

HISTORICAL MASTER BREEDER NOMINEES

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Arbor Rose Farm (1921-2015) Donald Meier, Scappoose, Oregon

Arbor Rose was a multi-generational Brown Swiss herd which was started in 1915 by Don's grandfather, John Meier, Sr. During Don's time it was believed to be the largest herd of Swiss in the world with 600 head (275 milking cows). Most renown for the foundation sires of the pre-A.I. era at Arbor Rose was Royal MacArthur of Lee's Hill. He was a Jane's Royal of Vernon son. Showing began in 1939 (only in the Western area), testing on DHIR in 1940. In 1967 and 1970 he won the Ira Inman Trophy (only one in that herd size). Most renown of the MacArthur daughters was Arbor Rose Mac Ruby. Another major herd sire was Arbor Rose Oregon Punch, a grandson of Arbor Rose Mac Ruby. Mac Ruby was the 1961 Grand Champion at the National Show for Lee's Hill Farm and breed production champion with 13-9 365d 30,361m 4.5% 1,254f. National Show Grand Champions bred by the Meiers included Arbor Rose Punch Maxine, Arbor Rose Jesta Coke and Arbor Rose Stretchy Spicey.

Hull Bros., L.E. (Lewis) and Sterling E. Hull (1876-1923), Lake View, Painesville, Ohio.

The first Swiss were purchased by F.W. Hull at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, a bull and two cows and the Lake View herd was established. The two brothers took over ownership at their father's passing. They soon developed the herd into one of the premier herds of the early 1900's. Swiss Valley Girl 10th made a National Breed Record in 1929. Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards were won at the National Show in 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1929. They had Grand Champion at the National Shows in 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1929, and 1930 with several different cows. Additionally, Swiss Valley Girl the 7th was Grand Champion in 1917, 1921, 1922 and 1924. They were one of the earliest advertisers in the *Brown Swiss Bulletin* and consignors to many of the sales in the 20's and 30's. Sterling Hull passed away at the age of 47 in 1923, but L.E. continued with the herd for many years. L.E. served the Brown Swiss breed as a National Director and was Vice President from 1916-1924. Hull Bros. were contract advertisers and highly supportive of the *Brown Swiss Bulletin* in its early years.

HyCrest Farm, Lester Sawyer, Leominster and Sterling, Massachusetts

HyCrest Farms were owned by Leominster industrialist, Lester Sawyer. The cows were housed near Sterling, the young cows near Leominster and young stock at a third farm.

During the 1950's HyCrest was the largest Brown Swiss farm in the US. The herd contained many descendants of Jane of Vernon. HyCrest leased many animals to area farmers. HyCrest Diamond Jubilee was the National Show Champion Bull in 1957 & 1958. HyCrest Royal Jester was National Champion in 1962. Royal Jester became one of the most popular bulls registering the most sons of any bull in 1970. HyCrest held a Super Swiss Sale in 1960 at Leominster and then after 18 years of breeding, a complete dispersal was held at the Sterling main farm on March 29, 1961.

L-J Farms, William O. Lindimore, Powell, Ohio

L-J Farms was originally owned by Wm. Lindimore at Powell, Ohio, and later by Harry E. Johnson at Hilliard, Ohio. Ed Hall was General Manager. L-J hit their peak in the early 1970's. They were National Premier Breeder in 1969 and 1970 as well as at the Eastern National in 1971, 1973 and 1974. They were also National Premier Exhibitor in 1970 and at the Eastern in 1971 and 1973. They also had Eastern national Show Champion in 1971 with L-J Stretchy Riot and 1973 with L-J Star Jeavarisa Jean. Sold in their dispersal, Jean also became the Central National Champion in 1974. The herd also had several champion bulls. L-J was the first herd to win the Ira Inman PTPR Trophy in Division 3 (over 100 cows) in 1973. L-J breeding excelled in production as well as L-J Stretchy Rocker became Breed Champion for milk for owner Ron Cunningham from 1972-1974. Rocker also won the HR Searles award in 1970 and 1972 as well as the JP Eves award in 1972. L-J Stretchy JoAnn won the total performance award for St. John Dairy in 1974. L-J Stretchy Emperinnie was named the All-Time All American 3-year-old in 1980. The herd was dispersed on May 22, 1974. Emperinnie sold for \$22,000, the highest selling female at that time. The sale was the largest (160 animals) and second highest average (\$2,087.81) at that time.

