Verband der Züchter
des Holsteiner Pferdes e. V., Kiel

Awards for Mares (§28 Statutes of the Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes e. V.)

Based on the bonits and certain pedigree requirements, the mares can receive a special award (premium). These are the District, Verband and State premium.

District premium (DP)

The entry is the district premium. This award is given to mares that embody good quality at the registration events. The first requirement for the premium is that both parents are registered horses in the Verband's breed registries (sire: H I, Holstein Global, dam: ZB I (H, S), Holstein Global). The overall grade total must be at least 47 points, whereby the type grade must be at
least a 7 according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2) and no partial characteristic may receive a grade 3 or less according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2). They must be at least 160cm at the withers. Today, approx. 60 to 70 percent of registered mares achieve this quality mark.

Verband premium (VP)

This award is given to 3-year-old mares that embody exceptional quality on the occasion of the of the breeding district mare inspection. The first requirement is that these mares must have the status of a stallion dam (§ 31 of the statutes of the Holsteiner Verband). the overall grade total must be 52 points, whereby the mare's type must be awarded at least a grade 8 according to the grading scale.
No partial characteristic may receive a grade 4 or less according to the grading scale. The mare's height must be at least 160 cm. The mare qualifies for participation at the Verband's annual mare show. Only ten percent of the presented year's mare can pass this qualification test.

State premium (SP)

Verband premium mares which have achieved a positive result in the mare performance tests (an average grade of 7.0 or more) are also entitled to the designation of "State premium mare" according to the regulations of the Ministry of Energy, Agriculture, the Environment, Nature and Digitalisation of the state of Schleswig-Holstein.
For Verband premium mares that have not passed a performance test, the title "State premium mare" can be awarded retrospectively upon written application by the owner if the following requirement is met:

- 4-year old: Placement in show jumping test class A, riding horse test, dressage horse test class A or cross-country horse test class A or
- 5-year old: placed in elementary class show jumping test, elementary class dressage test or elementary class cross-country test for young horses or
- 6-year old: placed in medium (M) level show jumping test, medium (M) level dressage test or medium (M) level cross-country test for young horses.