

IHFA Champion Cow of the Decade;

IHFA recently held a novel competition called the IHFA Champion cow of the decade.

Held in conjunction with the National Dairy Show, the competition helped fill a void when the annual large, indoor show could not take place.

Photographs of each National Dairy Show Champion from 2010 to 2019 inclusive were compiled and submitted to a guest judge who judged each cow as if he were judging a Show.

An open video presentation was then broadcast online to the public where each cow was introduced individually.

The online broadcast then concluded with the Judge announcing the Champion Cow of the decade, Reserve Champion and Honourable Mention.

Champion Ridgefield Dundee Portea owned by Patrick, Breda and Derrick Frawley

Reserve Baldonnel Goldie Larissa owned by Cyril Dowling and Tadhg Bourke

Honourable Mention Lisnalty Megasire Rituel owned by Paul and Eileen Hannan.

Ridgefield Dundee Portea ET EX95 2E

- Her National Dairy Show success in 2012 was as a third calver. She also won the N.D.S. Best Udder award and 1st Mature cow in-milk. In the same year she also won Baileys Champion Cow and Emerald Expo Champion.
- In 2013 Portea was crowned Champion of Tullamore National Livestock Show. In the Autumn of that year, just over a month into her 4th lactation Portea returned and again reigned supreme as National Dairy Show Champion also winning Best Udder and 1st Mature cow in-milk.
- Portea went on to attain a Classification score of EX95 on conformation with EX96 for Mammary.
- A 3rd generation Excellent Dam, Portea has bred 10 VG/EX daughters to date
- She completed a lifetime production in five lactations of 61,302 kgs milk, 4,616 kgs milk solids, 3.93 % Fat, 3.60 % Protein.
- She is owned by Patrick and Breda Frawley and their son Derrick of the Croagh herd who farm in County Limerick in the mid-west of Ireland.

Thanks to David Jones of the Wiltor herd in the UK who gave of his time and experience as invited guest Judge.