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American Gelbvieh Association Honors Owners of Top Cows

The American Gelbvieh Association established the Dam of Merit/Dam of Distinction cow recognition program in 1991 to honor those cows that get the job done year after year. The stringent requirements have not changed over the years and Gelbvieh females continue to excel in longevity.

A total of 2,680 cows or 5.3 percent of the active cows in the breed qualified for Dam of Merit status. Only 375 cows or 0.7 percent of the actives cows qualified as Dams of Distinction. There are 50,775 active cows in Gelbvieh breed.

Following is a list of the top ten states for Dams of Merit and Dams of Distinction. 1. Kansas, 418; 2. South Dakota, 396; 3. North Dakota, 355; 4. Nebraska, 339; 5. Montana, 216; 6. Missouri, 203; 7. Iowa, 143; 8. Colorado, 131; 9. Wyoming, 102; 10. Minnesota, 76

The following American Gelbvieh Association members were the **Top 20 Owners** of Gelbvieh Dam of Merit and Dam of Distinction females.

Rank	Member Name	Town, State	DOD	DOM	Total
1.	Judd Ranch Inc.	Pomona, KS	18	86	104
2.	Flying Y Cattle Company	Laramie, WY	15	51	66
3.	Wehri Gelbvieh	Hebron, ND	6	42	48
4.	Miller Gelbvieh Farm	Glen Ullin, ND	10	30	40
5.	Bar T Bar Ranch Inc.	Winslow, AZ	1	38	39
6.	Maple Lake Livestock Co Inc.	Madras, OR	14	25	39
7/8.	Gaaskjolen Gelbvieh	Meadow, SD	1	37	38
	Feist Gelbvieh	Ludlow, SD	8	30	38
9.	Eagle Pass Ranch	Highmore, SD	1	34	35
10.	Taubenheim Gelbvieh	Amherst, NE	3	31	34
11.	Haglund Ranch Inc.	Brockway, MT	2	31	33
12.	Chimney Butte Ranch	Mandan, ND	2	29	31
13/14.	Vaughn Thorstenson	Selby, SD	4	24	28
	Hodges Ranch	Omaha, AR	8	20	28
15/16/17/18.	Early Dawn/Buckhorn Ranches	Oakdale, CA	1	26	27
	Moe Gelbvieh	Walcott, ND	3	24	27
	Pearson Cattle Co Inc.	Lake City, SD	3	24	27
	Sieler Ranch Inc.	Plevna, MT	1	26	27
19/20.	Swanson Cattle Co.	Oxford, NE	3	21	24
	C-Cross Cattle Company	Asheboro, NC	1	23	24

For more information on the complete criteria used to select Dams of Merit or Dams of Distinction, contact the American Gelbvieh Association office at 303-465-2333. Visit www.gelbvieh.org to learn more about innovative Gelbvieh breeding and marketing programs.

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