



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recognizes the 2017 Wright County Farm Family

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** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cretlow and Ford family on being recently named the 2017 Farm Family of the Year. Built in 1898, the Cretlow Farm has been passed from generation to generation for more than a century, with each generation teaching the next about hard work and successful farming. Today the Cretlow Farm is successfully operated by Willard Cretlow, his daughter Marianne, and her husband Jerry Ford. The farm was once a dairy operation, but since 1990 the farm has mainly become a vegetable and pasture operation. However, the work the Cretlow and Ford family has accomplished goes far beyond the fresh produce they harvest. In fact, this hardworking family goes above and beyond by striving to educate others through their work with the Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota. I want to thank the Cretlow and Ford family for not only providing quality food for Minnesotans, but also for educating others about the benefits of sustainable farming and giving back to their community. Our state is a healthier place because of your dedicated work.

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