

## **Local Grain And Livestock Family Farm Honored At USDA Millennium Celebration**

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2000 -- On May 10, the Hanavan family, local grain and livestock farmers, received national recognition for over 100 years of accomplishments and contributions to the farming industry. The award ceremony "Celebrating the American Family Farm" was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) as part of the USDA's Millennium event series, which are exploring American agriculture in the 21st century. The event was held in Kansas City, Mo.

Upon presenting the award, James R. Baker, administrator of GIPSA, said, "The Hanavan Family is an outstanding example of the family farm system that we have in the United States today. We honor them for their leadership, commitment to their family and the community, and their exemplary farm family lifestyle. We also thank them for their untiring and constant effort on behalf of the family farm. The Hanavan's long history of accomplishments and contributions to American agriculture can be matched by few others."

At the ceremony, USDA recognized farming in America and honored century farmers and farm families who have made significant contributions to the farming industry in America during the past 100 years.

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