

2024 **STAR** of the **BREED**



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MS SHADOW QCOVE MAGNIFICENT EX-92

3-00 2X 331D 42,390M 5.8%F 2,471 3.1%P 1,298

4TH JUNIOR-THREE-YEAR OLD COW MID-EAST SUMMER NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SHOW - 2024

BRED & OWNED BY: QUIETCOVE HOLSTEINS AND KURT WOLF, WAPAKONETA, OHIO

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Star of the Breed recognition is given annually to one Registered Holstein[®] cow that exemplifies outstanding production combined with exceptional type. To be eligible for the Star of the Breed award, a cow must place in the top five in her class at a National Show, be in a herd enrolled in the TriStarSM program and have an official classification score.

Once the eligible cows are determined, the following calculation is used to determine the award recipient: Combined Mature Equivalent (ME) Fat and Protein + Age Adjusted Classification Score X (Breed Average ME CFP/Breed Average Age Adjusted Score.)

The 2024 Star of the Breed is described as the kind you'd like to have a whole herd of. A trouble-free cow with high production, impressive components, eye-catching conformation, and an easy-going personality, Ms Shadow QCove Magnificent embodies the Star of the Breed award.

Magnificent is owned by Ohio Registered Holstein® breeders Quietcove Holsteins and Kurt Wolf. She lives at Kurt's farm, Shadow-W Holsteins in New Bavaria, Ohio. Jeremy Elsass farms 50 miles south at his family's Quietcove Holsteins and owns several animals with Kurt.

"Magnificent is a beautiful cow, not only to look at but also to work with. She produces high volumes of milk with really high components," Kurt Wolf says. "I think that makes her special – they don't always go hand-in-hand."

Ms Shadow QCove Magnificent has a three-year-old production record of 42,390 pounds of milk with 2,471 pounds of fat (5.8%) and 1,298 pounds of protein (3.1%). She's classified Excellent 92 and placed fourth as a Junior Three-Year-Old at the Mid-East Summer National Show in 2024.

Magnificent also did well in previous show seasons, placing first as a Junior Two-Year-Old and being named Honorable Mention Intermediate Champion at the Mid-East Spring National Show in 2023. Additionally, she was the second place Spring Yearling Heifer and Honorable Mention Junior Champion at the Mid-East Summer National Show in 2022.

FAMILY ROOTS

Magnificent is a Walnutlawn Sidekick daughter and comes from a family line that Kurt and Jeremy have found success with.

Magnificent's dam, Shadow-W Denver Mile High EX-94, was named 2024 All-National Five-Year Old Cow. Mile High also placed first in the Five-Year-Old Cow class at the 2024 Mid-East Summer National Show and was named Senior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at the Mid-East Spring National Show in 2024. Jeremy cares for Mile High at Quietcove Holsteins in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Shadow-W Reginald Marian EX-95 3E, Magnificent's grandam, is equally impressive. She was recognized as an All-National Five-Year-Old Cow in 2019 and placed first in the Five-Year-Old Cow class at the 2019 Mid-East Spring National Show before being named Senior and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

"They've always gotten better with age and have been very good cows to work with," Kurt says about the cow family. "Looking at the way Magnificent has developed over the winter, we're looking forward to bigger things ahead with her."

The cow family is extra special to Kurt, as Marian was the last cow born on the farm the day his dad sold the cows. Seven years later, when Kurt decided to bring cows back to the farm, Magnificent was the first calf born on the farm again.



Today, Kurt, his wife Linda, and their two children own and operate Shadow-W Holsteins and Boarding. They raise and show elite dairy cattle and provide boarding services. Shadow-W Holsteins specializes in heifer development and keeps a small number of cows.

TROUBLE-FREE PERFORMANCE

On the farm, Magnificent is an "easy keeper." She's a cow that puts milk in the tank with little fuss. Kurt notes she's never had any health problems and says he hasn't had to treat her for respiratory disease.

"She's easy to work with, and she's a problem free type of cow," Kurt describes. "She's got a will to milk and does it very easily. She's also reproductively sound and breeds back right away."

Magnificent has two natural heifers currently at the farm and is due back in time for the summer and fall show season. Kurt says her heifers are made like the rest of the family and thinks they have a promising future ahead.

"Maggie," as the family affectionately calls Magnificent, does things on her own timeline. She's not always the fastest to the feed bunk, but has a laid back and calm demeanor that the family appreciates.

"She's one of those family animals that comes up to the gate and you can scratch on the head," Kurt says. "Young kids don't seem to phase her."

A SHINING FUTURE

At four years old, Magnificent already has an accomplished list of show placings and a high production record. Just as impressive are her sound reproductive and health traits, making her an easy cow to work with and care for.

Kurt and Jeremy are looking forward to seeing how Magnificent continues to develop and believe she'll only get better with age. For now, they're happy to be adding "2024 Star of the Breed" to Magnificent's list of accomplishments.

"It's humbling and it's hard to put into words what it means," Kurt says about the award. "I've worked with some of the past Star of the Breed winners at shows, so I thought it was pretty unique that a younger cow was able to come out and be recognized."