

EastGen

Update

April 2017

Comestar **LAUSTRUST**
#1 LPI

Croteau Lesperron **UNIX**
 #1 TYPE

designations of Repromax, Calving Ease and A2A2.

Our other chart topper is the highly anticipated **Croteau Lesperron Unix**. The new #1 Canadian Conformation leader, **Unix** is going to be a type game changer! Unix debuts with 3015 GLPI, \$1852 Pro\$, +1232 Milk, +45 Fat, +30 Protein and +17 Conformation. **Unix** was also bred to be great. Sired by Numero Uno, **Unix's** dam is an EX-93 5* Domain from a VG-88 5* GMD DOM Goldwyn. She is followed by a VG-87 4* GMD DOM daughter of the 5th generation EX from the amazing "Raven" family - Markwell Durham Daisy! Jim Biggar, Semex Genetic Development Specialist, says, "I really admire the consistency that this bull breeds with. Mammary systems are shallow, carried well above the hock exhibiting quality. Rear udders are high with a strong crease. Rumps show width of pins, thurls placed correctly and a neat tailhead, both areas that are in short supply these days. As a Numero Uno son, **Unix** is an Immunity + and Calving Ease sire. Combine all this with his solid production and **Unix** is impressive and he's a bull that fills a lot of needs."



L-R Comestar Lauhali Laustrust VG-85-2YR-CAN Photo: Vicki Fletcher
Glen Islay Unix Frozen VG-86-2YR-CAN Photo: Patty Jones

BEST OF THE BEST April Proof Update

In addition to the strengthening of our superb line-up of sires, the April 2017 proofs has delivered a couple of chart toppers which represent the very **Best of the Best!** The first is Canada's new #1 GLPI and #3 Pro\$ leader **Comestar Laustrust**. **Laustrust** was destined to be great and he has not disappointed debuting with 3330 GLPI and \$2414 Pro\$. **Laustrust** is a Sudan son from Comestar Lautamai Man O Man. Lautamai, who is the dam of the famous Comestar Lamadona Doorman VG-89-2YR, stems from a VG-89-2YR Goldwyn out of the renowned Res. All Canadian "Lautamie Titanic". Laustrust's three direct dams produced over 18,000 kgs of milk as a 2 YR-Olds making their branch the milkiest of the amazing Laurie Sheik family.

Carl Saucier, Semex Genetic Development Specialist, has seen more than 50 milking **Laustrust** daughters. "The **Laustrust** daughters are tremendous producers and it is amazing how often I hear that they are trouble-free. I see them as being very well-balanced with plenty of dairy strength while walking on a very correct and sound set of feet & legs! They've got that hard top to them and nice width from behind, showing a perfect rump slope from hooks to pins. The udders are very well-attached and very silky to the touch as well as having a near ideal teat placement," states Saucier. **Laustrust** carries the

Some exciting Jersey additions from our
Semex and River Valley Partnership



River Valley Farm
GENETICS TO BELIEVE IN

River Valley Charley CHANGE UP

Ahlem Geminator x Shan-Mar Hilario Charley VG-87
x VG-88

Milk 1278 Fat +73 (+.11%) Protein +53 (+.04%)

CONF +7 GPA LPI 1959

Pro\$ \$1742 HL 106 DF
103

Time to get some
unique profitable
genetics which offers high
Pro\$, component rich milk,
high CFP and solid type
with **CHANGE UP!**



River Valley CRAZE

Steinhauers Samson Lemonhead x Goff Pharoah Circus
Act

Milk 1480 Fat +55

(-.26%) Protein +47

(-.14%) CONF +5

GPA LPI 1799 Pro\$

\$1690 HL 106 DF 105

CRAZE has pedigree to
burn, udders to love,
health traits the breed
needs, real-world type to
believe in and production
to make standout daughters.



River Valley JOYRIDE (Available late spring)

Ahlem Topeka Rufus x Fermar Paramount Joy EX
94-2E

Milk 1104 Fat +52

(-.06%) Protein +46

(+.05%) CONF +14

GPA LPI 2014 Pro\$

\$1712 HL 104 DF 101

Bred to be great,
JOYRIDE combines the
fancy udders of Rufus
with one of the breeds
all-time greats.



River Valley Venus V I P

Chilli Action Colton x TJ Classic Minister Venus
EX-94 Supreme Champion '14 WDE

Milk -367 Fat -5

(+.19%) Protein -7

(+.09%) CONF +11

GPA LPI 1390 Pro\$

\$632 HL 107 DF 104

Backed by 2 generations
of WDE Grand Champions,
this magical mating of the
udder specialist Colton on
Venus will make you feel
like a VIP!



2017 Board of Directors



(l to r)- Robert Bumstead, Norm McNaughton, Gerrit Wensink, Phil MacLean, Joe Krol, Robert Wright, David Larmer, Dennis Wagler, Tom Pasco, Amanda Jeffs, Doug Johnston
(Missing from photo Mel McLean - photo bottom right)

Cambridge, Ontario – Robert Wright, Wrico Holsteins, Midhurst, Ont., was elected President of EastGen at a board meeting held immediately following EastGen's Annual Meeting on April 3, 2017, at the Holiday Inn, Cambridge, Ont. Wright represents Northern Ontario and Simcoe County with experience as an EastGen Board of Director since 2004.

