andrew MacMillan*

[See the full list here:](#)

In the coming days ahead, Lactanet will be releasing their [Top 1% of elite herds](#) that feature over 55 of the very best managed dairy herds in Canada! Be sure to follow us on social media for this exciting notification.

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