



Ciney, 10 January 2018

Dear cattle farmer,

It has begun: registration for Holstein Night 2018 is now open!

Below you will find details on how to participate in the show which will take place on 17 March in Libramont.

Participation in the Holstein show is open to all European cattle farmers for all categories (heifers, first-calf heifers, cows and so on).

- [A renowned judge](#)

This year we chose the Canadian judge Mr Jean Claude Fleury. He will be joined by Ms Florie Poirrier.

- [Holstein/Red Holstein competition](#)

Holstein Night is a **competition designed by cattle farmers for cattle farmers**. We will do everything possible to welcome your animals in the best conditions. This means:

1. **Registration via the attached form. Registration is free** for all animals present at the competition.
2. **Registration pack: To avoid any errors appearing in the catalogue**, please fill in the registration pack provided **clearly**. **Only the information you provide in this pack will be included in the catalogue. Please ensure that we receive your registration pack:**
 - **By Friday 09 February 2018 for entrants from outside of Belgium.**
 - **By 16 February 2018 at the latest for entrants within Belgium.** Please read the attached health conditions carefully. All the information about the competition is available on our website: www.nuitdelaholstein.be
3. The organising committee reserves the right to adapt the series in line with the number of enrolments and in-keeping with the harmony of the competition. **Heifers must be aged between 4–30 months. The reference date is 17 March 2018. An interim version of the catalogue with the plan of the competition will be available online on 24 February.**
4. In addition to the traditional age sections, **two special sections** will be organised to reward the **best lactating Red Holstein** and a series dedicated to cows who produce 50,000 litres or more. They will participate in a special series in addition to their age category. We will also hold three conformation championships (promising, intermediate and adult) that will punctuate the evening.
5. **Transport** is independent and should be organised by farmers themselves, except for farmers from the provinces of Namur and Luxembourg. As was the case last year, the committee wanted

to help with transport costs. Each cattle farmer will therefore receive a transport bonus for each animal that is registered and attends.

6. **For logistical reasons**, we will ask you to confirm the number of places that need to be reserved for your animals later on. PLEASE NOTE that we have allocated sufficient space so that each animal can be exhibited comfortably: 1.20 m for heifers under 18 months and 1.40 m for other animals. There is therefore no need to over-register for extra space.

If you require any additional space, please contact us at your earliest convenience before 08 March 2018 on + 32 477 32 83 14 or by email to info@nuitdelaholstein.be

Please also note that if we are not informed by 8 March that an animal that has been registered will not be able to attend, a charge of €25 per animal will be payable.

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7. Each farmer will receive a souvenir gift, and there are many **large valuable prizes** to reward the owners of winning animals. The Grand Champion will receive a cheque for €250.
8. Thanks to our partnership with the Reid Agronomic School, we will have students around to help out during the competition.
9. SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION: The presentation competition will be organised by the Wal'holstein club. For registration and information, contact Mr Antoine Godfriaux on + 32 473 63 80 98.

- [Our priority is creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere](#)

As well as the competition, we have organised a tombola for all visitors. **Why not invite your whole family to come and cheer you on and enjoy the evening?**

Holstein Night was designed to showcase your farming. This show is for you, so don't let the opportunity pass you by. The show is gaining international notoriety with each year that passes.

We are convinced that you have Holsteins or Red Holsteins at your farm (heifers, first-calf heifers and cows) to showcase. Do not hesitate to get in touch with your usual technician who will be happy to advise you.

We look forward to receiving your registration and meeting you at the Holstein Night, and we wish you all the best for a wonderful 2018!

The Holstein Night organising committee



2019 will be organised by the Wallonia Farming Association (l'Awé), HB Holstein and the Libramont Fair, and will take place on 12–13 April in Libramont. Due to the scale of the event, there will not be a 'Holstein Night' held in March 2019.

Please note: *This instalment promises to be special as it is a preview of sorts of the major event taking place in 2019 – the European Holstein Championship. Libramont*



Participation Conditions

Nuit de la Holstein 2018

A. ORGANISERS

Holstein Night is organised by the Dairy Boards of the provinces of Namur and Luxembourg and the non-for-profit organisation AWE.

B. COMPETITION - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- a) **First-calf heifers and cows:** The animals must be tracked from birth and subject to official milk control.
- b) **Heifers:** Heifers must be a maximum of 30 months of age and have not calved. Their mother must be tracked from birth and subject to official milk control.
- c) **General conditions:** All other conditions in force for official Belgian competitions shall apply to the Holstein Night competition.

C. HEALTH CONDITIONS

a) **FOR BELGIAN ANIMALS**

Cattle must come from an area that is not subject to any bans or limitations linked to animal diseases that affect cattle and must meet the following conditions:

1. **BRUCELLOSIS**

Come from a herd with B4 animal health status.

