HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN NEW ZEALAND – SEMEX NZ LTD
ON-FARM COMPETITION 2027

Welcome to the Holstein Friesian New Zealand – Semex NZ Ltd
On-Farm Competition 2027

This competition is aimed at attracting entries from Members and Non-Members alike, to promote Holstein Friesian cattle. In conjunction with Semex NZ Ltd, Holstein Friesian New Zealand is providing an opportunity for dairy farmers to participate in a competition without the cost and time constraints of travelling to A&P Shows. It is a unique opportunity for farmers to gain exposure and recognise the importance of conformation, in productive dairy cows, under New Zealand conditions.

The 2026 competition attracted 785 animals from 100 herds in 8 Wards throughout New Zealand. This year promises to be even bigger as farmers discover the benefits of participating.

Below are the details of the respective classes, age groups, terms and conditions of entry.

The winning entries from each Ward will be judged in early March, with the area winners competing to become New Zealand's Champion for each age group.

We are proud of the Holstein Friesian New Zealand - Semex On-Farm Competition and look forward to its continued growth and success in 2027.

RULES OF ENTRY

1. Animals entered must be female with a **minimum of F12** Holstein Friesian and eligible for registration in the Holstein Friesian NZ Herd Book.

2. A group profile, or equivalent report, is to be supplied with all entries to assist convenors in clearly identifying animals entered.

3. The competition is open to animals that will be **in milk** at both Ward and National levels.

4. The classes for the competition are:

2-year-old	(Born between 01.01.24 to 31.12.24)
3-year-old	(Born between 01.01.23 to 31.12.23)
4-year-old	(Born between 01.01.22 to 31.12.22)
5-year-old	(Born between 01.01.21 to 31.12.21)
6-8 years old	(Born between 01.01.18 to 31.12.20)
Veteran Cow	(Born on / or before 31.12.17)

5. Animals may have their tails and/or udders **only** clipped for the day of judging. No other parts of the animals are to be clipped, unless there is proof that the animal has been shown. Animals **must not** be fitted or haltered during judging. This rule applies to both the Ward and National Judging.

6. If an animal is placed first or second in the Ward Judging of the competition, the expectation is that the animal will be presented for judging in the national final, unless sick or injured.

7. Once the results of the Ward Judging are finalised, any animal not available for the National Judging will not be replaced.

8. Animals cannot be substituted on the day.

9. All animals must be presented for judging on a concrete surface. Animals that have an ongoing fly control programme in place are easier to judge and photograph effectively.

10. Each Ward will conduct its own competition. The Convenor in conjunction with the Branch will select and approach one Holstein Friesian New Zealand Senior Judge or an International Judge from an official Breed Society Judges List, to judge all Ward entries.

11. The first and second placing at Ward level in each of the six nominated classes will be judged for National Champions.

12. Over Judge for National Champions will be appointed by Semex NZ Ltd and the Holstein Friesian New Zealand Board.

13. All results are emailed immediately to Holstein Friesian New Zealand by the Ward Convenor. Holstein Friesian New Zealand will release the results to Semex NZ Ltd and the general media.

14. The Ward judging must be completed prior to **4.00pm 19 February 2027**. National over-judging will be completed by **early March 2027**.

15. An entry fee of $10.00 per animal is payable to **Your Branch A/C** and should be sent to the **Ward Convenor seven days** prior to the commencement of Ward Judging.

16. It is the responsibility of the Ward officials to verify, via herd records, the age and status of all entries, prior to Ward judging.

17. Provision of Ward area judges and all associated costs relating to the ward competition, will be the responsibility of the individual Wards.

18. All results are available for publication.

19. In the first instance for any queries or complaints members should contact the General Manager.