

Nominations for 2nd U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards open through Nov. 15

The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy is now accepting nominations for the second year of the U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards.

The award program recognizes dairy farms, businesses and collaborative partnerships for their contributions to healthy people, healthy products and a healthy planet and showcases that sustainability makes good business sense.

Nominations are open through Nov. 15 to all segments of the U.S. dairy value chain – from farm to table – in four categories including Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability; Outstanding Dairy Processing & Manufacturing Sustainability; Outstanding Achievement in Renewable Energy (new this year); and Outstanding Achievement in Energy Efficiency (new this year).

An independent panel of judges will evaluate all nominations based on the program's or project's results as measured by triple-bottom-line success – economic, environmental and social. Judges also will assess the potential for adoption of the practices by other dairy farms and businesses; demonstrated learning, innovation and improvement; and scalability.

Winners will be announced in April 2013.

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