2. **LEUKOSIS**

Come from a herd with L3 animal health status (officially free from leukosis).

3. **TUBERCULOSIS**

Come from a herd with T3 animal health status (officially free from tuberculosis).

4. **BVD**

All bovine animals must have had a negative reaction to an ELISA test for BVD virus proteins carried out on blood leukocytes. The analysis report is valid. This analysis is carried out once in the animal's life, unless the first examination is carried out on a bovine animal under the age of six months. For animals under six months, a blood sample must be taken with a PCR test

5. **IBR**

Only animals from herds with an I3–I4 IBR status may participate in the show.

(See other side)

- **For cattle from herds qualified as I4:**

A blood sample must be taken during the 30 days before the show: Negative gB ELISA test

▪ **For cattle from herds qualified as I3:**

A blood sample must be taken during the 30 days before the show: Negative gE ELISA test or negative gB

b) FOR FOREIGN ANIMALS

1. Authorised to be exported to Belgium:

To be exported from EU countries, cattle must be authorised for export by the veterinary inspection body (see TRACES document).

Find out about this from your health authority **as soon as possible**.

In short, you must obtain your export certificate from your veterinary inspection in order to obtain a TRACE certificate.

TRACE DETAILS

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Rue des Aubépines 50

B -6800 LIBRAMONT

Certification number: communicate as soon as possible

This address must be used as the 'Recipient' and the 'Destination' on the health certificate.

Don't forget you will need the IBR analysis report.

2. Additional necessary health conditions

- **BVD:** Animals must have submitted or obtained a negative result from one of the BVD-V screening protocols listed below.
 - **v RT-PCR BVD applied on:**
 - individual serum, in a pool of max. 50 samples if bovine animal is at least 40 days old or a pool of max. 10 samples if the bovine animal is less than 40 days old.
 - full individual blood sample, in a pool of max. 50 samples if the bovine animal is at least 40 days old or a pool of max. 10 samples if the bovine animal is less than 40 days old.
 - a skin biopsy, either individual or in a pool of max. 25 samples.
 - **v Erns Ag ELISA test applied on:**
 - an individual skin biopsy
 - individual serum of bovine animals over 3 months old
 - full individual blood sample of bovine animals over 3 months old.
- **Bluetongue:** Some areas are currently classed as restricted.

3. Bluetongue conditions:

Belgium is currently free from Bluetongue.

Animals from a **non restricted** zone, meaning **free from disease**, may participate in the event without

any special conditions. Please note: if the animals transit through a restricted area during transport, both the animals and the means of transport must be treated with an authorised repellent and/or insecticide. Proof of this treatment must be provided when the health certificate is completed by the veterinary services.

Animals from a restricted zone (contaminated zone) are authorised to participate in the event under the following conditions:

- Either they were vaccinated more than 60 days ago (after the primary vaccination) against the serotype(s) present in the restricted zone or have been revaccinated during the period of guaranteed immunity stated in the vaccine specifications
- **Or they were vaccinated at least the number of days which, according to the vaccine specifications, is necessary for immune protection (after the primary vaccination), and were subjected to a pathogen identification test (PCR) at least 14 days after the onset of immune protection set in the vaccine specifications, and the result was negative;**
- European regulation provides for other certification options in connection with conventional intra-EU trade, but only animals that meet the conditions (vaccinated) listed above will be authorised to enter the show ring. The health certificate will therefore be completed to include the following statement: “Animal(s) vaccinated against the Bluetongue serotype(s)... (List the serotype(s)) using an inactivated/modified live vaccine (delete as appropriate)... (List the name of the vaccine) in accordance with point 5 of part A of annex 3 of regulation (EC) no. 1266/2007.”
- The animals and their transportation must be treated with a repelling agent and/or an authorised insecticide. Proof of this treatment is necessary for the drafting of the health certificate by the veterinarian. A bluetongue vaccination certificate, issued by a veterinarian listing individual animal identification, the dates of vaccination and the name of the vaccine used, must be presented upon entry during the health check. The analysis report of a PCR test must also be presented during the health check if necessary.
- **Comment 1: FOR France: in light of the current development of bluetongue in France (last modification of the restricted zone - 1 January 2018), we advise you to contact Maurice Moureaux as soon as possible on +32 477 32 83 14.**
- **Comment 2: a bluetongue vaccination of cattle from unrestricted areas (free from disease) could be recommended to avoid refusal to participate if the restricted zone were to expand.**
- **For any questions, we advise you to contact the sanitary responsible as soon as possible by mail info@nuitdelaholstein.be**

D. PLAN OF THE COMPETITION:

The organising committee reserves the right to adapt the series in line with the number of participants. **Heifers must be aged between 4–30 months. The reference date is 17 March 2018.**