

International Dairy Week 2024

National Youth Show Appointment

Mr. Brian Carscadden, Ontario, Canada

Brian Carscadden of Guelph, Ontario, Canada was born and raised on a registered Holstein farm in Eastern Ontario and graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in May of 1994.

Upon graduation, Carscadden was hired as a sire analyst for United Breeders of Guelph, Ontario. His duties at United Breeders included daughter photos and displays, mating program analysis and young sire acquisitions. In 1998, the Semex Alliance was formed, and Brian was hired on to the newly formed Semex Alliance Sire Analyst Team where he worked until Feb 1st, 2021. At that time, Brian began a new career as the Executive Senior Manager at Blondin Sires Inc. Prior to his A.I. career, Brian enjoyed many successes as a professional dairy cattle fitter, preparing cattle for top Holstein, Ayrshire, and Jersey breeders around the world.

Brian's judging assignments have taken him to over 30 different countries. He has judged National shows in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Brazil, Ireland, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Uruguay, Argentina, Portugal, Colombia, Russia, South Africa and Australia. In Europe, he has also judged major shows in France(Space), Germany(Thuringia) and Holland(HHH).

In North America, Brian has judged numerous state, provincial and county shows. In 2006, he was the associate judge at the Royal Winter Fair Holstein Show and was the official judge of the International Holstein Show at World Dairy Expo in 2008. He has judged the Red and White Holstein shows at both the Royal Winter Fair in 2009 and World Dairy Expo in 2010. He also officiated the Brown Swiss and Holsteins in 2009 and the Jerseys and Red and White Holsteins in 2010 and 2020 at the Swiss Expo. In 2011, he was the official judge of the National Holstein Show at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada. In 2015, Brian judged the Supreme International Holstein Show in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. In 2017, Brian was the official judge of the TD Canadian Classic 4-H show at the Royal Winter Fair.

A promoter of youth in agriculture, Brian remains active with various youth programs, speaking engagements and by promoting youth involvement through showmanship and judging clinics. Brian also served as a Holstein Canada Type Advisory Committee member for 12 years. His vast judging experience serves him well to also be part of several judging committees with Holstein Canada and Holstein Ontario.

Brian lives in Fergus and has 3 children Craig, Lauren and Colin.