



Honouring Five Years of Dairy Herd Performance

February 25, 2025 - Guelph (ON) and Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (QC)

Lactanet is proud to unveil Canada's Best Managed Dairy Herds for 2024, recognizing top-performing farms based on their Herd Performance Index (HPI). These exceptional herds set new benchmarks for excellence in the Canadian dairy industry, demonstrating superior management.

"On February 25, 2025, we proudly celebrated Canada's top herds at Lactanet's 2024 Best Managed Dairy Herds event," states Barbara Paquet, Lactanet Board Chair. "This signature event began online in 2020 and each year we bring together the dairy community to celebrate producer accomplishments across the country and showcase the impact of the Herd Performance Index—a groundbreaking metric that evaluates herd management, from milk value to udder health."

"This year, we were excited to expand our Best Managed event to recognize not only the top 25, but the top three herds in each province, by milking system and in organic production," says Neil Petreny, CEO,

Lactanet Canada. “Now in its fifth year, the program has garnered over 10,000 views on YouTube, and we encourage everyone to tune into the video recording to watch the amazing farm teams that make it all possible. A big congratulations to three farms listed below who have remained on the top 25 list since the very beginning.”

Canada’s top five award recipients based on Lactanet’s Herd Performance Index (HPI) of 1,000 points:

HPI of 984

Estermann Farm Inc., Sainte-Agnès-de-Dundee, Quebec *Owners:* Martin & Regula Estermann

☐☐ **Top parlour milking system in Canada**

☐ Ranked in top 25 since 2020

HPI of 979

Ferme Drahoka Inc., Kamouraska, Quebec *Owners:* Francis & Sylvain Drapeau

☐☐ **Top pipeline milking system in Canada**

☐ Ranked in top 25 since 2020

HPI of 971

Ferme J. P. S. Desjardins Inc., Saint-Arsène, Quebec *Owners:* Jean-Pierre & Stéphanie Desjardins ☐ Ranked in top 25 since 2023

HPI of 970

Rosenhill Farm Inc., St Albert, Ontario *Owners:* André & Judith

Hildbrand

☐☐ **Top robot milking system in Canada**

☐ Ranked in top 25 since 2020

HPI of 968

West River Farm Ltd., Rosedale, British Columbia *Owners:* Grant & Eugene Sache

☐☐ **2nd top robot milking system in Canada**

[See the full list of Canada's Best Managed Herds By Clicking Here.](#)

[A video recap of the celebration is available on YouTube Here.](#)

Lactanet will soon release the Top 1% of elite herds that feature over 50 of the best managed dairy herds in Canada! Please follow us on social media for this for the official announcement.

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