



FIELD PERSON OF THE YEAR

2026 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:	
Employer:	
Years of Service in Industry:	
Accomplishments and Leadership:	
Organizations and Activities (Industry and Personal):	
List of Recognitions and Awards Received:	

Nominators Name:	
Nominators Email:	
Nominators Phone Number:	

Nomination forms are due no later than Friday, April 25, 2025. Send completed form to Steve.Lehman@mimilk.com or by mail to Steve Lehman, 516 N Maple St, Ithaca, MI 48847. An electronic form can also be submitted online at www.mdiconference.com

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FIELD PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR	NAME	COMPANY
1980	Robert Dewey	MMPA
1981	William Lutherloh	ICMPA
1982	Milford Carpenter	M.P.D.
1983	Dean Hewitt	MMPA
1984	Roy Chapin	MMPA
1985	Duane Crouch	MMPA
1986	Mel Newton	MMPA
1987	Neil Wright	MMPA
1988	Bob Gilbert	ICMPA
1989	Dale Thompson	MMPA
1990	Robert Smith	MMPA
1991	Don Jenkins	Frigo Cheese Co
1992	Egbert Machiela	MMPA
1993	Robert Schaifle	MMPA
1994	Ron Bazuin	ICMPA
1995	Preston Cole	MMPA
1996	Gibson "Gib" Strickling	MMPA
1997	Thomas Herremans	MMPA
1998	Ed Morgan	Deans Food Co
1999	Steven Lehman	MMPA
2000	Paul Johnson	Farm Country Cheese House
2001	Steve Steeley	DFA
2002	Rich Fluegge	MMPA
2003	Steve Beroza	MMPA
2004	Gary Mills	MMPA
2005	James Barnhart	DFA
2006	Gerry Volz	MMPA
2007	Dean Letter	MMPA
2008	Mike Marvin	MMPA
2009	Dave Clark	DMS
2010	Gary Hughes	MMPA
2011	Jack Stickler	MMPA
2012	Christy Dinsmoore	MMPA
2013	Rose Stieg	DMS
2014	Kendell Lockwood	NFO
2015	Don Aldrich	DFA
2016	Roger Burtch	Foremost Farms USA
2017	Nathan Lippert	DFA
2018	Robin Fuhrman	Prairie Farms
2019	Dave Brady	MMPA
2021	Ben Chapin	MMPA
2022	Duane Farmer	MMPA
2023	Erin Quaine Altman	MDARD
2024	Josh & Heidi Salisbury	Salisbury Trucking Inc.
2025	Lyndsay Earl	MDARD