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The Ohio Agricultural Council...

Honors Ohio's Great Agriculturalists

39th Annual Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame Awards Program

August 13, 2004
Rhodes Youth Center
Ohio Expo Center
The Ohio State Fair

A message from Ohio's Governor...

I am proud to join the Ohio Agricultural Council in recognizing the 2004 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees. These extraordinary individuals have made agriculture their life's work. Over the years, their efforts have helped advance the industry by preserving our state's heritage, maintaining a strong economy, and providing safe, abundant, and affordable food and agricultural products to the consuming public.

Congratulations to each of the inductees on such a prestigious honor. On behalf of all Ohioans, I thank them for their many contributions to the betterment of our agricultural industry.

Bob Taft, Governor
State of Ohio

A message from the Director of Agriculture...

Decades ago, most everyone owned a farm and grew their own food. Today, most Ohioans are removed from the farm, but the importance of agriculture to our state has remained strong. In addition to its many social and environmental benefits, the food and agriculture industry contributes more than $79 billion to the state's economy and provides one in seven of us with jobs. We owe this success, in large part, to agricultural leaders who have kept the industry vital by dedicating their lives to its advancement. That is why it is an honor to recognize this year's four inductees into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame. We congratulate them on their prestigious achievement and thank them for their contributions to our lives.

Fred L. Dailey, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture

A message from the Ohio Agricultural Council...

Leadership, dedicated service and outstanding achievement are all celebrated today as we honor four prominent agriculturists for their contributions to our industry.

Welcome to the 39th annual Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame event, and we thank you for taking time to join us on this important occasion.

On behalf of the Ohio Agricultural Council, we congratulate the inductees and permanently place their names and pictures in the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame located in the Rhodes Center.

Scott Higgins, President
Ohio Agricultural Council

Program

Parade of the National and State Colors ..... 4-H and FFA Representatives

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Julie Tyson
President, Ohio State Junior Fairboard

Invocation ..... Alicia Halley
Ohio Fairs Queen

Presiding ..... Scott Higgins
President, Ohio Agricultural Council

Breakfast ..... All Ohio Menu

Enshrining 2004 Portraits and Plaque Awards ..... Fred L. Dailey
Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Bobby D. Moser
Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean,
Vice President for University Outreach, OSU

Acceptance of 2004 Hall of Fame Portraits ..... David Madison
Chair, Ohio Expositions Commission

All-Ohio State Fair Band ..... Donald Santa-Emma
Director

2004 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame

Ohio Agricultural Council

The Ohio Agricultural Council is an organization composed of representatives of organizations and individuals with a vested interest in the education, scientific and charitable aspects of agriculture.

The purpose of the Ohio Agricultural Council is…

- To provide a vehicle through which those interested in agriculture may work together; a place where members may exchange ideas, strive to achieve mutual understanding and where they may coordinate their efforts.
- To build a favorable image of Ohio's agriculture through an effective public relations program.

2004 Ohio Agricultural Council Officers

Scott Higgins, President
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David Barrett, Associate Representative
Keith Stimpert, Past President
Jane Scott, Secretary-Treasurer

OAC Programming Efforts

AgVenture Magazine

OAC publishes and distributes this award-winning agricultural publication to nearly 7,000 fourth grade teachers and reaches more than 190,000 fourth graders in Ohio at the cost of mere pennies per issue. *AgVenture* promotes Ohio agriculture emphasizing the importance of food, fiber, floriculture and nursery production, processing and distribution in Ohio.

COSI (Center of Science and Industry)

OAC provided leadership and funding for two interactive agricultural experiences at COSI. "The Big Yummy" is an animatronic musical variety show starring various food characters that teach COSI visitors about the importance of food sources, nutrition and safety. Additionally, the "Bet the Farm," Web site allows COSI's on site and cyber guests to explore the business of agriculture.

Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame

Created by the OAC in 1966, the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame has now honored nearly 170 agriculturists who have dedicated their lives of outstanding work to Ohio's number one industry — agriculture.

Member Meetings

Two to three times per year, full of variety, educational and entertaining guest speakers, the Council's meetings are frequently held at field locations such as Scott's, Franklin Park Conservatory, Ohio Stadium and other venues of interest.

Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame

Enshrinement in the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame is Ohio's highest recognition of an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the agricultural industry. Each year four prominent agricultural leaders are honored and inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame for their superior service, dedication, leadership and plentiful contributions to agriculture.

Nomination and Selection Process

Persons wishing to nominate an individual who he or she believes is deserving of consideration for induction into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame may secure a nomination form through any Ohio Agricultural Council member or write to the Ohio Agricultural Council, Jane Scott, 4640 Wyandotte Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43230. Nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2005, in order to be eligible for consideration in 2005.

