

# Dean Foods Huntley, Ill Plant Takes Top Prize In Dean Foods National Quality Contest

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HUNTLEY, Ill. -- For its excellence in protecting quality from farm to table, Dean Foods dairy plant in Huntley, Ill. was awarded the 2014 Dean Foods CEO Quality Award for fluid milk. This award is the company's top honor and the plant was selected over nearly 70 other Dean Foods dairy plants after a rigorous, one-year judging process.

Dean Foods CEO Gregg Tanner presented the award to Ken Graham, Plant Manager, and Melanie Stewart, Quality Manager, of the Huntley plant on April 22.

"Dean Foods holds its plants to incredibly high standards, making for particularly stiff competition surrounding this award," said Tanner. "We are delighted with the level of excellence our Huntley plant exemplifies, and we're proud to hold them up as an example."

The Dean Foods CEO Quality Award is the culmination of an intensive assessment process. This year, three ice cream plants and five fluid milk plants, including the Huntley plant, received this award. First, a handful of plants are selected as winners of the Excellence in Quality Award based on multiple criteria such as Safe Quality Food (SQF) Program scores, employee training participation and consumer complaint improvement.

Next, these eight plants were scrutinized further by Dean Foods' senior leadership who took into account quality innovations, best practices and the "quality culture" within the plant. The Huntley plant emerged as the cream of the crop in the fluid milk category.

"We're passionate about providing our customers and consumers with wholesome, great-tasting dairy products every day," said Ken Graham. "Our goal has always been to offer the highest quality products possible so we're honored to be recognized as Dean Foods' top fluid milk plant."

## About Dean Foods

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