



## SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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### South Dakota Dairy presents “Friend of SD Dairy” to Bob Merrill



SDDP presented the annual Friend of South Dakota Dairy award to Robert “Bob” Merrill formerly of Parker, South Dakota. As he accepted, Bob commented that he began milking cows in 1968 and continued to be highly involved in the dairy industry until his retirement. One of the highlights of his industry work was serving on the Turner County Fair for decades and being responsible for the return of the dairy program at the fair. Bob also has been very involved with the Sioux Empire Fair.

SDDP joins in congratulations to Bob Merrill.

The presentation was made at the SDDP Reception along with neighboring state trade associations from Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska during the Central Plains Dairy Expo held in Sioux Falls.



SDDP Board Chair Marv Post presents Bob Merrill with the SDDP “Friend of SD Dairy” award



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### Dairy Featured at DTSF Restaurant Week Kickoff:

Midwest Dairy, SDDP, Ag United and Downtown Sioux Falls collaborated for DTSF's annual Restaurant Week April 2 – 10. Seven participating restaurants will feature dairy as a part of their three courses: appetizer, entrée and dessert. Chefs have shared their excitement about using dairy as an ingredient in their menu.

Guests can visit any of the participating restaurants throughout the week and enjoy the three-course meal for \$40 per person. To kick off Restaurant Week, an "Appe-teaser" event was held at the Washington Pavilion. In addition to visiting with local chefs and restaurateurs, guests had the opportunity to interact with local farmers to learn more about sustainability efforts, production and true farm-to-table stories. Participating farmers included Allen and Kristi Merrill and Doug and Amy Ode.



Sadie Swier from DTSF along with Doug and Amy Ode

In addition, Midwest Dairy is partnering with Ag United on a "Table for 6" concept connecting local influencers to local dairy farmers during Restaurant Week. Dairy farmers Lynn and Riley Boadwine will share a meal and conversation with Sioux Falls Mayor Paul Tenhaken and his wife Jill as well as City Counselor Curt Soehl and his wife Tami. This is a great opportunity for high level decision makers to learn more about the dairy community and get their questions addressed to ultimately gain their trust as well as that of their constituents.

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