Long View Farm, Harold & Mary K. Long, Thurmont, Maryland.

Long View Brown Swiss was established in the 1960's near Thurmont, Maryland. Harold and Peggy Long, their six children, and many grandchildren have been involved extensively in breeding Brown Swiss as well as leadership in state and national programs, most notably, establishing the National Brown Swiss Ambassador Program; chairing three national conventions; coordinating seven junior trips with animals to World Dairy Expo; two state presidents in the family and serving on the National Junior Brown Swiss Committee.

Although the herd dispersed in 1993, the Longs' impact on the breed lives on today through offspring that traces back to Long View genetics. They have bred and developed numerous All-Americans, and All-American nominations, won a combined 14 Maryland State Fair Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Banners, and had Long View animals selected as junior, senior, and grand champion and reserve at more than 20 state shows and 12 national shows. Their greatest success was breeding one of the legends of the breed, Long View Jade's Raisin. Raisin is one of five of the most decorated national champions in the breed, being named grand or reserve at the Eastern National Show, Central National Show, and the Southeastern National Show. Other great Long View animals included Long View Jubilation Isabel, (Topped National Brown Swiss Sale for \$10,000 in 1982); Long View Jetway Oprah (Named Grand Champion at World Dairy Expo in 2000 and owned by Edwin & Della Genasci); and Long View Chall Rosemary (Named Junior Champion at both the Eastern National and Central National Shows as a winter calf in 1993). That same year Long View Farm exhibited the winning Junior Best Three Females. The Longs also had some state Total Performance Winners as well as two Grand Champion females of the Eastern National Junior Show and several state milk production winners. The Longs are also recognized for developing one of the breed's most prominent bulls, Bridge View Jubilation. The semen rights for Jubilation were purchased by Sire Power and marketed around the globe by World Wide Sires. He has been one of WWS most successful Brown Swiss bulls in their history. Harold, Rebecca, and Cynthia all worked with the Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss calf sale. Harold served on the original sale committee and helped with the sales for more than 30 years.

Meadow View Farm, Clyde (1898-1976) & Bernard Monson (1929-2019), Gowrie, Iowa.

Clyde Monson purchased his first Brown Swiss in 1926 from the Ed Doran and Mooney & Larrabee herds in Iowa. Believing improvement came with sound management practices, he set up requirements for the Meadow View herd which included care in the selection of the bulls used, going on HIR test in 1939, and classifying regularly from when that program started. He did not neglect working with other breeders and was active in Iowa Dairy organizations and especially the Iowa Brown Swiss Association where he worked to start the Canton Shows and State Sales. He served as a National Director from 1946-1952. His son Bernard joined him in 1950, beginning a time of successful showing at the National Shows and developing some great cows and bulls. The first Iowa cow of any breed to produce over 1211 pounds of fat was Meadow View Jerami M, and the bulls Meadow View Jared C. and Meadow View Destiny were sire summary favorites. With Clyde's retirement in the late 60's, Bernard carried on the Meadow View tradition of good cattle and service to the breed. He developed Schulte's Sunwise Pat who was Grand Champion at the National in 1972 and '73. Bernard

served as National Director from 1965-1972 and was National president from 1975 to 1979. In 1986, the Meadow View herd was dispersed in Guelph, Canada, to comply with the terms of the Herd Buyout Program. Bernard then put his dairy expertise to work as a classifier for the Brown Swiss Association from 1989 to 2004. Bernard was one of the driving forces in creating the Brown Swiss Historical Society.

