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COUNTRY VIEW DAIRY, WW HOMESTEAD DAIRY ARE 2022 IOWA STATE FAIR WINNERS

Local producers Country View Dairy of Hawkeye and WW Homestead Dairy of Waukon are recent award winners at the seventh annual Iowa Quality Dairy Products Showcase. The event, held earlier this month at Iowa State University, is an official Iowa State Fair contest. Showcased are Iowa dairy farmers and their many outstanding products.

COUNTRY VIEW DAIRY

Honors received by Country View Dairy are as follows: Dairy Beverages Category, First Place, Whole Chocolate Milk; Cultured Dairy Products Category, First Place, Raspberry Cream Top 1% Yogurt; Second Place, Lemon Custard Cream Top 1% Greek Yogurt; Second Place, Vanilla Greek Cream Top 1% Yogurt; Third Place, Strawberry Original 1% Cream Top Yogurt.



"We really appreciate the recognition of the efforts that go into making our artisan dairy products," noted Country View Dairy Director of Marketing and Sales Bob Howard. "Our team of 15 employees work hard every day to make a quality product for our customers." 2022, he added, "has been a special year at the (Iowa State) Fair as we also featured our frozen yogurt at the Midwest Dairy ice cream booth in the Agriculture Building throughout the Fair."

Country View Dairy has been in operation since 2011. This family-owned company was founded by Dave and Carolee Rapson by adding a state-certified creamery on the existing family farm. Thus began the process of creating their signature farmstead yogurt varieties and other dairy products. Milk is non-homogenized; Country View Dairy products contain no preservatives, gelatin, other thickeners or artificial ingredients and are gluten free.

The farm's all-natural yogurt is now sold in over 100 stores in seven states. Country View Dairy also supplies numerous public schools, colleges, hospitals and restaurants throughout the upper Midwest.

WW HOMESTEAD DAIRY

WW Homestead Dairy is the winner of the Iowa Quality Dairy Products Showcase Best of Show Award. The winning product is WW Homestead Dairy Ranch Peppercorn Cheese Curds.

Full honors are as follows: Cheese Curd Category, First Place and Best of Show, Ranch Peppercorn; Second Place, Grilled Steak & Onion; Third Place, White Cheddar; Dairy Beverage Category, Second Place, Skim Chocolate Milk; Cow Cheese Category, First Place, Chipotle Morita Cheddar; Second Place, Medium Cheddar; Butter Category, Third Place, Salted Butter.

WW Homestead's Skim Chocolate Milk also is the 2021 World Dairy Expo Product Competition First Place winner. Its 4% Small Curd Cottage Cheese is the 2022 American Cheese Society Competition Third Place winner.

WW Homestead Dairy was founded in 2011 by Tom Weighner, Paul Weigner and Tom Walleser, who collectively hold over 90 years of experience in the dairy industry. Its efforts provide an income to local dairy producers and a facility open to the public for touring and education. Visitors also may enjoy WW Homestead's ice cream varieties and other retail options.

This organization's products are rBST/growth hormone free. WW Homestead Dairy produces cream link milk (non-homogenized). "We work hard," state its owners, "to produce dairy products that are natural, have great flavor and taste, and are as fresh as possible."

