



Media Release

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Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture and Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Announce 2020 Farm Family of the Year, to be Presented at Excellence Awards Event

PETERBOROUGH, ON: The Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture and the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the Klompmaker family, of 1378 6TH Line Asphodel, Hastings as the 2020 Farm Family of the Year. This award recognizes a farm family that has demonstrated good farming practices, an interest in the farming community, and interest and participation by the family in its operation.

For 7 years, Chris & Angela Klompmaker have owned and operated their 89-acre broiler chicken farm, K & H Poultry LTD. Chris is a 4th generation chicken farmer and serves as a District Committee Representative for district 9 with the Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO). Angela also grew up heavily involved in agriculture, and when she's not working as an RN, you can find her helping on the farm.

In 2015, the farm was certified organic by Pro-Cert Organics Systems LTD. The farm has also earned certifications for high animal welfare standards from Global Animal Partnership and the Chicken Farmers of Canada Animal Care Program, as well as for exceptional sanitation and food safety practices from the Ontario Farm Food Safety Assurance Program.

After upgrading each of the original 3 barns, the Klomp makers expanded and built a modern 24,000 square-foot barn, featuring a state-of-the-art computer system, as well as a high-volume heat exchanger to increase efficiency. The farm now produces 50,000 chickens every 8 weeks, and the family donates 700kg of fresh chicken to local food banks each year, through the CFO Cares Program.

The Klompmaker family expanded in August of 2019 as they welcomed their daughter, Isabella. The same year, they purchased a 200-acre farm to fulfill their dream of getting involved in field crops.

Congratulations to the Klompmaker family on being selected as Peterborough County's 2020 Farm Family of the Year!

Since it is not possible to gather together for the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture's Annual Banquet, the award will be presented at the Peterborough Business Excellence Awards digital event on Wednesday, October 21st. The Chamber is proud to include this long-standing and prestigious award in the Excellence event. The awards show can be viewed for free on the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Facebook and YouTube pages, beginning at 7pm, or viewers can purchase a ticket to attend the Pre-Show Zoom Party and receive a swag bag featuring a \$15 Gerti's gift card, a donation to Showplace and more! For event information, please visit www.excellencepeterborough.ca or contact Stuart Harrison.

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