Spring Valley Swiss, Fred & John (1865-1935) Ingold, Monroe, Wisconsin

John Ingold immigrated from Switzerland in 1885. From 1885 to 1893 he worked as a cheesemaker, saving money to begin farming in 1893 on a rented farm. On November 1, 1895, he purchased his first purebred Brown Swiss, the bull Ronaldo, from Ira Inman. In 1900 John purchased a farm near Monroe and later that year his first purebred cow. Paying great attention to his feed rations, he was one of the first to grow alfalfa in the area, and his cows quickly began making Honor Roll records. One of the first was Spring Valley Myrtle who became an Honor Roll cow in May 1923. In April 1924 he had nine Honor Roll cows in the herd. In 1924 Rosie of Spring Valley was born and six consecutive generations of Honor Roll records in the herd descended from her. Through the use of a son of Baron of Spring Valley on Jane of Vernon, Spring Valley laid the groundwork that became the Judds Bridge breeding philosophy, resulting in the sire Colonel Harry of Judds Bridge. Other herds that used Baron bloodlines included Walhala and HyCrest Farms. Spring Valley produced 45 proven sires. John Ingold passed away in 1935, but the John Ingold Estate herd was continued by his wife, and later his son. The Ira Inman Herd test trophy was established in 1947 and won by the John Ingold Estate in 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953 and 1959. The herd was reduced by private treaty through the years with the final members sold in 1972.

St. John's Dairy, Earnest & Bert St. John, Glendale, Arizona.

In 1951, Bert St. John, along with his son Earnest, started a commercial Holstein herd in Arizona. Gradually, Registered Brown Swiss were brought into the operation. Earnest bought his father's share of the herd in 1974. At their peak, the herd consisted of 700 head with 320 milking cows. The herd had over 100 "Excellent" cows. The Arizona State Association was established in 1971 in the St. John home with Earnest being elected President. St. John's Dairy has had several National Show Champions beginning in 1971 with L-J Stretchy Jo Ann at the Western show. Again in 1972, the great cow Green Pasture's Rayetta was Grand at the Western show. They also had the Western show champion in 1976 and 1977. They were Premier Exhibitor for four years. During the 1970's, St. John's cows were awarded the "J. P. Eve's" award (high milk record) six times and the H. R. Searles award (high fat record) four times. Rayetta led the list receiving both awards in 1973, 1974, and 1975. Rayetta also held the

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breed high milk record from 1974 to 1980. In 1976, St. John's started a bull stud, The Arizona Bull Center, specializing in Brown Swiss sires. In 1976, the 1st St. John Invitational Sale was held establishing the highest sale at that time averaging \$3544. At the St. John Milking Herd Dispersal in 1979, Arbor Rose Stretchy Spicey became the all-time high selling cow at \$25,000. In addition, three other cows became the 3rd, 4th and 8th highest selling cows at that time. In 1983 the herd was moved to Ava, Missouri. In 1986 St. John had the Grand Champion at the Central National with Betta Vue Mat Nadine.

We-Gotta Farm, Jim Harkness (1912-1996) and Jerry Harkness (1942-2015) Marcellus, New York.

The first Brown Swiss were purchased by Jim's father in 1925, and Jim became a member of the first 4-H Dairy Club in New York State with a Brown Swiss calf. Jerry Harkness was the third-generation Brown Swiss breeder. The original herd had to be sold when Jim's father died, but after finishing school in 1941, Jim started dairying and was able to purchase a descendant of his original 4-H calf which was Swissland Fietta. Among her famous descendants was We-Gotta Jet-way Fancy, 3x All-American, who had four All-American daughters including Mort Tower Frisky. Jerry served as secretary-treasurer of the New York Brown Swiss Association, was a National Director, and Chairman of the National Type Committee.



