

## **Maternal Excellence 2011 Dam of Merit & Dam of Distinction Awards**

The Canadian Gelbvieh Association is proud to announce the 188 Canadian Dam of Merit Award winners and the 45 Canadian Dam of Distinction Award winners for 2011. These cows represent the very elite of the breed. Of the 3,288 active cows in the Canadian Gelbvieh Association Herd Book, only 5.7% qualified as Dams of Merit and 1.4% qualified as Dams of Distinction. The Canadian Gelbvieh Association applauds the owners and breeders of these outstanding beef females.

“The Gelbvieh breed offers females with the genetics to maintain high maternal productivity, which ultimately adds profit for beef producers in terms of more pounds of calf per cow exposed.” - Susan Willmon, American Gelbvieh Association Director of Breed Improvement

Each year the Canadian Gelbvieh Association recognizes those Gelbvieh females that have been proven to have longevity and productivity. Key economical traits for profitability in the beef industry. Cows that calve as two-year-olds and have a healthy calf every year for ten to twelve years have a greater lifetime efficiency than cows that must be culled at a younger age for various reasons. Longevity is essential. Cows that get their job done, year after year with no problems, simply make more money.

The Dam of Merit recognizes cows that meet strict selection criteria including early puberty and conception, regular calving intervals, and above-average weaning weights on at least three calves. A Dam of Distinction honour recognizes cows that meet the same high standards for superior, long-term productivity with at least eight calves.

Owners of Dams of Merit and Dams of Distinction receive a summary report that lists the name and registration number of each recognized cow. Breeders of the females also receive a summary report that lists the name and registration number of each recognized cow bred by them.

In order for a cow to be recognized as a Dam of Merit she must:

- All data must be submitted to the CGA office by August 31, 2011
- A Dam of Merit must have produced at least three (3) calves and a Dam of Distinction must have produced a minimum of eight (8) calves
- Age at first calving must not exceed 25 months
- Produce a calf that was born between January 1, 2010 and March 1, 2011
- Possess a minimum average weaning weight ratio of 101 for all calves
- Maintain a regular calving interval. Average calving interval must exceed the value calculated using the following formula:

$(\text{Number of Calving Intervals} \times 365 \text{ days}) + 30 \text{ Days}$

Number of Calving Intervals) = Maximum

OR

the female had her third calf before her fourth birthday and maintained a 365-day calving interval thereafter.

The Canadian Gelbvieh Association recognizes the following members who rank in the top 20 Breeders of Dam of Merit and Dam of Distinction Gelbvieh females.

<b>Breeders</b>	<b>Dams Of Merit</b>	<b>Dams Of Distinction</b>	<b>Total</b>
DAVIDSON GELBVIEH, Vernon & Eileen Davidson, Ponteix, Saskatchewan	35	9	44
WINDER'S GOLDEN GELBVIEH, Con & Gail Winder, Camrose, Alberta	11	3	14
V & V FARMS, Vern & Vivienne Pancoast, Redcliff, Alberta	11	0	11
TWIN BRIDGE FARMS LTD., Ron & Carol Birch, Lomond, Alberta	5	3	8
GSW GELBVIEH, Glynn Waterton, Owen Sound, Ontario	4	3	7
B & R RANCH, Barry & Robin Mader, Pritchard, British Columbia	7	0	7
FLADELAND LIVESTOCK, Wayne, Delyle & Clint Fladeland, Gladmar, Saskatchewan	7	0	7
DTJ GELBVIEH, John & Tina Douma, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba	6	0	6
FLADELAND FARMS, Dennis & Ian Fladeland, Gladmar, Saskatchewan	4	2	6
MCCOY CATTLE COMPANY LTD., Gary & Chad Nicholas, Milestone, Saskatchewan	6	0	6
GOFFLOT BAR 2 RANCH, Camile Gofflot, Pipestone, Manitoba	3	3	6
MILNE'S GELBVIEH, Harold & Bev Milne, Fairview, Alberta	5	1	6
DAVALDA GELBVIEH, David & Velda Ward, Roseneath, Ontario	4	1	5
FERME LUDI, Luc et Diane Laroche, Chesterville, Quebec	4	1	5
JEN-TY GELBVIEH, Don W. & Lorna Okell, Duchess, Alberta	3	1	4
DOUBLE J LAND & CATTLE COMPANY, Jeff & Jodi Hansen, Springside, Saskatchewan	4	0	4
MAPLE GROVE GELBVIEH, Lee & Neal Wirgau, Narcisse, Manitoba	4	0	4
LC CATTLE COMPANY, Barry Davisson & Chris Deroo, Unity, Saskatchewan	3	0	3
MO-ROC GELBVIEH FARMS LTD., Otto Rauch, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta	3	0	3
FIR RIVER LIVESTOCK, Darcy Hrebeniuk, Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan	3	0	3
JOHN MILNE, Fairview, Alberta	2	1	3
CREST VIEW FARMS, Barry & Vanessa Wiens, Pansy, Saskatchewan	3	0	3

