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THOMAS WOLF PRESENTED WITH
AYRSHIRE MASTER BREEDER AWARD

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association presented its annual Master Breeder Award to Thomas Wolf of Shreve, OH on June 29, 2018 at the National Ayrshire Convention in Branson, MO.

Wolf earned his position in the ranks of Master Breeders for his commitment to and support of Ayrshire breed improvement. Tom and his wife Vivian own and operate Spring-Run Farm with their adult children, Lisa and Tim, and their families. Tom purchased his first registered Ayrshire when he was 13 years old to bring something different to the family dairy farm. In 1947, Tom and Vivian bought Spring-Run Farm from his father and have expanded over the years to the current 180 head of Registered Ayrshire cattle. The 100% Ayrshire milk goes mostly into cheese production along with occasional fluid milk shipments. Spring-Run also grows 120 acres of alfalfa hay, 120 acres of corn, 50 acres of wheat and 50 acres of oats annually.

Since 1952, Spring-Run Farm has been proud to have Ayrshire cattle as the only dairy breed on their farm. Tom takes great pride in his herd and loves to see the herd's positive progression over many generations. One of his favorite cow families goes back to Spring-Run D. Kel Geri. At 13 years old, Geri, finished a lifetime record with over 168,700 pounds of milk. Her daughters have carried on the legacy and have made a lasting impact on Tom's herd. Spring-Run has been recognized as the top Ohio Ayrshire herd for production in the 76+ cows division maintaining rolling herd averages over 17,000M. They routinely sample Ayrshire young sires and participate in Association performance programs.

Tom Wolf has been a dedicated and active member of the US Ayrshire Breeders' Association since 1950. He has served on national committees and hosted international guests at his farm as part of the 2016 World Ayrshire Conference. He loves giving back to the community and promoting the Ayrshire breed. Since the days his children were in 4-H, Tom has opened his barn doors to the local 4-H program to allow kids from all backgrounds the opportunity to show animals at the county and state fair. He believes that supporting youth to work with dairy cattle has benefits that far outweigh any associated costs. Tom Wolf has been a true inspiration to fellow breeders and youth alike with his work and dedication to the Ayrshire breed.