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Cozy Nook Farm, LLC (Tom & Joan Oberhaus), Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cozy Nook has been milking cows full-time since 1985. Operated by Tom & Joan Oberhaus. Herdsman Dan Gerrits and his wife Brittany and assisted by son Charlie Oberhaus and fiancé Annie Simon. They are milking about 66 Brown Swiss and a few Guernseys. Prior to 1985, Tom worked in the AI industry as a sire analyst. In addition to the dairy, they direct market 20+ acres of fall produce and 1200 Christmas trees. Their current herd average on 66 cows is 29,169m 4.3% 1243f 3.5% 1029p. Cozy Nook has won the Ira Inman PTPR herd trophy in 14 of the last 19 years and the last eight years in a row in herd size Group 3. The herd has also won the Herd Protein Award multiple times. Purchased in the World Premier Showcase Sale in 1983, the cow Twin Gate Millys Margaret produced 324,990 pounds milk, 13,752 pounds fat, and 11,956 pounds protein in her lifetime. She was on the All-Time Lifetime Top 10 list for milk, fat and protein for several years. She currently remains in 6th place for the top 10 protein records. Tom served as District 5 National Director from 2004-2011. He also served as Genetics Committee chairman and Vice-President from 2008-2011. A second cow on the All-Time Lifetime list is Cozy Nook Pronto Twylight with 335,810 milk, 14,739 fat, and 11,958 protein and ranked 8th for Fat and 5th for Protein. The cow Oberview Blend June won both the National JP Eves award for milk and the National Protein award in 1996. Cozy Nook currently has five bulls on the top 150 PPR list with Catapult, Trigger, DoBoy, Torch, and Madden.

Fairdale Farm, LLC (Sparrow Family), Owenton, Kentucky

Fairdale Farm is operated by Richard and Renelle Sparrow

along with their three sons, Joe, Ben and Kirby and their families. In April 2021 their RHA was 29,416m 1205f 1009p on 46 Brown Swiss cows placing them as the highest RHA Energy Corrected Milk (ECM) in the state of Kentucky in 2020. Fairdale Farm has won several National awards in recent years. In 2019, the cow La Rainbow Bfly Sunkist ETV, purchased in the 2014 Midwest Revue Sale, won the Total Performance and the Cow For All Seasons award. In 2020, the cow Lorreda SSbloom Panda, purchased in Roth's Lorreda Dispersal sale, won the JP Eves Milk award and the Vernon Hull Total Performance award. In 2021, they won their second Cow For All Seasons award with the cow Pine Tree Rich Alli 7462 ET. Fairdale has won the PTPR Herd award for group 2 in 2015-2017, and 2019. They are the breeders of Fairdale Daredevil Talia ETV, grand champion at the Northeast Spring Show in 2025 and second high-seller in the National Sale in 2025. They continue to breed and develop All-American nominees and winners and the next generation will soon be submitting National Bell Ringer entries. Richard served as National Director for District 3 from 2012-2016 and National President from 2016-2020. Richard and his sons also manage the spring Kentucky National Show & Sale each year.

Hendel Farms. Caledonia, Minnesota

The Hendel Farm was established in 1869. The Brown Swiss herd has been in existence for 101 years in 2023. They have been on continuous DHIA test for over 75 years. In 1939, the cow, Chell 43032 owned by Geo. J. Hendel, represented the farm at the New York World's Fair. Hendel Farm is owned and managed by brothers Matt and Karl Hendel since purchasing the farm from their father in 1991. They are the 4th generation on the farm. They milk 30 Brown Swiss with a

RHA of 22,500m 4.5% 1060f 3.5% 795p along with 380 Holsteins. Eight Brown Swiss bulls have been placed in AI in the past two years, including HF Design, HF Huray Archer, . Currently there are nine of their bulls on the top 150 PPR list. They also have exported embryos to Japan, Italy, France, and Switzerland. Hendel Farm won the Herd Protein award for group 2 in 2012 and the Progressive Genetic Protein award for Group 1 in 2022. They also bred the 2020 Living Lifetime Cow, HF Bonanza Blaze, now owned by Hilltop Acres, IA. Their heifers and cows consistently rank in the top genomic lists as well. Matt is currently serving as National Director for District 7.

