



Holstein Australia – Australian Cow of the Year – Competition Guidelines

- a. The Australian Cow of the Year is open to Holstein Australia Herdbook, as well as Appendix registered females.
- b. A breeder/member nominates the cow and states the reasons why they think it should be considered for Cow of the Year.
- c. Any member may nominate a cow, but the owner must be informed of the nomination and give their permission.
- d. The Cow of the Year is selected by a panel comprising the Breed Development and Conformation Committee and two extra Judges, chosen at the discretion of the Breed Development and Conformation Committee. The extra Judges cannot represent more than one year in a row.
- e. The cows that receive the most consideration should have high production, high classification, exceptional progeny and not necessarily be a show cow.
- f. A cow cannot win Australian Cow of the Year more than once.
- g. Applications for nominations must be returned to the Holstein office by the closing date for nominations.
- h. Judging will be conducted at a Breed Development and Conformation Committee meeting.
- i. The winner is announced at the discretion of the Committee.
- j. The cow must be alive at closing date for nominations.
- k. The cow can be in milk or dry.
- l. The cow must be born in Australia.
- m. A photograph is required to accompany each nomination. A front end photograph with the family is acceptable.
- n. The winner will receive an Australian Cow of the Year plaque. There is also a perpetual trophy that is retained at the Holstein office.
- o. Any animals in which members of the BDCC or their families have an interest may not be entered in the competition.