

Apple is the All-Time Red World Champion

It was the perfect time to conduct the All-Time Red World Champion competition, a silver lining to a dark cloud that has shrouded the world's show rings over the past two years due to the impacts of Covid. The poster was a look back at the incredible cows that have adorned this World Champion competition down through the years. And our readers the world over certainly responded "en masse", having their say in choosing the All-Time Red World Champion.

DOUG SAVAGE



After claiming World Champion titles in 2010 and 2014, KHW Regiment Apple was the most popular with voters and went on to become the All-Time Red World Champion.

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CHRISTINE MASSFELLER

There was a huge response from voters from around the globe for the All-Time Red World Championship. Votes came in thick and fast, mostly via digital voting with just a handful of postal votes, as has been the trend with our competitions over recent years. It soon became evident that it was a race of two... and in the final analysis, it proved to be a comfortable win for Apple with 42.7% of the votes ahead of Irene (34.7%) with Seisme a distant third place (9.4%). Fourth place in the voting was Red Rose (4.7%). Significantly, these four cows had each been World Champion on two occasions, and were the only cows to do so in the history of the competition. The second half of judging belonged to our three official judges, and it was here that the decision became much closer. However, they ended up with the same three cows as chosen by the voting public, but in a different order. Their selections were Irene first, Apple

second and Seisme third. When combined with the popular vote, this resulted in a tie for first between Apple and Irene. And as is the case with all our competitions, in the event of a tie then the choice of the popular vote determines the winner... in this case Apple.

3 JUDGES

With our All-Time Red World Champion poster presenting a very special competition, the

official judging panel was expanded to three judges rather than the usual two, and they represented three different continents. Jan Steegink (Heerenbrink Holsteins) is a well-known breeder from the Netherlands who has judged national shows in Europe. He has bred various national champions including Heerenbrink Truus 4, Grand Champion Red-Holstein at the HHH show 2018. Thierry Jatton (Ferre Provetaz) is a prominent breeder and judge from

Top-5 Results All-Time Red Holstein World Champion, including the year they became World Champion

#	NAME	PEDIGREE	OWNER	YEAR
1	KHW Regiment Apple	Regiment x Durham	Apple Syndicate, US	2010/14
2	Suard-Red Jordan Irene	Jordan x Say-So	Schrage Freres, CH	2016/19
3	Blondin Redman Seisme	Redman x Red Marker	MilkSource, US & Morsan, CA	2011/13
4	Bopi Talent Lotanie	Talent x Rustler	Oberson & Pasquier, CH	2018
5	Lavender Ruby Redrose	Rubens x Rudolph	M. Rueth, US	2006/08

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The Nr.2, Suard-Red Jordan Irene, was World Champion in 2016 and 2019.

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The World Champion from 2011 and 2013, Blondin Redman Seisme, had a third place finish.

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Quebec, Canada. Thierry recently judged the Holstein show at the Canadian National and his numerous international appointments over the years include the Bulle show in Switzerland. The third judge was John Gardiner (Avonlea Holsteins) from Australia. Avonlea has bred various Australian champions, including Avonlea Reginald Jacobonia, the winner of DairyWeek when it was last held in 2020.

REASONS

Steegink: 'My Nr.1 is Irene. She has preserved and even improved her qualities well into old age. Irene impresses with her enormous capacity, especially in terms of width and depth of fore-rib. In addition, she has a lot of dairyness and body depth. Udder (texture, udder depth, length in the udder floor) and legs are of exceptional quality. Irene is ahead of Apple, my Nr.2, because of her better shaped rump. Apple shares many of the same qualities as Irene. She also has preserved her qualities very well as she gets older. Apple shows a lot of dairy quality and femininity. Because of her excellent udder and bone quality, as well as more milk expression, she is above my number 3, Flavia. I appreciate Flavia very much because of her well-balanced frame. Besides being very well put together, she also has a shallow, well formed and strongly

attached udder. Because of her quality, also in all udder details, she is above my No. 4, Seisme.' Thierry Jatton: 'I am honored to have had the chance to judge at least 4 of these finalists in the show-ring. Apple is first for her incredible impact and she was so dominant for so many years. Seisme in second is a great example of a well balanced cow. She is close to the perfection on every angle! And Irene is third with her phenomenal udder and the longevity she had during so many years. Fanny in fourth is a cow that is able to dominate the competition, also in the black and white ring. She is so wide and so balanced with a perfect mammary system.'

John Gardiner: 'What a privilege it is to judge these cows! In first place I have Lotanie. She excels in dairy strength, with wonderful balance, width, openness of rib, her length of neck, sharpness over the shoulder, her cleanliness of bone, silky hide and slight advantage in front teat placement placing her over the cow in second. Irene places in second with her advantage in depth of fore and rear rib which gives her more angularity combined with her cleanliness throughout placing her over the cow in third, Seisme. Seisme places over the cow in fourth with the structural correctness of her frame and showing more volume and width to her rear udder than Flavia in fourth! ●

Readers comments

APPLE

'Just Queen of the Red-Holstein breed: Amazing cow that makes great daughters and sons.'
Magnus Norby, DK

'This tremendous cow has continued to transmit breed-changing male and female progeny her entire life. No other cow has as much influence on Red-Holstein sires.'
Eric VanDanBroek, CA

'She is perfection: I was at WDE in 2014. She walked in the ring and demanded respect. She had a gravitational pull about her. She is the red version of Frosty in my eyes.'
Dylan Jewell, AUS

'Because of the past and continuing impact of her offspring on the Red-Holstein breed: Her ability to transmit high type generation after generation as well as high genomic values.'
Jon Mortensen, USA

IRENE

'Like a Swiss watch! Perfection!
Maarten Bussink, NL

'Irene is a living legend and has the best udder we have seen in the history of the breed. She has also produced over 400 embryos that have been exported around the world which makes her genetic impact very large.'
Michael Schrago, CH

'Super balance, open, sloping ribs and wide rump: Udder with strong attachments and excellent udder texture.'
Primo Betti, IT

'I have seen this awesome cow evaluated year after year to become an amazing cow! In addition, she produces and transmits in an admirable way.'
Thomas Prinz, FR

SEISME

'She is an exceptional cow with the most remarkable mammary system that the breed has known.'
Olivier Corriveau, CA

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