

# *Local Dairy Business Earns FIVE-STAR Rating for Environmental Protection*

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(Silverton, OR)--Current concern for the environment led Teri Kilgus, Mike Dinsmore, and Rick Mallorie to open the Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. to an independent environmental evaluation by the Milk & Dairy Beef Quality Assurance Center, Inc.<sup>TM</sup> (DQA Center).

The results of the on-site review were good news for the environment, the community and the 70,520 people that rely upon Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. for milk every day! The Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. has earned the prestigious DQA Stewards of the Land designation which accompanies the FIVE-STAR Recognition or highest level of attainment for dairy businesses by the Milk & Dairy Beef Quality Assurance Center.

Earning the five stars is based upon a series of self-audits, participation in local education programs, and results of an on-site Walk-Through by a DQA Certified Professional Consultant. The Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. was reviewed by Tom Holechek, DVM, a certified professional consultant for the National Dairy Quality Assurance Center located in Stratford, Iowa.

Water test analyses, feed component tests, nutrient tests of manure, and soil tests were the foundation of the impact on the environment evaluation. These science-based tests were blended with a subjective third party review of air quality, noise level evaluation, attention to facility appearance, animal health, and worker safety.

The FIVE-STAR designation will be in effect for one year. The quality assurance program has been in place for the dairy industry since 1990. Over twenty thousand dairy operations have been independently reviewed for quality assurance, and only a select few have been designated as FIVE-STAR dairy businesses.



The owner, the employees, and the community are to be congratulated for encouraging an environmentally-friendly industry such as Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. to flourish in their community.

This accomplishment by Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. puts actions behind the DQA Center's slogan "Milk—Good for you, Good for the Environment!"

The Mallorie's Dairy, Inc. is owned by Malolorie Family and located near Silverton, OR. Further quality assurance information may be obtained by contacting the Dairy Quality Assurance Center at 800-553-2479 or [5star@dqacenter.org](mailto:5star@dqacenter.org).