



*"Our future depends on healthy food, clean water, clean air and productive soil, and industrial livestock operations put all of that at risk. We must change to a sustainable system that supports farmers who produce food with integrity and pride, that protects our children's health, and ends the nightmare of concentrated animal feeding operations." - Lynn Henning*

Family farmer and activist, Lynn Henning exposed the egregious polluting practices of livestock factory farms in rural Michigan, gaining the attention of the federal EPA and prompting state regulators to issue hundreds of citations for water quality violations.

**Ms. Henning, Michigan Chapter CAFO Water Sentinel** has been recognized with the 2010 Goldman Prize for North America, an award called the Nobel Prize for environmental activism. She joins honorees from each of the five other inhabited continents in being honored during the twenty-first year the prize has been awarded.

The 2010 Goldman Prize recipients tackled some of the most pressing environmental issues of the day through grassroots efforts, helping to educate and motivate local communities to get involved in the effort to protect the natural environment around them and to stand up for their rights.

Lynn is well known to Sierra Club members and supporters in Michigan as a family farmer who has marshaled extraordinary personal resources, organizing skill, creativity and determination to fight devastating pollution from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). She and the five other 2010 winners were honored at events in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. during Earth Week. Prior Goldman Prize winners include Lois Gibbs, who led the fight to clean up Love Canal, and Wangari Maathai, who founded the Green Revolution in Kenya.

The fight against CAFO pollution started a decade ago for Lynn as her family and neighbors were overrun with pollution from 12 CAFOs within a 10 mile radius of her home. The Henning family has paid an enormous personal price for Lynn's activism, including threats, harassment and vandalism, along with serious health impacts, but she has refused to give up.

Quite simply, Lynn Henning is a unique force in the effort to protect human and ecological communities downstream and downwind from CAFO pollution.