Nor-Bert Farms, LLC, (Freeman), Bremen, Indiana

Beginning in 1945 with Norman & Bertha Krathwohl, the family farm located in northern Indiana started with 6 Holstein cows. The family now includes four generations with Roger & Deb Dankert, Jeremy Dankert, and Monty & Jennifer Freeman along with their children, Dalton, Dillon, and Breanne Freeman. They currently milk 150 cows including 35 registered Swiss along with Holsteins, Ayrshires, and Jerseys. Twelve years ago, they added 3 robots and have found an increase in production. The herd has racked up many National awards mostly in the last 8 years. They have won the HR Searles Award for Fat 6 times, the JP Eves award for Milk 3 times and the National Protein award 7 years in a row from 2015-2021. The cow Jonlee Secret Langwathby won the National Total Performance and Cow For All Seasons awards in 2015, 2016, and 2017. In 2020 Nor-Bert Thunder Silverflake won the Cow For All Seasons award. Regarding the All-Time Top 10 records, they have one cow in 7th place for Milk, three cows on the Fat list, and five cows on the Top 10 Protein records. For Lifetime production, the Langwathby cow ranks 9th for Fat with 14,739 pounds fat. In 2023, Nor-Bert Carter Lexus ETV, a daughter of Langwathby, was the H.R. Searles Trophy award winner for Highest 305Dfff Actual Fat with 2,779f.

Perry Brook Farm, Kylie Quesnel Chittenden, Shoreham, Vermont

Kylie and her husband, Jeremy Chittenden and children Tenley, Sutton and Elias, operate the farm that Kylie grew up on. They purchased the cows in 2017 from her father and currently milk around 900 head of Holsteins and Brown Swiss. Brown Swiss entered the herd when Kylie's father purchased four for his daughters to show in 4-H. Kylie and her father used genomic testing to build their herd creating a firm foundation. Using that information and knowledge, they began working to expedite their genetic progress. In the spring 2023 proofs, Perry Brook had the top Progressive Performance Ranking cow of the breed, her daughter was the top PPR heifer and her son was the top PPR bull. Perry Brook Lucky India remains a top PPR cow with multiple sons and daughters on the PPR lists of the breed. Multiple animals have been marketed out of the family both domestically and internationally. Perry Brook won the Progressive

Genetic Herd Award for Group 4 the last several years and was named a Genetic Herd in the breed in 2023.

Random Luck, "RT" Rick Thompson, Darlington, Wisconsin

Rick (RT) began his herd at his present location in 2002. The mixed milking herd has 20-25 Brown Swiss. RT made his acquaintance with Brown Swiss while employed at Sunshine Genetics and developed his love of the breed. His first foundation cow, Sun-Made Jetway Taps, was purchased at one of Sunshine's sales. She has 48 daughters, 16 of them scored "Excellent". Her descendants have been popular purchases at sales and done well for others. Random Luck KB Phoebe "2E93" has proven to be a sound foundation cow. An All-American nominee and state fair grand champion, her daughters and granddaughters have been nominated individually and in groups, particularly Produce of Dam. RT won the Cow For All Sessions in 2013 with the cow Random Luck Premium Talent ET. In 2020 he accepted the award for Wisconsin Cow of the Year for Random Luck B Tea Rose, another All-American honoree. Other notable Random Luck cows are Random Luck L Talula, Random Luck V Precious, He's been Premier Breeder and Exhibitor at the Wisconsin State Fair for over ten years and Premier Breeder at national shows for a total of almost 50 banners. RT has been president of the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association and is a member of the World Dairy Expo Show Committee. Random Luck also has an active lease and sales program for young people and RT has also been judge of the Western National Show.

Red Brae Farm (Armbruster Family), Muscoda, Wisconsin

The original Red Brae Farm became Brown Swiss breeders in 1968 in Eagle, Wisconsin. The farm moved to Muscoda in November 1993. The next generation of Steve, David, and Eric Armbruster became the management group in 2005. Steve has been making the breeding decisions since the 1980's. Their sisters, Jill, Leanne, and Beth, along with nieces and nephews assist in the operation and in the show ring. They milk 170 cows. Jills Faro Twinkle was Grand Champion at World Dairy Expo and Reserve All American Aged Cow in 1987. Jills Improver Trinket was high selling cow at \$12,000 in the 1988 National Sale in Illinois. Red Brae Patrick Zadeva was 2 time All American and the dam of Red Brae Prelude Zeus (M). Another popular sire is Red Brae DAA Ace Joel. They continue to produce All-American nominees and winners with the produce of Red Brae Spa CD Neona nominated for Produce of Dam in 2025. Jill served as Wisconsin state secretary for 14 years. Steve judged the Central National (WDE) in 2007 and many other shows.

