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On Breeder's Edge at Up-Ridge

It began with a simple text and an eye-catching photo. "Hey Jamie. Hope all is well. Feeding calves and caught this shot of our oldest Lemagic. Approx. 50 days old. Have 3 and all are stunning. Not the best photographer but I try!"

Charlie Lupton's message to EastGen Director of Sales Jamie Howard prompted a recent visit to Up-Ridge Holsteins, Embro, Ontario, to see the calf behind the comment, and her hutch mates. "Lemagic and Actionman are probably our best young calves right now," continued Charlie, referring to a pair of popular members from EastGen's elite Breeder's Edge line-up of sires, Comestar Lemagic and Cherryhill Actionman.

Up-Ridge is a 650-acre family farming operation involving Charlie and Joanne Lupton, their son Michael, and son Mathew and his wife Denise. Nathan Wilker, a nephew and also part of the farm staff, exhibited an Honourable Mention All-Canadian 4-H calf from Up-Ridge in 2022. The herd consists of 40 Excellent, 87 Very Good, and 35 Good Plus cows averaging 11,430 kg milk and 263-284-266% BCA. Milking is done in a parlour and the cows are housed in a combination freestall and tiestall barn. The Luptons earned Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor honours at Oxford County Holstein Show six out of the past seven years, and Premier Exhibitor at Autumn Opportunity in 2022.

"Our ideal cow is moderate sized, good uddered, calves at 22 months as a heifer, scores Very Good as a 2-year-old, gets back in calf at first service - we're not asking too much! They have to have good udders, and in a freestall barn they have to have good feet," Charlie notes, with Michael adding, "We like them to have style, and to score Excellent by third lactation is what we're aiming for."

"We used a lot of Crushabull. The oldest are fresh for the third time with good udders - really balanced cows. We're still using Unix and a little Sidekick, and have about 14 Alleyoops with three scored Very Good as 2-year-olds (including one out of an Excellent Sidekick), three Lemagics, three Actionmans, a few by Armada, two babies by Pathway, and more on the way," notes Michael.

How does the Breeder's Edge program align with goals at Up-Ridge? "We like it because it's not all about the numbers. It's about balanced breeding and good matings. We like that there is actual data information on the maternal side. We like bulls out of cows that have proven themselves," Charlie notes.



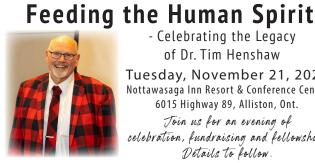


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Above: Michael & Mathew Lupton of Up-Ridge Holsteins, Embro, ON, with a young Comestar Lemagic heifer pictured (top) outside the hutch at feeding time by their dad, Charlie Lupton. Bottom: Cherryhill Actionman heifer from a VG-88-3Y Crushabull in the herd.



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Staff Announcement

We are pleased to welcome Amanda Cellucci to the position of Accounting Assistant & Office Administrator at East-Gen. Amanda has extensive customer service and office administration experience and completed the Business Administration program at Conestoga College. Amanda joined EastGen on June 1st and will be reporting to Victoria Garvey, Accounting Manager.



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