The University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine Dairy Appreciation Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the dairy industry, and for supporting the education and research missions at the College of Veterinary Medicine and University of Minnesota.

This year’s recipient is Skyview Dairy. The award was accepted by Garrett Luthens at the 2018 University of Minnesota Dairy Health Management Conference on April 19, 2018.

Skyview Dairy Farm is a family owned and operated dairy that has been in continuous operation since 1968. Daryl Luthens started the business with seven cows, and today he and his four sons manage a milking herd of 1,150 cows. They employ a staff of 19 people and make it their mission to give each cow their undivided attention as if she were their only cow.

Skyview Dairy has helped improve dairy health worldwide by supporting the College’s DVM teaching and research programs. They have participated in multiple applied research studies and have acted as a host for herd investigations performed with our students as part of our ‘Advanced Dairy Production Medicine’ rotations. “Having supportive dairies like this is incredibly important to successfully achieving our mission,” says Sandra Godden, DVM, DVSc, professor in the Department of Population Medicine.