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Wisconsin Dairy News: U.S. Dairy Sustainability Award

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MADISON (WKOW) -- It's the inaugural year for the U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards.

Holsum Dairies in Hilbert, Wisconsin is one of the first recipients because of its commitment to long-term sustainability, high-quality milk, its employees, its animals, and local community.

Kenn Buelow is the co-owner of Holsum Dairies. He says every three years they have a company come in to certify the dairy products.

"It's just really good to see that people appreciate what we're doing and understand, and are becoming more aware of how we try to be sustainable in the industry," Buelow said.

The award recognizes the outstanding contribution of Holsum Dairies, which produces wholesome food while sustaining our environment and growing our communities.

Holsum Dairies practices good stewardship by managing fertilizer inputs, crop rotation, and analyzing the soil to keep it healthy.

"We're the most recyclable industry there is in the state. We take crops off the land, we feed them to our cows...we make a product. We take nutrients from other businesses so we can manage theirs. It's integrated within the society," Buelow said.

It's also important to note that Holsum Dairies was one of the first farms in Wisconsin to convert manure into electric power which is shared with surrounding communities.

Accepting the U.S. Dairy Sustainability Award was an honor for Holsum Dairies.

For more information about the U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards or to nominate a farm [click here](#).

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