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**Register for the Chance to Win – Free Groceries for a Year**

Michigan residents can register for the chance to win one of three grand prizes of “Free Groceries for a Year” at [www.FarmersFeedUS.org](http://www.FarmersFeedUS.org). While visiting the site, consumers can meet each of 10 featured Michigan farmers and learn how they produce safe, nutritious and affordable food. Consumers can then register with each of those farmers daily through the end of the 90-day program on Feb. 12, 2010.

“As Michigan farmers, we’re thrilled to offer free groceries for a year to the consumers of our great state,” said Jennifer Lewis, a dairy farmer from Jonesville, who is a featured farmer on [FarmersFeedUS.org](http://FarmersFeedUS.org). “This is an opportunity for us to share what we produce with Michigan consumers and to let them know we share their values - taking care of our families, taking care of our animals and land, and giving back to our communities.”

The site features apple, cattle, corn, dairy, egg, hog, vegetable, sheep, and soybean farmers from across the state, each sharing information about his or her farm and family. In addition to guiding visitors through their registration for free groceries for a year, each farmer also offers a brief online tour of his or her farm. “I’m proud about how farmers from our state produce food,” Lewis said, “and I want to show people how today’s farms operate.” Featured farmers include:

- Jennifer Bixby, apple farmer, Berrien Springs, MI
- Bret Schapman, cattle farmer, Romeo, MI
- Clark Gerstacker, corn farmer, Midland, MI
- Jennifer Lewis, dairy farmer, Jonesville, MI
- Annie Link, dairy farmer, Alto, MI
- Harry Herbruck, egg farmer, Saranac, MI
- Dave Cheney, hog farmer, Mason, MI
- Jason Ruhlig, vegetable farmer, Carleton, MI
- Scott Oswalt, sheep farmer, Vicksburg, MI
- Ed Cagney, soybean farmer, Scotts, MI

Over the course of the 90-day campaign, consumers throughout the state will also see and hear from these farmers as they are featured in advertising, and in-store promotions. Consumers will even have the opportunity to interact with these and other Michigan farmers on their blogs and Facebook pages.

GreenStone Farm Credit Services partnered with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, the Michigan Soybean Committee, Michigan Milk Producers, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Pork Producers Association, the Michigan Apple Committee, Dairy Farmers of America, the Michigan Milk Producers Association, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, the West Michigan Ag Alliance, Hamilton Farm Bureau, 30 county Farm Bureaus from across Michigan, and The Center for Food Integrity to launch [www.FarmersFeedUS.org](http://www.FarmersFeedUS.org).

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