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## Larenwood Farms Earns Best Managed Herd Award for 2016

*Guelph, ON (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017)* CanWest DHI is pleased to announce that the winner of the National 2016 Herd Management Score award is **Larenwood Farms - Chris, Grant and Dan McLaren** of Drumbo, Ontario, in Oxford county. For the year 2016, the calculation encompasses 8,000 DHI herds across the country.

With a score of 985 out of a possible 1000 points, the McLarens have achieved superior performance across all aspects of herd management. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that Larenwood has the top score for Ontario, and the herd was also the top in Canada for 2015 when the Management Score was first calculated nationwide.



*Grant, Chris and Dan McLaren*

The DHI Herd Management Score allocates points for performance in 6 different management areas and is an excellent barometer of overall herd performance. It is a great tool for monitoring overall herd performance from year to year and also allows herds to benchmark themselves against others.

The McLarens, with a milking herd of 100 Holsteins, attribute their herd management success to many things. “We don’t really do anything special. For us it’s a matter of doing all the little things right” says Chris. “We try to do what’s best for our cows and they return the favour by being healthy and productive.”

An important part of their approach is to establish specific management protocols, and then follow them meticulously. They stay well informed and have an open mind about implementing changes.

The McLarens are excited, “Every herd will have some ups and downs in terms of performance, and we’re fortunate to have had a nice stretch in the last 3 years. There are many well managed herds in Canada, so we are humbled and pleasantly surprised by the news.”

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