The selection process is such that members of the Hall of Fame committee appoint three individuals to a selection committee. In order to retain the high degree of integrity, the identity of the members of the selection committee is kept in confidence and precautions are taken to avoid the possibility of an individual serving on the selection committee more than one time.

2004 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee

Chuck Gamble, chair
Connie Cahill
Valerie Parks Graham
Elizabeth Harsh
Heather Schofield
Jane Scott

2004 Honorees

Shirley Boyd

A native of Berlin, Ohio, and current resident of Columbus, **Shirley Boyd** graduated from The Ohio State University in education in 1954. In 1963 she joined the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation working in youth activities and was promoted to Director of Youth Activities in 1973. For 35 years she worked with Ohio's rural youth developing leaders, instilling self-confidence, recreation and lifelong social skills. For 15 years with OFBF, she also held the post of Director of Women's Activities teaching, challenging and encouraging rural women to take active roles in their farm operations and agricultural organizations. During her time with Farm Bureau, she participated in several International Rural Women in Agricultural conferences.

Boyd's own leadership included board seats on the National Safety Council, Ohio Farm and Home Safety Committee and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbus. She is a member of the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame and the National Safety Council awarded her the first ever Honorary Life Membership. Boyd is a life member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association and a charter member of the OSU, College of Education Alumni. She has stayed close to her family and agricultural roots throughout her life.

Wib H. Justi

Wib Justi graduated from Berlin Heights High School and earned a BS in agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1941. He is best known for his 66 years of involvement and leadership in the local, county, university, state, national and international Grange where he devoted his life to promoting farmer-consumer understanding, community service and family values. In 1950, Justi consulted with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers and USDA to develop an exchange plan between young farmers from foreign countries and U.S. host farm families. For 54 years he coordinated the Germany/ USA Agricultural Friendship Program involving 500 German young farmers and an equal number of American host farm families. The program is celebrating its second and third generation exchanges of both young farmers and host families, where Justi has helped place 1,718 young people from 39 countries. Ohio is one of the nation's leading states in this program largely due to Justi's lifelong investment in its success.

Justi's career included 18 years with the National Grange in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame and an honorary State Farmer of the Ohio FFA. Throughout his life he has held dozen of leadership roles and is currently a trustee of the National Jr. Horticulture Foundation, Ohio State Grange Consultant, Alpha Gamma Rho 2004 national convention committee and is a life member of the OSU Alumni Association. He and his 4-H sweetheart June have been married 57 years.

2004 Honorees

John Stevenson

Circleville native, **John Stevenson** graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in agriculture in 1955. An innovative farmer in Pickaway County, Stevenson was a pioneer in reduced tillage corn, and built and operated Ohio's first commercial ethanol plant on his farm. He founded the Ohio Corn Growers Association and served as its first president and went on to be the president of the National Corn Growers Association. Stevenson served as the state executive director of the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service and went on to be the associate administrator in Washington, D.C. Upon returning to Ohio, he became the first agricultural specialist with the Ohio EPA working on livestock and drainage issues. He developed the Ohio Livestock Industry Task Force, which today is the Ohio Livestock Coalition.

Stevenson has served as President of the Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Circleville Chamber of Commerce and is a founder of the Premium Agricultural Commodities. He was vice president of the Chicago Board of Trade Agricultural Advisory Committee, South Central Power Rural Electric and the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation. Currently serving as a Pickaway County Commissioner, Stevenson is widely recognized as a progressive farmer, effective leader and respected statesman. He and his wife Linda live in rural Pickaway County.

Esther McDanel Welch

Esther McDanel Welch graduated from Ashland High School and attended Ashland College. Her life and leadership are founded in her active involvement and ownership of two century farms, U-Dean Farms by marriage and Homestead Farms through inheritance. Off the farm, her leadership in the dairy industry and journalism has earned her recognition: Ohio Agricultural Woman of the Year, 1995; Ohio Holstein Association Woman of the Year, 1990; Ashland County Farm Bureau Woman of the Year, 1989; World Dairy Expo Woman of the Year, 1988; among many others.

Welch's role as editor of the *Ohio Holstein News* since 1990 has presented countless opportunities for involvement. She serves on the executive committee for the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Mid East where she is a delegate and board member and on a number of committees for the National Holstein Association. Also active in her community, she is past president of the Tri-County (Ashland, Wayne and Holmes) Educational Service Center Governing Board and was on the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational Board of Education.

