

18,165 kg milk and Champion!

At the Hurup Show the judges had no doubts as to who to nominate in Danish Holstein. It was the very high-yielding cow no. 1323 (V Curtis x HMT Lukas x HMT Tegl) from I/S Kappel, Heltborg. Cow no. 1323 is among the highest yielding in the herd as it last year gave 18,165 kg milk. By her lifetime production of 14,845 kg for 4.9 years she was unmatched and was given the much-coveted challenge trophy from 1978 – Harry Kristensens trophy for the highest yielding class winner. Cow no 1323 has since her last calving milked more than 60 kg milk per day, and three days after the show she was noted for 63.4 kg in the robot barn! So both yield, longevity and beauty are united in the same individual.

In the herd with Kristoffer and Martin Kappel there are 306 cows – 44% Danish Red Dairy Breed, 16% Danish Holstein and 40% crossbreed. The strategy in the herd is a systematic crossbreeding programme with a nuclear herd of purebred cows. The cows are milked by four robots.

Even though the Danish Red have the majority in the everyday, Kristoffer and Martin were both bursting with pride over the fine Holstein Champion title.



Kristoffer Kappel with the high yielding Holstein Champion cow no. 1323 (V Curtis x HMT Lukas x HMT Tegl). Even though the Danish Red have the majority in the everyday with I/S Kappel, this title is not that bad.