

Canada-Australia Young Adult Exchange Program Québec youth selected



Semex Alliance and Holstein Canada are pleased to announce that **Pierre-Luc Perreault** of Saint-Alexis de Montcalm, Québec has been selected to represent Canada in the **2008 Canada/Australia Young Adult Exchange Program**.

Pierre-Luc is excited to learn about the different dairy farming strategies in Australia, in particular the breeding philosophy and management decisions. Additionally, he is proud of Canada's balanced breeding philosophy and will be an excellent ambassador for Canadian Holsteins.

A graduate of McGill University in Montréal, Quebec, with a major in Animal Science, Pierre-Luc has worked as a dairy production consultant for Valacta in Saint-Alexis, Québec providing support to producers to gain maximum benefits in their operations since July 2006.

Pierre-Luc has worked summers at Centre d'insémination artificielle du Québec (CIAQ), and at Coop Profid'Or. His well-rounded background of dairy farm experience was first gained on his family farm at Saint-Alexis de Montcalm, Québec under the Vachette prefix. Since he was eight years old Pierre-Luc has been active in the farm's daily activities and in the last eight years he has taken on full responsibility for the herd's genetics, budget management, and most recently production and nutrition.



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Pierre-Luc's other interests include serving with the Lanaudière Holstein Club. He has shown some animals at area shows and fairs and has competed in many judging events in Québec. He was a participant on a winning team entered in a provincial competition where practical and theoretical knowledge of agriculture was tested.

Long-term goals for Pierre-Luc include educating himself more fully about dairy animals through study and experience and dreams of one day earning the prestigious Holstein Canada Master Breeder award.

Pierre-Luc enjoys hockey and softball, and has played competitive badminton at the provincial level for the last eight years.

Semex Alliance and Holstein Canada encourage all interested young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 to apply in 2008 for the following year's program.

