

Top Dairy Industry Quality Awards Presented at the Kentucky State Fair

Over 180 people attended the 36th Annual Dairy Recognition Banquet held at the Kentucky State Fair on August 21, 2009. Each year, Kentucky's top processors, producers and allied industry friends are recognized with honors at this event. The Quality Awards for our state's top quality producer and milk hauler are always popular with the audience.

Top Quality Dairy Producer Floyd Roy Family Farm, Dunnville, KY

The quality producer award is sponsored by the Dairy Products Association of Kentucky. The 2009 Grand Champion Quality Dairy Producer is Floyd Roy from Dunnville in Adair County. Floyd and his wife Elizabeth began farming in 1961 and now they cooperatively operate their farm with their sons Dale and Dwight. The Roy family members have quietly built their great reputation by consistently producing high quality milk on their farm for nearly 50 years. Congratulations to the Roy's on their well deserved recognition as the 2009 Grand Champion Quality Dairy Producer.

Top Quality Milk Hauler Award Paul Phillips, Willisburg, KY

The Kentucky Quality Milk Hauler Award is open to any hauler who picks up Kentucky dairy producer's milk and it recognizes our state's hauler who best exemplifies quality milk hauling procedures and who serves as an exceptional representative of Kentucky's dairy industry. The 2009 Kentucky Quality Milk Hauler Award recipient is Paul Phillips from Willisburg, Kentucky. Paul has been hauling milk for over 10 years in central Kentucky for Ralph Lewis Trucking and he enjoys an excellent reputation in Kentucky's dairy industry. Producers, processors and other haulers always speak very highly of Paul and he is readily recognized as a person who represents Kentucky's dairy industry well.

The Annual Dairy Recognition Banquet is typically held at the fairgrounds on the first Friday evening of the Kentucky State Fair. It has become quite an event for our state's dairy industry. Make plans now to attend the 2010 banquet and be sure to check out the award recipients below who were also recognized at this year's event.

Chris Thompson, Milk Program Coordinator

Outstanding Overall Dairy Products Exhibitor

Purity Dairy Nashville, TN

Outstanding Kentucky Dairy Products Exhibitor & Highest Percentage Gold Entries

Bluegrass Dairy and Foods Glasgow, KY

Culinary Sweepstakes Dairy Award

Erica Todesco Louisville, KY

Kentucky Dairy Promotion Award

Roger Thomas Smiths Grove, KY

Kentucky Dairy Quality Award Finalists

James Roell Fleming County
Hord Dairy Lewis County

Kentucky Dairy Production Award "All Herds Champion"

Branstetter Dairy Farm Metcalfe County

Top Herd Production "Mixed Herd Champion"

University of Kentucky Coldstream Farm Fayette County

Proficient Dairy Producer Awards

David Crocker Family Farm Logan County
Robey Dairy Logan County
Eddie Klingenfus Shelby County

District Production Awards

Pennyrile Dairy Christian County
Robey Dairy Logan County
Crist Dairy Barren County
Rocky Run Farm Green County
Roger Corbin Taylor County
Guffey Farms Clinton County
Nathan Horst Lincoln County
University of Kentucky Coldstream Farm Fayette County
Rouse Farms Mason County
Edward Moore Campbell County
Tri-Mast Dairy Marion County
Longview Farms Grayson County

Milk Safety Branch Public and Community Service Awards

Bluegrass Dairy and Foods Glasgow, KY
Flav-O-Rich Dairy London, KY
Louis Trauth Dairy Newport, KY
Southern Belle Dairy Somerset, KY
Turner Dairy Fulton, KY
Winchester Farms Dairy Winchester, KY

Milk Safety Branch Outstanding Dairy Producer Awards

Darrell Carlton Lincoln County
Eddie Gibson Kenton County
Jim Sidebottom Green County