

# DCRC Awards nominations wanted

NOMINATIONS are now being received for the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council's Reproduction Awards. The goal of the program is to recognize dairy producers from across the United States, and around the world who successfully have placed high priority on reproductive efficiency.

Dairy industry professionals including veterinarians, extension agents, A.I. and pharmaceutical

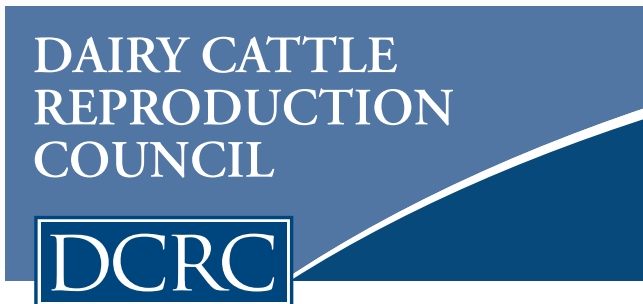
company representatives, plant and co-op field staff, consultants, and others are encouraged to nominate producers. Producers can be nominated using the one-page form shown below, or preferably it can be done online at [www.dcrcouncil.org/awards/nominate-a-herd](http://www.dcrcouncil.org/awards/nominate-a-herd). These screening applications are due by April 30, 2018.

DCRC judges then will select

top applicants who, working with their nominator, will complete a more detailed application form used for final judging. Applications will be evaluated for measures of overall reproductive efficiency. Factors to be evaluated include: protocols for implementing a sound reproduction program and reproductive outcomes relative to pregnancy, submission, culling and other benchmarks.

Platinum, gold, silver and bronze winners will be designated from the finalists (there will be several winners in each of the four classes).

Platinum, gold and silver award winners will receive national recognition and travel stipends to the 2018 Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council annual meeting November 14 to 16, 2018 at the Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana. 🐄



## 2018 Dairy Cattle Reproduction Nomination Form

Each year DCRC honors the best of the best, dairy producers who have successfully implemented management procedures that have achieved high reproductive efficiency. This program awards producers in both Holstein and non-Holstein categories.

All finalist herds will be divided into Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze categories by the judging panel.

Nominations must be received by: April 30, 2018. **Online submissions are PREFERRED.** Submit your nomination online at [dcrcouncil.org/awards/nominate-a-herd](http://dcrcouncil.org/awards/nominate-a-herd). You may also mail the completed form below to Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council, 605 Columbus Avenue South, New Prague, MN 56071.

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION

### Date applied:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position:  veterinarian  extension agent  fieldstaff  DHI supervisor  other

### FARM INFORMATION

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### FARM DATA [For all cows calving in the time period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017]

Average herd size (dry and lactating cows): \_\_\_\_\_ Percent of herd that is first lactation cows: \_\_\_\_\_%

Breeds: \_\_\_\_\_ Over 25% of the cows in the herd have a non-Holstein parent:  Yes  No

Voluntary breeding wait policy: \_\_\_\_\_

Average calving interval: \_\_\_\_\_ Average days to first breeding: \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of herd pregnant by 150 days in milk \_\_\_\_\_%

Average 21-day pregnancy rate: \_\_\_\_\_ High: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Low: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_

How many cows left the herd during the time period (all reasons)? \_\_\_\_\_

Of the total number of cows that left the herd, how many left because of reproductive reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of the herd that is greater than 300 DIM and open: \_\_\_\_\_%