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SUSTAINABLE FARM IN BANGOR, MI, OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD

-- Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW farmers, Ron and Suzanne Klein of Windshadow Farm & Dairy, named Farmer of the Year by Van Buren Conservation District --



BANGOR, MI (AUGUST 22, 2019)-- The Klein family of Certified Animal Welfare Approved by A Greener World (AGW) Windshadow Farm & Dairy was recently named 2018 Farmer of the Year award by the Van Buren Conservation District.

Ron and Suzanne received the Farmer of the Year award from Michigan's Van Buren Conservation District recently at the district's annual picnic because of their dedication to conservation, diversification and good husbandry. Windshadow Farm & Dairy is also a Michigan Grade A Dairy certified for Livestock, Farmstead and Cropping under the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) and the couple have also served on the board of directors of the Michigan Land Trustees, which has promoted local food, small farms, and rural revitalization since 1976.

Ron and Suzanne Klein raise their herd of 170 Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW dairy goats on pasture and according to the highest animal welfare standards at Windshadow Farm & Dairy in Bangor, Michigan. Acknowledged by Consumer Reports as the only "highly meaningful" food label for farm animal welfare, outdoor access and sustainability, Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW is an

independent, nonprofit farm certification--and one of the nation's Top 5 fastest growing food label claims.

The Kleins chose Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW certification to gain market recognition for their management practices and to get the word out that there are better and more responsible ways to raise livestock. Windshadow Farm & Dairy is leading the way in meeting consumer demand for verified, high-welfare and sustainable goat's milk products.

Ron Klein of Windshadow Farm and Dairy says,

"We are incredibly honored to be awarded Farmer of the Year by the Van Buren Conservation District and to be recognized for the higher level of care for our animals, as a Certified Animal Welfare Approved by A Greener World farm. We strive to be an example of a farm which is passionate about the benefits of pasture-based management for animal welfare, and to show that the dedicated work and planning it takes to farm sustainably is worthwhile, as reflected in the high quality and value of our cheese."

AGW Executive Director Andrew Gunther says,

"It is an honor to work with outstanding farmers like Ron and Suzanne who are producing food in ways that are good for people, animals and the planet. The Kleins are leaders in their community and standout farmers in the field. We couldn't be more excited for them on this well-deserved recognition."

For more information about Windshadow Farm & Dairy call **888-893-2040** or visit windshadowfarm.com. Follow on Facebook at facebook.com/WFACheese.

ABOUT A GREENER WORLD

A Greener World (AGW) identifies, audits, certifies and promotes practical, sustainable farming systems by supporting farmers and ranchers and informing consumers. AGW's growing family of trusted certifications includes [Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW](#), [Certified Grassfed by AGW](#) and [Certified Non-GMO by AGW](#). Each program is designed to have positive and measurable impacts on the environment, society and animals, and to encourage truly sustainable farming practices. AGW's standards and procedures are robust, transparent and achievable.

A nonprofit funded by public donations and [membership](#), AGW offers a range of resources to help people make informed food choices, including an [Online Directory](#) of certified farms and products and [Food Labels Exposed](#)--a definitive guide to food label claims (available in print, online, and as a smartphone app). For more information visit agreenerworld.org.

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