



# MDIC

Michigan Dairy Industry Conference

# INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD

## 2026 Nomination Form

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

<b>Nominators Name:</b>	
<b>Nominators Email:</b>	
<b>Nominators Phone Number:</b>	

Nomination forms are due no later than Friday, April 24 2026. Send completed form to [Steve.Lehman@mimilk.com](mailto: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](http://www.mdiconference.com)

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## INDUSRTY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR	NAME	COMPANY
1988	Henry Kettunen	MDA
1988	Helen Carr	MDA
1989	Norman Gilbert	MDA
1990	Frank Koval	MDFA
1992	Paul Meredith	DeLaval
1993	Elden Crawford	MDA
1993	Douglas Mowat	London's Dairy
1994	William McCarthy	MDA
1994	Gary Trimner	MMPA
1995	Bruce BeVier	Melody Farms
1996	Leon Hufnagel	MDA
1997	Roger Pamment	MDA
1997	Jack Holt	MDA
1998	John Stout	Country Fresh
1998	William Lutherloh	ICMPA
1999	Ron Roberts	ECOLAB
2000	Dr. John Partridge	MSU
2001	Susan K. Esser	MDA
2002	James Rivest	MDA
2003	William Bickert	MSU
2004	Patrick Heslip	MDA
2005	David VanAbel	MDA
2006	Barbara Balzer	MDA
2007	Elwood Kirkpatrick	MMPA
2008	Jon Lauer	MDA
2009	Sharon Trimmer	MDA
2010	Tony Vitu	MDA
2011	Joe Mishler	MMPA
2012	Patti Huttula	MMPA
2013	Ron Erskine	MSU
2014	Barb Koeltzow	MDARD
2015	Charles Courtade	DFA
2016	Pat Mitchell	ECOLAB
2017	Carl Rasch	MMPA
2018	Dale Johnson	VernDale Products
2019	Lisa Lipsey	MDARD
2021	Neil Bendixen	DFA
2022	Teresa Farmer	MMPA
2023	Paula Dankert	MDARD
2024	Dave Davis	MMPA
2025	Shelia Burkhardt	MMPA