

Reproductive Achievement Celebrated by Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council
2016 Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Reproduction Awards Presented at DCRC Annual Meeting

Columbus, OHIO (November 11, 2016)—The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council is pleased to announce that 24 dairy herds were recognized for outstanding reproductive performance, with six herds being named Platinum Award winners in this year’s Reproduction Award Program. Awards were also given for Gold, Silver and Bronze winners.

“The 2016 Reproduction Awards Program represented an impressive number—and caliber—of dairy herds,” says Corey Geiger, managing editor of *Hoard’s Dairyman* and chair of the DCRC Awards Committee. In all, a record 128 herds were nominated from 18 U.S. states and Canadian provinces. “Their dedication to excellence is inspirational, and these herds are and tremendous operations in every sense of the word.”

All 24 award-winning herds and their nominators were recognized during the 2016 DCRC Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, November 10 – 11. A talk-show style roundtable discussion with platinum award winners capped off the program, with producers consistently noting that there are no shortcuts or secrets to success.

The Reproduction Awards Program has highlighted producers with remarkable abilities to achieve outstanding reproductive performance, and this year’s contest continues that tradition of excellence. More than 120 herds were nominated for this year’s contest and judges used strict performance criteria to rank the entries.

Not surprisingly, the six platinum award winners all emphasize quality, compliance, cow comfort, proper nutrition and consistency on their dairies. As a result, the farms consistently reach industry-leading 21-day pregnancy rates, as well as notable performance in virtually every other reproductive measure. You can learn more about each of the farms in the roundtable discussion published in the November issue of *Hoard’s Dairyman*.

Following are the 24 award-winning dairies:

Platinum Winners	Gold Winners	Silver Winners	Bronze Winners
Copperhill Farm Jim, Justin and Kurt Magnan <i>Fairfax, Vermont</i> Nominated by Dr. Peter Averill, Northwest Veterinary Associates	Boernview Farm Ltd. Roger Boersen, Luis Vélazquez, herdsman <i>Gadshill, Ontario, Canada</i> Nominated by Drew Tyler, EastGen	Curtin Dairy <i>Cassville, New York</i> Nominated by Amy Cornwell, Zoetis, and Cameron Davis, Semex	Blue Sky Farms (Newport Dairy) <i>London, Ohio</i> Nominated by Rick Ellerbrock, COBA Select Sires
Dunlea Dairy Farm Roger and Kerry Dunn <i>Coudersport, Pennsylvania</i> Nominated by Tyler Wagner, Alta Genetics	Holmesville Dairy Farm Tim and Penny Holmes and Travis and Stephanie Holmes <i>Argyle, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Dr. B.J. Jones, Center Hill Veterinary Clinic	Darlington Ridge Farm Jim DiGangi <i>Darlington, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Katie Martin, Zoetis	Lowell Family Farm, Dana and Seri Lowell <i>Buckfield, Maine</i> Nominated by Michele Bennett, Gold Star Feed and Grain
Pfeifer Dairy Farm Ed Pfeifer <i>Bucyrus, Ohio</i> Nominated by Rick Ellerbrock, COBA Select Sires	Kloppe Dairy Farm Inc. <i>New Haven, Missouri</i> Nominated by Dr. Scott Pooock, University of Missouri	Dziedzic Farm LLC Paul, Kitty and Eric Dziedzic <i>Bliss, New York</i>	Pagel’s Ponderosa Dairy John T. Pagel and Family <i>Kewaunee, Wisconsin</i>

		Nominated by Rob McNeill, Lakewood Veterinary Service	Nominated by Dr. Kim Egan, Genex-CRI, and Mark Schlaefer, Merck
SunBurst Farm Brian, Yogi and Cory Brown <i>Belleville, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Dr. Barry Kleppe, Waunakee Veterinary Service	Mapledale Farm Paul and John Greene <i>Berlin, New York</i> Nominated by Dr. Carie Telgen, Battenkill Veterinary Bovine PC	Glendale Farms Steve and Cody Kluth <i>Clintonville, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Dr. Daniel Hagman, United Veterinary Service	Snake River Dairies, Jerry and Mary Lou Tlucek <i>Melba, Idaho</i> Nominated by Garth Millard, Vet Logic
Pine Hollow Dairy Farm LLC <i>Locke, New York</i> Nominated by David Freligh, ABS Global	Willow Bend Farm <i>Clifton Springs, New York</i> Nominated by Amy Cornwell, Zoetis	Maple Ridge Dairy <i>Stratford, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Megan Weigel, Genex-CRI	Truttmann Dairy LLC, Dan and Shelly Truttmann <i>Blanchardville, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Christina Beu, Genex-CRI
Seidl Mountain View Dairy <i>Luxemburg, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Mark Schlaefer, Merck	Zirbel Dairy Farms <i>DePere, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Gunnar Umnus, North Star Select Sires	Woody Hill Farms Inc. Mark and Jennifer Cary and Jim Sheldon and Dan Sheldon, <i>Salem, New York</i> Nominated by Bob Ceglowski, Dairy Health and Management Services	Wessel Farms Dave, Joyce and Rod Wessel <i>Mineral Point, Wisconsin</i> Nominated by Tim Heiring, Genex-CRI

Note: Photos of the Platinum winning herds are available upon request.

About DCRC

The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council (DCRC) brings together all sectors of the dairy industry—producers, consultants, academia, and allied industry professionals and students—to improve dairy herd reproductive performance. DCRC fosters a network to achieve sustainable, effective fertility and health for dairy cattle.

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