

2026 WATERTOWN WINTER FARM SHOW DEDICATED TO Mike Mack



The 81st Annual Watertown Winter Farm Show is proud to honor Michael J. Mack, a lifelong dairy producer, innovator, and dedicated supporter of agriculture. Mike made his home north of Kranzburg, South Dakota, where he and his wife raised five children: Miko, Haylee, Calvin, Adam, and Clint.

Mike's agricultural journey began early, and in 1972, when he took over his family's dairy farm. At the time, the operation was milking 26 cows, but through years of hard work, thoughtful management, and forward-thinking herd care, Mike steadily expanded the dairy. By the time he handed the farm over to his son, Calvin, in 2005, the herd had grown to 150 milking cows—a reflection of his commitment to both animal health and farm sustainability.

A key part of that success came from Mike's willingness to embrace

innovation. In 1974, while reading the Green Sheets paper, he discovered PolyDome out of Litchfield, MN. Seeking a better way to keep calves warm and prevent disease—major challenges his farm was experiencing at the time—Mike recognized the potential of PolyDome calf housing. The change revolutionized calf health on the family farm, reducing sickness and improving outcomes. He began attending the Watertown Winter Farm Show in 1978 with PolyDome, embarking on what would become a decades-long involvement with the event.

Over the years, Mike became a familiar and friendly face on the show floor. He fondly recalls starting with nothing more than a folding table and chair in the hallway. As interest grew, so did his booth size—and his appreciation for how the Farm Show evolved. Watching the exhibits expand, especially the

addition of large equipment displays, remains one of his favorite memories.

In 2005, Mike moved into Watertown, but continued his PolyDome business and his Farm Show association until he retired in 2020, after 42 consecutive years of having a booth at the Farm Show. Since retiring, Mike and his wife, Sharon, enjoy traveling whenever they can. Mike continues to stay active in his community: he serves on the board of the Watertown Senior Activities Center, where he can be found daily, running pinochle games, and he is the President of the Willow Creek Owners Association.

The Watertown Winter Farm Show is honored to recognize Mike Mack for his lifelong dedication to agriculture, his pioneering spirit, and his enduring support of this event and the community it serves.



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