



Agriculture Council Formed to Unite Wisconsin Farmers

Local farmers join with The Humane Society of the United States to foster better animal welfare and environmental stewardship

GAITHERSBURG, MD, USA, January 20, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, The Humane Society of the United States announces The [Wisconsin Agriculture Council](#). The council is the ninth in the organization's emerging system of state agriculture councils.

Wisconsin follows Oklahoma, Ohio, North Carolina, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, and Colorado. The [HSUS state agriculture councils](#) are comprised of farmers, producers and agriculturalists who share humane, compassionate values for the sake of the animals, the land and local communities. Council members provide advice and guidance to The HSUS, and assist traditional, family farmers who want to switch to more humane practices.

Meet the members of The HSUS Wisconsin Agriculture Council:

Rhonda Carrell

Rhonda Carrell is founder of Protect Wood County & Its Neighbors, a citizens group formed in response to the 2012 announcement that a massive confined animal feeding operation, along with manure-irrigated cropland, was being sited on 12 square miles of forested land in recreational Saratoga. The group is fighting to preserve their water, soil, air, quality of life and property values. Rhonda and her husband, David, live in Wood County, Wisconsin. David's family has been farming in Wisconsin for four generations.

Genie Metoyer

Genie Metoyer started a certified organic produce farm with her husband, Russ Brown. Her grandparents had been farmers in Louisiana, and Metoyer spent summers with them, falling in love with farming. Since she and her husband had had such a hard time finding good affordable organic produce, they decided the world needed more organic farms. In 2011, they purchased a 40-acre farm that had been established in 1915.

Mike Miles

Mike Miles started the Anathoth Community Farm in 1986 as a center for the study of nonviolence, community and sustainable living. His love of farming came from spending summers on his grandmother's dairy farm in Michigan. Miles and his wife, Barb, sponsor educational events on the farm to promote good health and sustainability.

Lea Dolan Stroncek

Spending her early years on a farm enriched Lea Dolan Stroncek's ideas as a sixth generation farmer---and she made the decision to take on the home farm with future generations in mind. Today,

they have 100 head of cattle on 300 acres along with 100 chickens and 17 pigs. The farm is certified by Animal Welfare Approved, American Grassfed Association and MOSA Organic. "Transparency is very important with our products," Stroncek says, "and the gold standard for customers who buy from us is that these cattle lived a happy life and were cared for with good animal husbandry."

Find out more about The HSUS Wisconsin Agriculture Council, and all of the councils at www.humanesociety.org/rural

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