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Nick and Tara Meyer Family, Stearns County's 2010 'U of M Farm Family' Recognized

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (8/25/2010) —The Nick and Tara Meyer family of Sauk Centre, named Stearns County's "2010 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota, was officially recognized at a special ceremony on August 5th at Farmfest near Redwood Falls, Minn. The Meyer Family is one of 73 farm families from around the state, one from each participating county, honored by the University this year.



[PHOTO 8_25_10_Farm Family Meyer] Stearns County's 2010 'U of M Farm Family', Nick & Tara Meyer and son Tyler (center) were recognized on August 5th at Farmfest near Redwood Falls, Minn. Award sponsors recognizing the Meyer family are L-R: Trevor Ames, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine; Bev Durgan, Dean, University of Minnesota Extension; Gene Hugoson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Greg Cuomo, Associate Dean, University of Minnesota Extension. Congratulations Meyer Family!

Meyer Dairy is a family dairy located just south of Sauk Centre, MN. The farm began in 2003 when Nick began leasing the 120 cows and equipment from his parents. Today, the Meyer's own 360 acres of cropland consisting of alfalfa and corn. All feed that is raised is fed to the cattle in the form of high moisture corn, corn silage, and haylage.

The Meyer's take pride in taking care of the land and being good environmental stewards. In fact, their dairy was given the 2009 Commissioner's Good Farm Neighbor Award as well as the 2009 Stearns County

Conservationists of the Year Award. The Meyer's also have 175 cows which are milked twice a day in a double-eight parallel parlor. Meyer Dairy employs 4 part-time workers and Nick's father does a majority of the feeding.

The Meyer family is very active in the community, giving farm tours and participating in agriculture education activities. They also serve on the Stearns County Breakfast on the Farm committee. Other activities the family is involved in include Farm Bureau, Stearns County American Dairy Association, 4-H, MN Milk Producers Association, MN Holstein Association, MN Agriculture Ambassador Institute, Central MN Dairy Profit Teams, American Farmers for the Advancement and Conservation of Technology, and many more.

Families receiving honors were selected by their local county Extension committees and have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture and agriculture production.

"Almost all Minnesota farms are family farms," said Bev Durgan, dean of University of Minnesota Extension. "These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities. The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contribution to agriculture and their communities."

Along with Farmfest, University units sponsoring the recognition event include University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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