

Fuhrmann Honored with Soaring Eagle Award

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Dave Fuhrmann, president of Foremost Farms USA, is the newest recipient of the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) Soaring Eagle Award for his service as chairman of the National Cheese Institute.

The award was presented at this year's Dairy Forum in Palm Springs, Calif. The Soaring Eagle Award recognizes the extraordinary service of dairy industry leadership to IDFA, the International Ice Cream Association (IICA), the Milk Industry Foundation (MIF), and the National Cheese Institute (NCI).

Raised on a Wisconsin dairy farm, Fuhrmann is a 37-year veteran of the dairy industry. Fuhrmann, Foremost Farms president since 2001, has served as NCI chairman from 2009 to 2011, NCI vice chairman from 2008-2009, NCI secretary from 2006 to 2008 and IDFA treasurer from 2009 to 2011.



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"In the dairy industry, there's a diverse mix of folks, and Dave is one of the rare individuals who's able to mix the co-operative world with the proprietary world," said Jon Davis, NCI chairman and CEO of Davisco Foods International, Inc. "Watching Dave interact in meetings and watching him lead with his intellect and experience makes you want to get more involved and follow his lead."



Commending Fuhrmann on his NCI leadership, especially during the past two years, IDFA President and CEO Connie Tipton said, "You've done a terrific job of leading us through all those federal order issues and other dairy policy issues. The industry owes you a great debt."

Gary Vanic, president and CEO of Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc., also received the Soaring Eagle Award this year.

Dave and Sandy Fuhrmann are shown (left) during the award ceremony. Video of the award ceremony can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/user/dairyIDFA>.