

Unmatched winner of the Health Prize

The best prize at the Agromek show was again this year the Alm. Brand Health Prize with a first prize cheque of 25,000 DKK for a trip sponsored by the Danish insurance company Alm. Brand.

In the Alm. Brand Health competition it is not enough to be young, beautiful and wonderful. In this competition it is a cow that fully meets the Danish Red Dairy Breed (RDM) breeding goal of total merit – having had fine yield as well as having born live calves, fertility in top and low cell count. Factors leading to a good financial situation consisting of strong, long-lasting and productive dairy cows with health in top. Based on the above mentioned criteria, the cows have been given points prior to the show and those with the highest health score compete in the final for points based on functional conformation. This year there were no less than two 10th lactation cows in the final – fantastic cows – very impressive that old ladies in fine style and with high health score attend the show and in top compete for the prize. One of the old ladies – the SYD Abru daughter from Erik Jepsen, Stadil, is very familiar with shows as she has carried off the prize twice previously. This time, however, she was beat in the final by a younger model!

This year's winner was Lene og Michael Jensen, Hammel, who with cow no. 951 carried off the cheque for 25,000 DKK. The cow showed up with 47 health points – a fantastic 6th lactation cow with super yield, fertility and low cell count. The second place cow was no. 1393 from Else and Søren Holger Hansen in Brørup.



Lene & Michael Jensen, Hammel, won the Alm. Brand Health Prize with their 6th lactation cow no. 951 (Stadel x Hejn)