Just five and a half months after construction began, the 290,000-square-foot New Holland Pavilions debuted at this year's 48th World Dairy Expo. The barns featured a positive pressure ventilation system, more wash rack space, streamlined waste disposal, people-only walking lanes, greater access to hot water along with vastly improved bathroom and shower facilities. Additionally, interactive kiosks throughout made finding cattle a breeze. For more on the new barns, read the editorial on page 676.

There were 835 commercial exhibitors hailing from 44 U.S. states, six Canadian provinces and 24 additional countries. Top honors in the commercial booth competition went to: DeLaval, large booths; Agri-King, intermediate booths; and Nutriad, small booths.

Of the breed sales, the Holsteins had the highest average at $23,234 on 52 lots. De-Su 1912-ET topped the 26th World Classic Holstein sale with a final bid of $74,000 million. Other sale averages were: Brown Swiss, $3,900 on 25 lots; Milking Shorthorn, $4,567 on 6 lots; Ayrshire, $4,478 on 15 lots; Jersey, $4,247 on 21 lots; and Guernsey, $4,160 on 26 lots.

With 260 additional entries, the World Dairy Expo Championship Dairy Product Contest again notched a new record as 1,080 dairy products were entered in the 12-year-old competition. Since its inception, the contest has averaged 15 percent growth, with this year posting an impressive 24 percent. Emmi Roth USA, Monroe, Wis., was named Grand Champion in the cheese and butter category with a “Roth Grand Cru Reserve.” Westby Cooperative Creamery, Westby, Wis., earned top honors in the Grade A division with its Cultured French Onion Dip. Gifford’s Dairy of Show-began, Maine, won the ice cream division for a third straight year with its chocolate ice cream entry. The 23 first-place entries were auctioned off Tuesday evening raising $23,050 for scholarships. The top-selling entry was the first-place Land O’Lakes sharp Cheddar which drew a bid of $3,400. The 1,057 unsold entries were donated to local schools, charities and food shelters.

The Jersey, Discoveries Tequila Jewelena, won the Futurity among all dairy breeds for her owner, Lisa Demmer of Ellendale, Minn. Taking home second in the World Dairy Expo International Futurity among all breeds was the Brown Swiss, Old Mill Goliath Tiffany, owned by Brittany Thompson, Blacksburg, Va.

John Galgowski, River Falls, Wis., won the 24th Klussendorf-MacKenzie Award. This humble and behind-the-scenes guy has a desire to help others succeed. That’s more, Galgowski has never missed a World Dairy Expo, and his passion for the show is evident by his hard work and the ongoing support he provides. Galgowski’s journey began when he grew up on a Connecticut Guernsey farm. After graduating with a degree in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Galgowski worked at the university’s dairy and recently retired as the dairyman. Additionally, he has likely worked with more Guernsey grand champions at World Dairy Expo than any herdsman by working with the Four Winds string that has included 11 grand champions, one reserve supreme champion and the most premier breeder banners of any breed. In fact, the Vilter family trusts Galgowski with every aspect of the show, as its “Master Banker.” Anyone who engages well-respected judges to identify and acquire some of the best show bulls in the world.