David Larmer, Vintage Holsteins, Blackstock, Ont., was elected to the position of Vice President to the EastGen Board of Director's Executive Committee. As a Board member, Larmer represents Durham (A&B), Halton, Kawartha Lakes, Peel, Peterborough, and York regions with experience as an EastGen Director since 2008.

EastGen's Executive Committee also includes **Joe Krol, Krolane Holsteins, Berwick, Ont.**, representing City of Ottawa, Dundas, and Stormont counties and **Dennis Wagler, Claynook Farms Ltd., New Hamburg, Ont.**, representing Waterloo and Wellington counties.

Robert Wright and Phil MacLean (Headline Holsteins, Deer Lake, Newfoundland, representing New Brunswick, Newfoundland-Labrador, and Prince Edward Island) were previously elected for a two-year term to the Semex Board. **Norm McNaughton, Comrie Farms Ltd., London, Ont.**, representing Elgin, Essex-Kent, Huron, Lambton, and Middlesex

counties along with **Gerrit Wensink, Hoenhorst Farms Ltd., Innerkip, Ont.**, representing Brant, Haldimand, Niagara, Norfolk, Oxford, and Wentworth counties remain on the Semex board for a one year term.

Rounding out the EastGen 2017 Board of Directors is **Robert Bumstead, xx, Owen Sound, Ont.**, representing Bruce, Dufferin and Grey counties; **Doug Johnston, Maplevue Farms, Listowel, Ont.**, who represents Perth County; **Mel McLean, Stoneden Farms, Gananoque, Ont.**, who represents Frontenac, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds and Renfrew counties; **Tom Pasco, Glenhaven Farm, Williamstown, Ont.**, representing Glengarry, Prescott and Russell counties and **Amanda Jeffs, Jeffson Farms, Stirling, Ont.**, representing Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties.

The EastGen Board of Directors and Executive will also act as the Board of Directors and Executive for Thornloe Cheese for the 2017 year.

EastGen Welcomes The Following New Board of Director Members:



Amanda Jeffs (Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties)

Amanda farms in Stirling, Ontario at Jeffred & Jeffson Farms with her parents Fred and Taleana Jeffs and brother Andrew under the prefix Jeffred. The family are milking 58 cows in a tie-stall facility and farm 550 acres. They are focused on breeding

great cows with strong udders, good feet and legs with the potential for great longevity. Amanda graduated from the University of Guelph in 2007. Amanda and her husband Luke Skinkle have two children Natalie and Brent. Amanda also is the Livestock Coordinator for Hastings County 4-H and has been active as a Dairy Club 4-H leader in the past and continues to serve as an executive member of the Stirling Agricultural Society Farm Board. Amanda has a strong passion for dairy farming and the industry.

Special Thanks

At this time we would like to extend special thanks to the following individuals on behalf of our membership and staff:

Warren MacIntosh (Retiring Director for Zone 2), **Alan Brown** (Retiring Director and Past President for Zone 5) and **Brian Betts** (Retiring Director and Past President for Zone 8) These directors were not eligible to re-run as they have completed the maximum term a director can represent the membership on the EastGen Board of Directors. Thank you for your passion, dedication and service to this organization over the years.



2017 Youth Show Dates

EastGen Showcase

July 3 - 4, 2017

Spencerville Fairgrounds

EastGen Challenge - West

July 6 - 7, 2017

Stratford Fairgrounds

EastGen Challenge - East

July 13 - 14, 2017

Markham Fairgrounds

EastGen Atlantic Showcase

July 14 - 16, 2017

Truro, Nova Scotia

Watch for entry packages this April

For information regarding EastGen's youth events contact

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Robert Bumstead (Bruce, Dufferin and Grey counties)

Robert and his wife Alice farm in Owen Sound, Ontario, and milk 42 cows in a tie-stall environment. The family also operates a backgrounding and grazing beef operation. Their genetic goals focus on the importance of breeding a true type functionally correct cow that gets in calf easily and has plus deviations for production, fat and protein. The family is

proud to have bred a reserve All Canadian (Loyalyn Duplex Vanessa) and an All Canadian, Loyalyn Goldwyn June 97 pts 3E, in 2016. Robert is proud to mention that June has 100% EastGen breeding in her pedigree. Rob and Alice are proud parents to daughter Cynthia and enjoy following her 4-H career in the Warton Dairy Club. Robert's wife Alice is currently the director of the Grey County Holstein Club.

Tom Pasco (Glengarry, Prescott and Russell counties)



Tom and his wife Sandra operate Glenhaven Farm in Williamstown, Ontario. They are currently milking 160 cows (12,500kg) with a 900 acre land base. Tom graduated from the University of Guelph in 1990 in Bsc Agr (Ag Business) and returned home to become a partner in the family farm with plans to change the Ayrshire herd to Holsteins and grow the land and business. The family now milk the 160-head Holstein herd in a sand bedded free-stall built in 2016 milking

3X a day in a double 8 parlour. Their goal is to have a highly productive and profitable herd of cows that are easy to work with and pleasing to look at. They enjoy working with some high genomic females and good cow families. The family began marketing genetics in the mid 90's and have enjoyed that aspect of the business and the breed. Tom and Sandra who is also a Kindergarten teacher, are parents to Kate, Emma, Ella and Thomas who have been involved in 4-H over the years and participate in many sports. Tom is a past president of his county Holstein Club and currently sits as a director on the County Milk Committee and is very active in his local community.



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