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## **Fork Farms among nominees for “Coolest Thing Made In Wisconsin” contest**

### *COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS WISCONSIN-MADE PRODUCTS*

Green Bay, Wis., Sept 14, 2020—Fork Farms is one of over 150 nominees for the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) competition entitled the “Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.” The competition highlights the state’s vibrant manufacturing industry, and careers in the increasing technology driven sector.

Fork Farms has been nominated for its Flex Farm, a fully self-contained vertical hydroponic growing system. The portable system only requires a standard electrical outlet and less than 10 square feet of space. The system grows more than 20 lbs. of produce every 28 days and costs less than \$1.00/pound to operate. The systems are manufactured and sold out of Wisconsin and are made from 98% of parts and supplies manufactured or sourced in Wisconsin.

“There is nothing cooler than providing fresh, locally grown produce to residents of Wisconsin,” said Alex Tyink, founder and president of Fork Farms. “We believe access to fresh, high quality food is a basic human right and are proud that our products are a catalyst for social change.”

The nominees are placed into a bracket-style tournament called Manufacturing Madness with three rounds of voting.

- The first round of voting to determine the Top 16 nominees is from Sept. 14 to Sept. 20
- The second round of voting determines the top 8 nominees is from Sept. 22 to Sept 27
- The last four finalists will be voted on from Oct. 6 to Oct. 14

The winner of the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin will be announced on October 14 in a virtual event.

Individuals can vote daily for Fork Farms in the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin by visiting [MadeInWis.com](http://MadeInWis.com). For more information on Fork Farms, please [www.forkfarms.com](http://www.forkfarms.com).

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### **ABOUT FORK FARMS:**

Founded in 2010 by social entrepreneur Alex Tyink, Fork Farms is an agriculture technology company that allows people and communities to participate in the fresh, local food movement. Fork Farms created the Flex Farm technology and has implemented indoor hydroponic gardens for schools, institutional food service, and food pantries nationwide. For more information, visit [www.forkfarms.com](http://www.forkfarms.com).