MEEKER COUNTY
Farm Family Recognition Program

The Farm Family Recognition Program has existed for over two decades and honors farm families from throughout Minnesota for their contributions to the agriculture industry and their local communities. All of the honored farm families have made significant contributions to Minnesota agriculture and their communities.

Nomination Criteria

Please nominate an individual or family, using the criteria below. Farm Families should:

- Be a Minnesota food producer actively involved in agricultural production with one or more agricultural enterprises. Beyond the usual agricultural endeavors, please also include these production areas for consideration: potato, vegetable, fruits, berries, aquaculture, agroforestry, and renewable energy supplies.

OR

- Have made significant short-term progress and/or innovative contributions with their agricultural endeavors. For example, consider producers who are relatively new to this country, someone who has developed an innovative method for a particular environmental problem, adopted a rotational grazing system, added alternative or value-added crops, etc.

All nominees should also:

- Have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing and supporting the fields of agriculture and production.
- Have some involvement in their communities and/or related organizations.
- Not have been previously recognized by the Farm Family Program.

Nomination Process

Please review the previous farm families that have been recognized in Meeker County and utilize the nomination form to nominate future farm families for the recognition. Your nomination will be reviewed and selected by the Meeker County Extension Committee Farm Family of the Year sub-committee.

Please direct any questions to Meeker County Extension Educator Nathan Winter.
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Name: ____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Information: ______________________________________________

Family members: _________________________________________________

1. Please provide some highlights of the farming operation.

2. Describe any contributions the family has made to enhance and support agriculture.

3. Describe the community involvement of the family.

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Mail or e-mail completed form by Friday, March 18, 2016 to:

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1980  David and Coleen Rassler  
1982  Curtis and Mona Peipenburg  
1983  Elaine and Richard Dollerschell  
1984  John and Jean Holm Family  
1986  Don and Bonny Hartung  
1988  Richard and Arliss Stenger  
1989  John and Joan Sommerfeld  
1990  Morris and Janet Latt  
1991  Jerry and Neoma Miller  
1993  James and LaVonne Flemming  
1994  Rich and Dory Ecker  
1996  Leonard and Lee Ann Wagner  
1997  Karl and Julie Townsend  
1998  Gregory and Nickie Jans  
1999  Vaughn and Joan Euerle  
2000  Allan and Bonnie Schmidt  
2001  Ralph and Connie Pearson  

2003  John and Pat Isaacson  
2004  Vernon and Mary Kay Becker  
2004  Joe and Karen Becker  
2005  Don and Helen Slinden Family  
2005  John and Carol Slinden Family  
2006  Barka Farms  
2007  K Bar K Cattle Company and Club Lambs - Daniel & Teresa Kohls  
2008  Huhn Farm  
2009  R-L Acres (The Warren’s)  
2010  Prairie Gold Farm (The Buer’s)  
2011  Turck’s Dairy Farm  
2012  Dave and Katie Hendrickson Family  
2013  Virgil and Karen Ackerman Family  
2014  Tony and Patti Fisher Family  
2015  Prairie Drifter Farm