

Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Awards Program

Objective: To showcase leadership, stewardship and excellence in Pennsylvania's dairy industry through four awards presented annually during the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit.

Sponsors: Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association, Center for Dairy Excellence and the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania

Deadline to Submit Nominations: November 15, 2017

Description:

Four awards are offered to recognize excellence in Pennsylvania's dairy industry. Winners of the awards will be recognized at the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit, will receive a commemorative award and will be recognized within the Dairy Hall of Fame of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Winners will also be recognized through sponsors' media and web-based outreach efforts. Nominations for each award will be solicited from the industry, and the deadline to submit nominations will be November 15.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of two Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association board members, two Center for Dairy Excellence board members, two Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania board members and one representative from the Penn State Extension Dairy Team. Those nominated for an award will be contacted in November to submit additional information to be considered. Recipients will be first recognized publicly at the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit in February, with winning candidates and nominators notified in January.

The four awards recognized through this program include:

- 1. Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Producer Award** – Recognizes dairy producers (either individual or farm enterprise) who have demonstrated superior management capabilities within their own dairy business and provide outstanding leadership and service to the dairy industry.
- 2. Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Woman Award** – Recognizes a dairy woman who has distinguished herself in her leadership and service to the dairy industry, both on the farm or to the broader industry.
- 3. Pennsylvania Dairy Service Award** – Recognizes an individual in the industry who has distinguished him or herself in serving the greater interest of Pennsylvania's dairy industry and its individual dairy farms.
- 4. Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award** – Recognizes an individual or business entity that has provided tremendous innovation to progress Pennsylvania's dairy industry toward a brighter future, either by advancing the marketplace or creating new opportunities for innovation on the dairy farm.

Nominations must include the completed application form and one letter of support outlining why this candidate is qualified to receive this award. All nominations must be received by November 30 to be considered for the current award year. Qualified applicants stay in the nomination pool for three years after being submitted for consideration. Nominators will be given the opportunity to update the nomination each of the two years following their original submission. Once a candidate is honored as a winner in a particular category, they or individuals representing them are not eligible to win in any other category for two subsequent years.

The Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Woman and Distinguished Dairy Producer Awards will be presented annually. The Pennsylvania Dairy Service and Dairy Innovators will be given annually as long as there are qualified candidates approved by the committee to receive the award.

For more information, contact:

The Center for Dairy Excellence
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Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Award Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Farm or Business Name: _____

Is this a nomination of the business, farm or individual? Individual Farm Business

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: Pennsylvania Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Website: _____

INDICATE WHICH AWARD THIS NOMINATION IS FOR:

- Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Woman Award** – Recognizes a dairy woman who has distinguished herself in her leadership and service to the dairy industry, both on the farm or to the broader industry.
- Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Producer Award** – Recognizes dairy producers (either individual or farm enterprise) who have demonstrated superior management capabilities within their own dairy business and provide outstanding leadership and service to the dairy industry.
- Pennsylvania Dairy Service Award** – Recognizes an individual in the industry who has distinguished him or herself in serving the greater interest of Pennsylvania's dairy industry and its individual dairy farms.
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DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS PERSON OR ENTITY WOULD QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD:

PLEASE PROVIDE LETTER OF SUPPORT:

- Included with this nomination form are one letter of support with contact information from dairy industry professional who can verify and validate the information submitted. (Letters of support can be from peers, industry or other entities familiar with the nominee's qualifications for the designated award.)

** Those nominated for a Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Award will be contacted by mail to receive notice of their nomination and be asked to provide more information regarding their background and accomplishments for the review committee to consider in making a final selection. The letter to nominees will be sent out in late November and will be due by December 15 to be considered.*

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Return this Form by November 15 to: Center for Dairy Excellence, c/o Jayne Sebright
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