The Canadian Gelbvieh Association recognizes the following members who rank in the top 20 Owners of Dam of Merit and Dam of Distinction Gelbvieh females.

<b>Owners</b>	<b>Dams Of Merit</b>	<b>Dams Of Distinction</b>	<b>Total</b>
DAVIDSON GELBVIEH, Vernon & Eileen Davidson, Ponteix, Saskatchewan	31	6	37
V & V FARMS, Vern & Vivienne Pancoast, Redcliff, Alberta	15	3	18
TWIN BRIDGE FARMS LTD., Ron & Carol Birch, Lomond, Alberta	9	4	13
WINDER'S GOLDEN GELBVIEH, Con & Gail Winder, Camrose, Alberta	9	3	12
FLADELAND LIVESTOCK, Wayne, Delyle & Clint Fladeland, Gladmar, Saskatchewan	9	2	11
FIR RIVER LIVESTOCK, Darcy Hrebeniuk, Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan	9	1	10
MCCOY CATTLE COMPANY LTD., Gary & Chad Nicholas, Milestone, Saskatchewan	7	1	8
B & R RANCH, Barry & Robin Mader, Pritchard, British Columbia	6	2	8
GOFFLOT BAR 2 RANCH, Camile Gofflot, Pipestone, Manitoba	4	3	7
GSW GELBVIEH, Glynn Waterton, Owen Sound, Ontario	4	3	7
DAVALDA GELBVIEH, David & Velda Ward, Roseneath, Ontario	4	3	7
TOWERVIEW RANCH, Gary & Judy Pahl, Medicine Hat, Alberta	6	1	7
LONESOME DOVE RANCH, Ross & Tara Davidson, Ponteix, Saskatchewan	5	1	6
GOODVIEW GELBVIEH, Blair & Lorie Bentz, Punnichy, Saskatchewan	3	3	6
CREST VIEW FARMS, Barry & Vanessa Wiens, Pansy, Saskatchewan	6	0	6
MILNE'S GELBVIEH, Harold & Bev Milne, Fairview, Alberta	5	0	5
FERME LUDI, Luc et Diane Laroche, Chesterville, Quebec	4	1	5
DOUBLE J LAND & CATTLE COMPANY, Jeff & Jodi Hansen, Springside, Saskatchewan	4	0	4
DUKE CATTLE COMPANY, Peter & Lisl Bahrynowski, Wildwood, Alberta	3	1	4
DARRELL & DUANE NELSON, Glenwood, Alberta	1	2	3
LC CATTLE COMPANY, Barry Davisson & Chris Deroo, Unity, Saskatchewan	3	0	3
JEN-TY GELBVIEH, Don W. & Lorna Okell, Duchess, Alberta	2	1	3
KISKATINAW GELBVIEH, Brian Stratuliak, Dawson Creek, British Columbia	1	2	3
RPS GELBVIEH, Raymond & Pauline Sommerfeld, Medstead, Saskatchewan	3	0	3
WIDOWEWA HOLDINGS LTD., Wanda Marsman, Delburne, Alberta	3	0	3