



## **Rauchs received Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award**

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*Columbia, MO.* Mike and Bobbi Rauch of Sancrest Farms in Billings, MO were presented with the Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award by the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors Foundation. The Foundation sponsors an awards program to recognize and honor Missourians who have made noteworthy contributions to the progress and welfare of the dairy industry.

The breeders award was first presented in 1978. It honors living, active Missouri dairy cattle breeders who have attained state and national recognition for achievements in breeding and developing outstanding cattle.

Mike and Bobbi Rauch have contributed to the breeding of both Jersey and Milking Shorthorn cattle. They are recognized for making exceptional contributions to organizations within the dairy industry as well.

The foundation for Milking Shorthorns began in 1940 with the purchase of heifers by Rauch's father Glenn Rauch. Jerseys were added in the 1970s. Breeding objectives were sound functional types—especially udder traits, feet and legs, longevity, and high production of milk fat and protein.

DHIA records record that the Sancrest Farms herd has consistently ranked among the top herds in Missouri, especially in production of protein and fat. Sancrest Farms has owned or bred at least 75 All Americans and production class winners.

The Rauch's bull, Ridgewood Orvals Promise, was an All America Winner five times and a four time national champion. Sancrest Farms has supported the University of Missouri Research Center at Mt. Vernon by donating cattle and providing semen for the breeding program.

Joined by son Phil Rauch, the Rauch's current farming operations consist of raising heifers, beef cattle, and hay production. Their milking cows are housed at Sho Me Jerseys in Billings.

Bobbi Rauch received a Bachelor of Science degree from Missouri State University. She was a teacher for five years. Her forty years with Jersey and Milking Shorthorn cattle involved artificial insemination, record keeping, advertising, and marketing.

Mike Rauch represents the Milking Shorthorn Society as trustee for the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors Foundation, serving as president for over eighteen years.

The Rauchs have three children, Phil Rauch, Melissa Dover, and Shannon Squibb. The Rauch progeny live in the Billings area and are also active in the dairy industry.