The 23rd winner of the Klussendorf Trophy was Gilbert Teixeira, Turlock, Calif. It is the highest recognition given to a dairy cattle showman in the United States. This year’s Klussendorf winner is a great family man who has instilled his love for the Holstein cow in his entire family. After Teixeira’s family sold the dairy farm when he was only 8 years old, he purchased a registered Holstein the very next year, and the rest, as they say, is history. By the time Teixeira was a teenager, he bred and owned his first Junior All-American nomination, a senior yearling heifer. That animal repeated that honor the next year as a cow. From this humble beginning via a milking job he had through high school, Teixeira went from milker to part owner and nearly four decades later has a 1,400-head Holstein herd. As Teixeira developed his family’s dairy, the farm has gathered an impressive string of accomplishments: • The Gil-Tex herd stands second in state history with six grand champions at the California Holstein Show. • Has bred and developed numerous All-American nominations, including the 1985 All-American 5-year-old and the Junior Champion at World Dairy Expo that same year. • The Turlock, Calif., Gil-Tex herd has bred or developed six EX-95 or EX-96 cows, the most of any farm west of the Mississippi River. Along with that, the herd has bred or developed over 200 Excellent cows. In addition, Teixeira is a trusted advisor to others. Over the years, he has been a fixture reading pedigrees at sales throughout California and the entire western U.S. and individual. Ashley Magnuson from Neillsville, Wis., won the showman-ship contest. In the dairy products competition, Kiel, Wis., topped 85 teams while Noah Henke from Lacoinia, Wis., was the high individual. Laconia, Wis., topped 46 teams in the FFA World Range Management Cup, and Sam Peetz of Sauk Prairie, Wis., FFA was the high individual. A record 270 three-member teams competed in the abbreviated competitions which are snapshots of the national FFA contest slated for late October.

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World Dairy Expo Grand Champions

Holsteins
- 395 head shown in open show (241 head shown in the junior show)
- Judge — Paul Trapp, Taylor, Wis.
- Grand Champion — RF Goldwyn Hailey, Gen-Com Holstein Ltd., Notre-Dame-Du-Bon-Conseil, Quebec, Canada
- Reserve Grand Champion — Lovhill Goldwyn Katrysha, Jeff Butler, Chebanse, Ill.
- Junior Champion — Comestar Larion Goldwyn-ET, Jeffrey Butler and Lightening Ridge Holsteins, Chebanse, Ill.
- Premier Breeder, Exhibitor — Ferme Jacobs, Cap-Santé, Quebec, Canada

Ayrshires
- 226 head shown
- Judge — David Wallace, Beloit, Wis.
- Grand Champion — Vieux Village C. Daimond, Florent, Vicky and Bianca Foley, Piopolis, Quebec, Canada
- Reserve Grand Champion — Lone Birch D Wham Dallas, Emily Paquette, Gabriel Blaisdell, and Lone Birch Ayrshires, North Brookfield, Mass.
- Junior Champion — Onward Mordicus Ali-ET, Jonna Schutte, Oelwein, Iowa
- Reserve Junior Champion — Des Prairies Peugeot, Jonna Schutte, Monona, Iowa
- Premier Breeder, Exhibitor — Florence Foley, Piopolis, Quebec, Canada
- State Herd — 1. Iowa, 2. Maryland

Jerseys
- 369 head shown
- Judge — Nathan Thomas, North Lewisburg, Ohio
- Grand Champion — TJ Classic Minister Venus-ET, Nic, Jeni, Ben and Andy Sauder, Tremont, Ill.
- Reserve Grand Champion — Marynole Excite Rosey, Ernest Kueffner and Terri Packard, Boonsboro, Md.
- Junior Champion — Steeshanue Istotla Tinkerbell, Madison Iager, Woodbine, Md.
- Premier Breeder — Arethusa Farm LLC, Litchfield, Conn.
- Premier Exhibitor — River Valley Jerseys, Tremont, Ill.
- State Herds — 1. Maryland

Brown Swiss
- 358 head shown
- Judge — Eric Topp, Botkins, Ohio
- Grand Champion — Eloc Wagor Kandid, Ken Main and Peter Vail, Copake, N.Y.
- Reserve Grand Champion — Brown Heaven Glenn Fantasy, Brown Heaven, Vercheres, Quebec, Canada
- Junior Champion — Cutting Edge T Tracey-ET, Overstreet Dairy LLC, Chillicothe, Texas
- Reserve Junior Champion — Arethusa Braiden Nadia, Arethusa Farm LLC, Litchfield, Conn.
- Premier Breeder — Elite Dairy, Ken Main and Peter Vail, Copake, N.Y.