

Michigan Farmers Form Tenth HSUS Agriculture Council

Movement to foster better animal welfare and environmental stewardship gains steam with local farmers and agriculturalists

GAITHERSBURG, MD, USA, February 18, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, The Humane Society of the United States announces The [Michigan Agriculture Council](#). The council is the tenth in the organization's emerging system of state agriculture councils.

Comprised of local farmers and agriculturalists, the HSUS Michigan Agriculture Council will work to promote humane and sustainable agriculture in Michigan. This includes assisting other family farmers with marketing opportunities for humane and sustainable products and helping fellow farmers

transition to practices that adhere to higher animal welfare standards.

The HSUS Michigan Agriculture Council will also work to bring attention to CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operation otherwise known as "factory farms"). CAFOs require extreme animal confinement, can cause environmental havoc (especially in the Great Lakes region; see Toledo Water Crisis), and oftentimes pushes family farmers off the land. The HSUS Michigan Agriculture Council hopes to educate people on CAFOs to protect animals, the land, and rural communities in the state.

Michigan follows Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Ohio, North Carolina, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, and Colorado. Members of the HSUS state agriculture councils share humane, compassionate values for the sake of the animals, the land and local communities.

Meet the members of The HSUS Michigan Agriculture Council:

Christina Dewey

Christina lives with her family near the town of Alden, Michigan. She and her family operate Rodger's GrassFed, LLC, certified by the American Grass Fed Association. The farming operation consists of British White/Angus Cross cattle and Romanov-cross ewes and lambs.

Delbert Garrett



Delbert Garrett has been a farmer since 2007. He and his wife Krystyl run GCC Organics, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, where they raise 100 percent grass-fed beef and have branched out into pasture-raised poultry, including chicken, turkey and eggs.

Melody Nye

In 2010, Melody Nye and her husband started Melo Farms, in Yale, Michigan, focusing on raising pure-bred heritage hogs and dinner chickens on pasture.

Nate and Lou Ann Robinson

For more than 40 years, Nate and Lou Ann Robinson have been farming in Cass County, Michigan, where they operate Jake's Country Meats.

For full profiles of members and more information about The HSUS Michigan Agriculture Council, and all of the state agriculture councils visit www.humanesociety.org/rural

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