

Springbank Snow Countess

The Cow

- Springbank Snow Countess was the world's record lifetime producer of butterfat
- Owned and bred by Thomas Roy Dent
- The Holstein cow spent her life on Dent's 240 acre Springbank Farm
- Valued at \$25,000 in her prime
- Produced 2 sons (one was sold to the Japanese government for \$5,000 and became one of the nations top breeding bulls) and 5 daughters
- She was a lifetime champion over all other breeds with a total 4,119 kg of butterfat from 94,114 kg of milk in 10 lactations. This was the highest lifetime total for milk and butterfat then, a record that wasn't broken for 18 years.
- She was the only cow that ever lived (at the time) to make
 - 3 records above 499 kg (1100 lbs.) of fat
 - 5 records above 454 kg (1000 lbs.) of fat
 - 6 records above 408 kg (900 lbs.) of fat
 - 8 records above 363 kg (800 lbs.) of fat
- During her life (and after) the Springbank Snow Countess added greatly to the prestige of Oxford County as a dairy center.

The Monument

- The life-size monument is mounted on a solid granite base with a tablet giving the facts about her performance
- It is over 3 m in height and weighs more than 9,000 kg
- It is located on a memorial plot that was once part of the farm where the cow lived.
- It was Canada's 1st permanent memorial to a record-breaking cow
- Unveiled on August 4, 1937 before a crowd of about 500 people
- The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada had the statue erected at a cost of \$4,000 to commemorate her outstanding achievements
- The statue remains a symbol of Woodstock and Oxford County's strong agricultural interests.
- The tablet on the monument reads:

IN HONOR OF
SPRINGBANK SNOW COUNTESS
81871
WORLD CHAMPION LIFETIME BUTTERFAT PRODUCER
9062 LBS. BUTTERFAT AND 207,505 LBS. MILK IN 10 LACTATIONS AVERAGE TEST 4.57
BORN NOV. 18, 1919 – DIED AUG. 9, 1936
ERECTED BY THE HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA AUG. 4, 1937, ON SPRINGBANK FARM
WHERE HER LIFETIME WAS SPENT IN THE SERVICE
OF HER BREEDER AND OWNER
T. R. DENT