R-Hart Farm, Alan Rinehart, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Alan was raised on the family Brown Swiss farm. In 1979, he and his brother, Bruce, took over from his father. In 1990, Alan and his wife, Randi, took over sole ownership and operation of the herd. R-Hart Farm is best known for their development of cow families, most notably the Gentle Breeze

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Mat Christine family, which placed many plus proven bulls in A.I. and had widespread positive influence over the breed. Christine's daughter, Christian, is most familiar to many as a bull mother. Sons include Denmark, Eagle, and Ace. Another of Christine's daughters, Clar, was the dam of R Hart BC Collection. In 1995, the cow, R Hart CD Connie ET won the JP Eves Award for milk and the National Protein Award. R-Hart Farm captured the Total Performance Award in 4 out of 5 years from 1986-1990 with High Spruce Stretchy Eve. R-Hart continues to supply bulls to AI with Angelo, Fame, All-In, and Fortune on the top 150 PPR bull list. The herd won the Herd Protein Award for 8 consecutive years from 1998 to 2005. Alan served as Ohio State President and a National Convention co-chair.

Triangle Acres, John & Wendy Korth, Freeport, Illinois

John and Wendy Korth married in 1979 and began buying

the herd and machinery from his father, Russel. Russell purchased his first Brown Swiss in 1942. Today they milk around 87 Swiss with an equal number of young stock and the farm is home to four generations of Korths. Their RHA is 24,370 milk, 1029 fat, and 862 protein. The herd won the Progressive Genetic Protein award in 2003 and the PTPR Herd award in 2001. Triangle Acres Coll Polly, along with her numerous female and male descendants is the most well-known cow family carrying the Triangle Acres prefix. They've landed high on PPR lists through the years. PHD, a son of Polly, was the #1 PTI bull in 2003. Another son, Payoff, was #2 on the 2004 list. Checking the proven bull list, Triangle Acres has 43 proven sires on the list. Korths host many international and US guests along with judging teams throughout the year promoting the Brown Swiss breed.



BROWN SWISS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MASTER BREEDER BALLOT 2026



ANYONE MAY VOTE ONCE.
YOUR NAME PLEASE _____

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- _____ COZY NOOK FARM, LLC (OBERHAUS) WAUKESHA, WI
- _____ FAIRDALE FARM, LLC (SPARROWS), OWENTON, KY
- _____ HENDEL FARMS, (HENDEL), CALEDONIA, MN
- _____ NOR-BERT FAMRS, LLC (DANKERT & FREEMAN), BREMEN, IN
- _____ PERRY BROOK FARM (CHITTENDEN), WHITING, VT

- _____ RANDOM LUCK FARM (THOMPSON) DARLINGTON, WI
- _____ RED BRAE FARM, (ARMBRUSTER), MUSCODA, WI
- _____ R-HART FARM, ALAN RINEHART, WAPAKONETA, OH
- _____ TRIANGLE ACRES, JOHN & WENDY KORTH, FREEPORT, IL

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- _____ ARBOR ROSE FARM, DONALD MEIER, SCAPPOOSE, OR
- _____ HYCREST FARM, MR. & MRS. LESTER T. SAWYER, LEOMINSTER, MA
- _____ LAKEVIEW FARM, HULL BROTHERS, PAINESVILLE, OH
- _____ L-J FARM INC., WM. O. LINDIMORE, POWELL, OH
- _____ LONG VIEW FARM, HAROLD & MARY K. LONG, THURMONT, MD

- _____ MEADOW VIEW FARM, CLYDE & BERNARD MONSON, GOWRIE, IA
- _____ SPRING VALLEY SWISS, FRED & JOHN INGOLD, MONROE, WI
- _____ ST. JOH'S DAIRY, EARNEST & BERT ST. JOHN, GLENDALE, AZ
- _____ WE-GOTTA SWISS FARM, JIM & JERRY HARKNESS, MARCELLUS, NY

DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2026 | Each person may vote once.

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