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Half-interest in the 6-year-old super Holstein recently sold for \$1.45 million.

**“NEVER BEEN A COW THIS GOOD”**

## World's Best Cow

By Jim Massey

It was really no surprise to anyone when Brookview Tony Charity was selected the supreme champion cow for the second consecutive year and the third time in four years at the 1985 World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

The grand champion animal from Canada is considered by many to be the best cow ever to walk the face of the earth. Included in that group of believers is Bob Murphy, a New Yorker who classified the cow as a 97 Excellent in June 1984.

“There have only been 21 cows ever rated at 97 points, and she’s probably the best one ever,” says Murphy. “Her overall conformation is the most correct of any cow I’ve ever seen. And her tremendous ability to milk also has to be taken into consideration.”

As a 2-year-old, the cow produced 19,702 pounds of milk in 365 days, while as a 3-year-old, she was at 21,789. By the time she reached age 4, she was producing 37,340 pounds. This past year, as a 5-year-old, she produced 39,015 pounds of milk with 1,422 pounds of butterfat.

The famous cow was solely owned by Hanover Hill Holsteins of Port Perry, Ontario, until part interest was purchased in the animal earlier this year for \$1.45 million by Romandale Farm, another Canadian Holstein breeder. The animal has been declared the “ideal cow” back home in Canada, and to symbolize that fact, a statuette of the cow stood in the animal’s double stall at the expo, with features identical to Brookview Tony Charity.

Murphy, who classifies cows for the National Holstein Association, said he’s been classifying Holsteins for five years and has never seen anything close to the cow in terms of correctness.

“In my opinion there has never been a cow this good, and it will probably be a long time before there will be again,” he said. “There could be a cow that comes along in history

that is better, but we probably won’t be around to see it.”

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The 40-ft. high letters in Anderson’s marriage proposal covered a total of 65 acres.

### THEN HE TOOK HIS GIRLFRIEND FOR A PLANE RIDE TO POP THE QUESTION

## Farmer “Writes” Marriage Proposal In Oat Field

When John Anderson decided to ask his girlfriend to marry him he found a big way to do it.

Anderson, who is both a farmer and a pilot, used a 40-ft. field cultivator to make the huge letters in a harvested oat field on his farm near Paynesville, Minn. Then he took his girlfriend, Shirley Bauer, up for a ride in his

single-engined plane, telling her they were going for a ride to look at fall colors. To get her to see the proposal, Anderson had to dip the wing.

The 27-year-old Anderson says he spent about an hour making the 40-ft. letters in the field. When finished, the entire message stretched about a half mile long and a quarter mile wide,

and covered more than 65 acres.

Shirley says it took her a few minutes to understand the real reason for the flight. Once she did, she told John yes, then suggested it might be a good idea if they landed because she felt queasy from the excitement.