



DAIRY CATTLE REPRODUCTION COUNCIL

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DCRC recognizes dairies with outstanding reproduction accomplishments

New Prague, Minn. (November 15, 2023) – The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council (DCRC) recognized 24 dairies from the United States, Canada, Italy and the United Kingdom for reaching phenomenal reproduction marks. These dairies received Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze in DCRC's Excellence in Dairy Cattle Reproduction Awards program during the group's annual meeting, held Nov. 14-16, in Salt Lake City. The 24 dairies excel at reproductive efficiency, fertility and well-implemented management procedures. Platinum recognition went to: Crosswind Jerseys (Stefan Temperli), Elkton, S.D.; Hendriks Ltd. (Tyler Hendriks), Brucefield, Ont., Canada; High Noon Dairy LLC (Peter Bouma), Hereford, Texas; LDT Keller (Luke and Dan Keller), Fort Recovery, Ohio; Trailside Holsteins (Mike Johnson), Fountain, Minn.; and Verhoef Dairy Farm Inc. (Reinoud & Klaartje Verhoef), Belmont, Ont., Canada.

In addition to the six Platinum winners, there were six Gold, six Silver and six Bronze winners (listed below). One hundred nominations came from six countries, 12 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces. Farms were nominated by dairy professionals who serve the dairy industry, such as veterinarians, extension specialists and artificial insemination and pharmaceutical company representatives.

Gold

Britannia Dairy (Ben and Kevin Pearson), Flandreau, S.D.
Davis Family Farm (Jayme and Brad Davis), Darlington, Wis.
Elusive Hill (Luke Luchterhand), Spencer, Wis.
Felling Dairy LLC (Jason Felling), Sauk Centre, Minn.
Holmesville Dairy (Travis and Stephanie Holmes), Argyle Wis.
Pine Row Dairy (Brant Ryzebol), Mantorville, Minn.

Silver

Campogallo SAS (Borgo Giovanni Marco), Schiavon Vicenza, Italy
Enge Farms (Mike Enge), North Freedom, Wis.
Holland Cattle Company (Bill and Lisa Holland Family), Apple River, Ill.
Ripp Dairy Valley (Chuck Ripp), Dane, Wis.
Riverside Dairy (Andy Fischer), Reedsville, Wis.
Shady Acres Dairy LP (Chris Anker), Helm, Calif.

Bronze

A-OK Farms LLC (Mark Breunig), Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Full Flo Dairy (Mark Rauls), De Forest, Wis.
Jauquet's Hillview Dairy (Dave and Stacey Jauquet), Luxemburg, Wis.
R. Kempthorne & Partners Ltd., Bodmin, Cornwall, United Kingdom
Newmont Dairy (Will Galdstone), Fairlee, Vt.
Schumacher Farms of Elgin, Inc. (Kurt Schumacher), Elgin, Minn.

This awards program, sponsored by *Hoard's Dairyman* magazine and Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council, recognizes dairy producers whose herds excel in getting cows safe in calf. DCRC's Excellence in Dairy Cattle Reproduction judges considered many criteria when reviewing finalists' applications, including pregnancy rate, voluntary waiting period, interbreeding intervals, heat detection, conception rate, value of reproduction and culling rate.

The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council is focused on bringing together all sectors of the dairy industry – producers, consultants, academia and allied industry professionals – for improved reproductive performance. DCRC provides an unprecedented opportunity for all groups to work together to take dairy cattle reproduction to the next level.

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Note: A photo of the Platinum-winning herds is available upon request.