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MMPA Recognizes 35-year Members

(Novi, MI)… Sixty-four MMPA members were recognized as 35-year members at the 98th MMPA State Annual Delegate Meeting, March 20, 2014. MMPA President Ken Nobis congratulated and praised the members for their dedication to the cooperative.

"We commend you for your dedication and loyalty to MMPA and the dairy industry over the last 35 years," Nobis affirmed as he awarded each member with a plaque.

A video presentation showcased the vast changes the Michigan dairy industry has undergone the past 35 years since these members began dairy farming.

The presentation highlighted that in 1979, when these members joined MMPA, the average milk price was just $11.53 per hundredweight; in fiscal year 2013, the average price was $20.28 per hundredweight. There were 5,214 MMPA members in 1979 who marketed a total of 2.81 billion pounds of milk. Today, MMPA has approximately 2,000 members and marketed over 4.31 billion pounds of milk in the 2013 fiscal year. Most notably, the average producer shipped 662,262 pounds of milk in 1979 compared to the average member's shipment last year of nearly 3.35 million pounds of milk.

Michigan Milk Producers Association is a member owned and controlled milk-marketing cooperative serving approximately 2,000 dairy farmers in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio.

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MMPA members recognized for 35 years with the co-op include:

Alma Local
Newlyn Toews

Blossomland Local
Jerry Koebel
Terry Koebel
Jerry Koebel, Jr.
Gordon Nesbitt
Howard Payne

Clare-Mt. Pleasant Local
George Brushaber
James Brushaber
Norman Gross
Roger Haines
Roger Packard

Deford/Clifford-Mayville Local
Gregory Mohr
Max Steele
Richard Steele
Robert Steele
Raymond Wolak

Evart Local
Steven Benthem
Douglas Buning
Larry Buning
Jerry Caryl
Ken Deruiter
Mark Shaarda

Flint Local
Roger Bloss

Frankenmuth Local
Victor Ill
Larry Knoll
Dennis Knoll
Robert Krafft
Chester Petzold

Grand Rapids Local
Russell Acker

Hillman Local
James Sweet

Hillsdale-Litchfield Local
Douglas Denning
Daniel Easterday
William Easterday

Huron Local
James Hornbacher
Robert Koroleski
Evelyn Richmond
Roland Siemen
Daniel Van Erp

Ingham County Local
Harold Curtis

Kalamazoo Local
LaVern DeMann
Paul DeMann
James Jackson

Mid-Michigan Local
Dan Acre
David Acre
David Castner
Owen Drummond

Mid-Sanilac Local
Edward Carroll

Mid-Thumb Local
Jeffrey Siegler
Gary Turner
Carl Vermeesch

Muskegon Local
Herbert Ackerberg
Elmer Beard
William Beard
Donald Beattie
James Holtrop
Robert Kran
Roger Studer

Owosso Local
James Anibal
James Ritter

Upstate Local
Gary Rubingh
Glenn Rubingh

West Michigan Local
Mark Plogsterd
James VanderZwaag

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