# Michigan State University Dairy Farmer of the Year

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS and GUIDELINES

**All Nominations are due November 15, 2015.**

### Instructions for application:

1. Download this nomination form and type in the appropriate information for each nominee. Please email this form to ferris@msu.edu
2. Or send the nomination form to:

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When filling out the nomination form, assume that the Selection Committee is not familiar with the nominee. Additional substantive material that strengthens the nomination can be submitted by expanding the space provided or including more pages. The nomination form is a guideline for the information sought but not all information is required for the nomination, e.g., some herds will not have DHIA data but similar data may be available from on-farm records.

Nominations received after the deadline will be filed and considered for the award next year.

**NOTE:** A list of past recipients is at the end of this document.

# MSU DAIRY FARMER of the YEAR

# Department of Animal Science

# Michigan State University

POLICY and GUIDELINES

(adopted 3/1982; amended 11/1985; amended 11/2013)

The Department of Animal Science each year selects a person or persons (dairy farmer) who has exhibited outstanding (1) management of their dairy farm business and (2) leadership in the Michigan dairy industry. The awardee(s) should be recognized by others in the Michigan dairy industry for the successes of their dairy farm business and for their leadership to improve the dairy industry in Michigan.

### CRITERIA for the AWARD:

1. Nominees must be actively engaged in dairy farming. Where a partnership or corporations exist, two or more individuals may be honored as joint recipients.
2. The nominees should be outstanding managers of a dairy farm operation. Their operation should have statistical averages that are above those of Michigan state averages and be considered by others in the dairy industry as being an elite dairy operation.
3. The nominees should have demonstrated leadership in dairy industry-related organizations.

### NOMINATION FORM

# DAIRY FARMER of the YEAR NOMINATION – 2016

# Department of Animal Science

# Michigan State University

Date:

1. **Personal Data**

Nominee:

Address:

County:

Phone #: email:

Birth Date: Location:

Length of time Nominee has been involved in operation: years

Marital Status: Spouse:

Children/Ages:

**NOTE:** For multiple nominees from a farm, please complete this page separately for each person that is to be nominated.

1. **Description of Farm Business:**

When Farm was established:

No. Acres Farmed:

Crops Grown:

### Dairy Herd Data:

Milking Herd No. (total cows): Youngstock No:

Breed:

Other Livestock:

**DHIA or herd data (Obtain data from current year's September DHIA sheets or other farm records):**

Please provide the herd annual averages for the following information. If information is not available, you can leave blank.

Milk Fat % lb. Protein % lb.

Herd Age months % of cows in Milk

Change in past 5 Years: Milk Fat Protein

DHIA SCC Average or Bulk Tank SCC Average

1. **Industry and community leadership**

### Membership in organizations and leadership roles:

(List by organization and chronologically - include LEADERSHIP responsibilities and significant accomplishments attributed to the nominee. List separately for each nominee if nomination includes multiple nominees. Use separate sheet and staple to nomination.)

### Awards Bestowed on Nominee/nominees:

1. **Description of Management of Dairy Farm Operation**

Dairy Herd/Farm Awards: (list chronologically - Use separate sheet, staple to nomination).

**Please provide a brief description of the dairy operation (less than 500 words).**

**Describe the roles/responsibilities nominee/nominees have with operation (less than 500 words).**

**How has this dairy farm operation progressed in the past 3-5 years as a result of the nominee(s) management abilities and leadership (less than 500 words)?**

**Please indicate why you are nominating this individual or these individuals. What is outstanding about management of this dairy farm? How is the dairy farm owner(s) a positive example to others in the industry? (Less than 500 words):**

### NOMINATOR CONTACT PAGE

**Nomination Submitted by:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Please list 3 references with contact information. Include professionals who work with the nominee such as veterinarians, feed consultants, extension educators and industry leaders.**

### References:

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

### PAST RECIPIENTS

## MSU Department of Animal Science

## DAIRY FARMER of the YEAR AWARD

2015 Mike Rasmussen

2014 Geert and Gertie van den Goor

2013 Bruce and Jennifer Lewis

2012 James Reid

2011 The Crandalls- Larry, Gloria, Brad, Monica, Mark and Sara

2010 Earl and Diane Horning

2009 Terry and Jean Nugent

2008 Tom and Deanna Stamp, Linwood and Elizabeth Dale

2007 Harold Cnossen

2006 Ken & Larry Nobis

1999 Jack Laurie

1998 Larry Haywood

1997 Wayne Haverdink

1996 Harold and Lillian Gremel

1995 Theron VanRee

1994 J & L Farm - Doug Chapin & Lyle Ball

1993 Harold, Wayne & Randy Wood

1992 Ken Gasper

1991 Remus Riggs

1990 Roger Wolf

1989 Carlos & Doug Long

1988 Dick Gilna

1987 Jim Fish

1986 Elwood Kirkpatrick

1985 Jerry Good

1984 Jerry Surbrook

1983 Bill Oswalt

1992 Frank Lipinski

1981 John Kronmeyer

1980 Merle, Duane & Velmar Green

1979 Paul Piepkow

1978 Keith Brown

1977 Fred Halbert

1976 Wes Myllya

1975 Walt Frahm

1974 Eugene Erskine

1973 Henry Gleason

1972 Frank Merriman

1971 Jack Dendel

1970 Harold Blaylock

1969 Charles Davis

1868 Charles Donaldson

1967 Harold Heisner

1966 Frank Heim

1965 Glenn Lake

1964 Cyril Spike

1963 Elton Smith

1962 Ed Wright

1961 F.W. Rules

1960 D.F. Foster

1959 Burton Knapp

1958 Robin Carr