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Missouri Holstein is New Holstein Butterfat Production Champion

Brattleboro, Vermont (September 24, 2008)...MS Bayless Champ Flipper-ET, a four-year-old Registered Holstein owned by Derek Page, Mt. Vernon, Mo., has produced a record that makes her **the all-time champion for butterfat production in a single lactation in the Holstein breed.**

Calving at 3 years 9 months of age, Flipper completed a 365-day record on three times-a-day milking of 3,705 pounds of butterfat. She produced 64,130 pounds of milk and 1,891 pounds of protein, both of which rank Flipper first nationally for milk and protein in the senior-three-year-old division as well. She peaked at 242 pounds in one day .

Classified Excellent-91 at 4 years 1 month of age, Flipper produced a great lactation as a two-year-old as well, with 42,870 pounds of milk, 1,730 pounds of butterfat and 1,305 pounds of protein on three times-a-day milking, calving at 2-2.

"Anyone who has had a cow like Flipper knows there's a lot of luck involved in making this kind of record," Page said. "What's most phenomenal about Flipper is her exceptional udder quality. I've never seen a cow milk this much and have such great udder quality."

Flipper is a daughter of Calbrett-I H H Champion and is out of Clinita Terry Future-ET, an EX-92 Dam of Merit with a top record of 3-9, 2x, 365d, 36,420M, 795F, 973P.

Page purchased Flipper in the Norman Bayless dispersal in April 2006, and less than two weeks later she was the fourth place senior two-year-old at the Southern National Holstein show.

Page said one of the funniest things about Flipper's record is that he didn't want her to milk that much because he wanted to show her as a three-year-old at World Dairy Expo. "We tried to slow her down by just giving her hay and grain," Page said, "but she just kept losing condition, so we put her on a TMR and away she went. If we hadn't tried to slow her down, she probably would have set the all-time milk record too."

Derek farms with his parents, Leon and Betty. The herd is enrolled on Holstein COMPLETE and the 100-cow Holstein herd has a rolling herd average of nearly 30,000 pounds of milk.

WATCH FOR HER THIS WEEK AT WORLD DAIRY EXPO !!

