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**AYRSHIRE MASTER BREEDER AWARD**  
**PRESENTED TO BETTELEE CRAWFORD & CINDY CRAWFORD**

COLUMBUS, OH – Columbus, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association awarded one of its 2020 Master Breeder Awards to Bettelee Crawford and Cindy Crawford of Whiting, VT.

Scapeland Farm is home to the Crawford mother-daughter team and is widely known throughout the country for their outstanding genetics that transmit both production and type. Bettelee and her husband Robert assumed operation of the farm in from her parents in 1955. Through the years, the management was passed down to their children, James and Cindy, and later to Cindy and her husband, Kurt Anechiarico.

“Milk is the name of the game” has always been the philosophy at Scapeland Farm where sire selection was based upon milk production and high indexes. Bettelee was always striving to develop a “million-pound herd”, which was achieved on numerous occasions. One of the outstanding brood cows in the herd was Scapeland Aristote's Ally who produced 307,570M 3.9% 11,960F 3.1% 9420P lifetime. Their goal was to breed medium-sized cows that milked, with good udders and strong feet and legs that would have provide longevity in the herd. There were usually several cows in the barn that were over 10 years of age. The breeding program's focus changed slightly to include sires that had indexes which were plus for milk and components, particularly protein, when they began making cheese and marketing their milk for cheese making. Over the years, Scapeland put four bulls into AI, with the most recent one being Scapeland Poker Sawyer.

Nutrition and feed management were always a priority at Scapeland. Grazing, supplemented with quality feeds, were the norm. Kurt, who also works as a nutritionist, concentrated on a feeding program for maximum milk production through the changing weather and seasons of the year.

Bettelee and Cindy Crawford have made a positive impact on the Ayrshire breed selling quality genetics to other breeders. They sold one heifer to Blue Spruce Farm of Bridport, VT which lead to the purchase of 15 cows and 15 heifers. Today Blue Spruce milks around 55 Ayrshires in their large commercial dairy operation with offspring of these animals classifying Excellent, winning at national shows, and producing many high lactations records.

Both mother and daughter have served as directors of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association and have been leaders in state and regional Ayrshire clubs sharing their ideas and philosophies to improve the breed and make Ayrshires more profitable.