

# THE BEST OF THE BEST...



## PLATINUM WINNERS

### Recipient

Randy and Kathy Bauer, Faribault, Minn. .... Doug Wertish, South Central College  
 Dave and Esther DeKam, Falmouth, Mich. .... Dave Clark, Dairy Marketing Service  
 Alan and Taylor Henderson, Schaghticoke, N.Y. .... Jesse Vandergrift and George Pfeiffer, Archdale Agricultural Products

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Robert and Terri Ketchum, Utica, Minn. .... Bob Zielsdorf, Swiss Valley Farms  
 Kenneth and Marlus Schmitz, Norwalk, Wis. .... Bob Zielsdorf, Swiss Valley Farms  
 Ken and Anna VanPolen, Marion, Mich. .... Katie Pearson, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Box Canyon Dairy Number 3, Wendell, Idaho ..... Russ Dekruyf, Glanbia Foods, Inc.

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## GOLD WINNERS

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Kenneth and Ralph Schefers, Paynesville, Minn. .... Lloyd Rausch, AMPI  
 George Malkemus and Anthony Yurgaitis, Litchfield, Conn. .... Linda Hansen, Marcus Dairy  
 Robert and Mary Keeney, Mt. Hope, Wis. .... Roger Dingbaum, AMPI  
 Randy and Becky Drier, Norwalk, Wis. .... Bob Zielsdorf, Swiss Valley Farms  
 Greg Bingham, Weston, Idaho ..... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 David and Kathy Buck, Dennison, Minn. .... Marlin Madery, IBA, Inc.  
 Philip and Carol Uhlenhopp, Sumner, Iowa. .... Brian Gomer, IBA, Inc.  
 Henk Knevelbaard, Fremont, Mich. .... Steve Adsmo, Van Beek Nutrition  
 Kent Inniger, Middleton, Mich. .... Keith Sterner, Sterner Veterinary Clinic  
 Curtis, Maren, and Jeremy Holst, Lake City, Minn. .... Don Schwesthal, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

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Gordon Dick, McBain, Mich. .... Preston Cole, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Tom, Shirley and Eric Carson, Hesperia, Mich. .... Lyndsay Stakenas, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Bud, Ron and Ed Reisbig, Ionia, Mich. .... Bryan Stocks, DFA  
 Timothy Northrop, York, N.Y. .... Donna Walker, DairyLea Cooperative  
 John, Jeff, Greg, and Karl Funk, Melrose, Minn. .... Jeffrey Reneau, Univ. of Minnesota  
 Kyle and Gin Ulferts, Anamosa, Iowa ..... Bill Nietert, AMPI  
 Steve Guider and Charles Stendel, De Soto, Wis. .... Amanda Allert, AMPI  
 William McMahan, Randle, Wash. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Tom McClellan, Delavan, Wis. .... Randy Hardyman, Grande Milk Marketing

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## SILVER WINNERS

### Recipient

Dennis Sikkenga, Montague, Mich. .... Lyndsay Stakenas, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Ryan Litwiller, Middleton, Mich. .... Steve Lehman, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Jared Litwiller, Carson City, Mich. .... Rosemarie Stieg, DFA/DMS  
 Bob, Donna, and Bryan Wilson, Dansville, N.Y. .... Donna Walker, DairyLea Cooperative  
 Rick and Dorianne Wolf, East Hampton, Conn. .... Linda Hansen, DairyLea Cooperative  
 Steve, Patty, Andrew, Taylor, and Nick Meyer, Hardwick, Vt. .... Tom Gates, St. Albans Co-op Creamery  
 Jeremy and Deseriee Beebe, Whittemore, Mich. .... Preston Cole, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 James Austin, Oakville, Wash. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Walter and Irene Abplanalp, Ethel, Wash. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Clark and Lois Woodmansee, Preston, Conn. .... Linda Hansen, DFA  
 Jason and Dwayne Raymond, New Richmond, Wis. .... Bill Fesenmaier, Bill's IBA, Inc.  
 Andy and Linda Styger, Chehalis, Wash. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Jeff Orr and Paige Mier, Prescott, Mich. .... Dave Clark, Dairy Marketing Service

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Matt and Katelyn Seeley, Shepherd, Mich. .... Rosemarie Stieg, DFA/DMS  
 Armon and Kathy Lewis, Williston, Vt. .... Tom Gates, St. Albans Co-op Creamery  
 Edward Rau, Winchester, Ohio ..... David Moore, DFA  
 Randy and Kimberly Peterson, Arlington, Wash. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Douglas Good, Portageville, N.Y. .... Donna Walker, DairyLea Co-op  
 David and Gerard Ellerbrock, Leipsic, Ohio ..... Jeff Rohlf, DFA  
 Robert and Mark Rau, West Branch, Mich. .... Preston Cole, Mich. Milk Prod. Assn.  
 Bob and Laurie Grenon, North Troy, Vt. .... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 Nathaniel Barron, Dansville, N.Y. .... Donna Walker, DairyLea Cooperative  
 John Zewen, New Vienna, Iowa ..... Carrie Corlett, DFA  
 Paul and Michele Philbrick, Knox, Maine ..... James Miller, Organic Valley/CROPP Co-op  
 James, Maynard, and Chad Ostrowski, Amherst Junction, Wis. .... David Morien, DFA  
 Jason Hoonstra, Brimley, Mich. .... Frank Brazeau, Mich. Milk Prod. Assoc.  
 Timothy and Esther Bode, Marion, Mich. .... Dave Clark, Dairy Marketing Service

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From more than 170 applicants, these operations stood out for having produced high-quality milk consistently. Applications were evaluated for measures of quality, systems of monitoring udder health, milking routine, protocols for detection and treatment of clinical and subclinical cases, and strategies for overall herd health and welfare.

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