As a farmer and promoter of agriculture, Welch has been on many farm and news programs on radio and television presenting the farmer's point of view. She and her husband Eugene live near Polk, Ohio in Ashland County.

Previous Honorees

1966: Leo L. Rummell—educator and farm writer
Glen H. Stringfield—plant breeder
Louis J. Taber—farm organization leader

1967: Carl R. Arnold—economist and finance expert
David W. Galehouse—seed producer, conservationist and educator
Harry C. Ramsower—agriculture educator

1968: L.P. Bailey—breeder of Jersey cattle
Oscar E. Bradfute—farmer and cooperative leader
John T. Brown—farmer and lawmaker
Howard M. Call—farmer and community leader
C.M. Ferguson—educator and administrator
A.B. Graham—founder of the 4-H club
Perry L. Green—lawmaker and cooperative leader
Henry P. Miller—writer and master farmer
Amos I. Root—evangelist of modern beekeeping
A.P. Sandles—booster of Ohio fairs
Charles E. Thorne—writer and soil scientist
Norton S. Townshend—educator and legislator
Joseph E. Wing—writer and alfalfa pioneer

1969: Harold Anderson—founder of grain business
Uri T. Cox—farmer and plant propagator
Leon M. Evans—farmer and banker
Lawrence A. Kauffman—teacher and sheep specialist
Forrest G. Ketner—cooperative leader and marketing specialist
Edward H. Knight—farmer and mechanical inventor
Murray D. Lincoln—cooperative founder and agriculture leader
Glen G. McIlroy—farmer and farm manager
Joseph Oppenheim—teacher and inventor
Virgil Overholt—teacher and drainage specialist
Charles Plumb—educator and administrator
Martin L. Ruetenik—vegetable specialist and innovator
Arthur L. Smith—vegetable grower and industry leader
Howard J. Ziegler—farmer and livestock breeder

1970: Cosmas D. Blubaugh—soil and water conservationist
Edmund Secrest—educator and forester
John A. Slipher—educator and soil conservationist
Samuel S. Studebaker—farmer and farm credit leader

1971: Bryce C. Browning—conservationist and educator
Benjamin Basil Brumley—farmer and cooperative leader
George L. Cooley—cooperative leader and grape grower
Wheeler J. Welday—fruit grower and industry leader

1972: Charles A. Dambach—educator and conservationist
LeRoy Albert Demorest—inventor and beef cattle breeder
F. Edward Seitz—vegetable grower and industry leader
Charles Julius Williard—educator and agronomy industry leader

Previous Honorees

1973: Wilbur H. Bruner—educator and animal scientist
Max M. Scarff—farmer and seed producer
Lewis F. Warbington—cooperative leader and humanitarian
Carlos Grant Williams—educator and administrator

1974: Lewis Charles Chadwick—educator and horticulturist
John M. Davis—dairy farmer and industry leader
Earl W. McMunn—agriculture editor and writer
Douglas Stanfield—educator and farm organization leader

1975: Wayne Brown—marketer and retailer
A.B. Evans—purebred livestock breeder and farmer
Walter R. Krill—educator and administrator
Thomas S. Sutton—educator and researcher

1976: A.Z. Baker—marketer and organization leader
Joel S. Coffey—educator and livestock industry leader
John H. Dunlap—farmer and conservationist
John D. Siebenthaler—nursery and landscape industry leader

1977: Walter L. Bluck—educator and farmer
Darwin R. Bryan—youth leader
John M. Grierson—farmer and farm credit leader
Warren G. Weiler—educator and administrator

1978: Max Drake—dairy industry leader
Charles S. Latchaw—farm organization leader
Forest Don Loudenslager—farmer and hog producer
Lottie M. Randolph—agricultural leader and homemaker

1979: Joseph W. Fichter—teacher and lecturer
Elden R. Groves—farmer and communicator
C. Clayton Terrell—grain and livestock farmer
Dwight Wise, Sr.—grain, dairy and beef cattle farmer

1980: Leonard M. Bettinger—pioneer in nursery industry
Martin Luther Howell—dairy industry leader
Thomas C. Kennard—innovative environmentalist
Kenneth N. Probasco—agribusiness leader

1981: Beatrice J. Cleveland—4-H youth leader
Richard H. Kellogg—pioneer in artificial dairy breeding
Robert C. Miller—agri-newscaster and youth supporter
William H. Zipf—agribusiness communicator

1982: Ralph E. Bender—educator and administrator
Harry A. Caton—farm organization leader
Willard W. Ellenwood—orchardist and livestock breeder
Everett G. Royer—farm manager and soybean leader

1983: Roy M. Kottman—educator, leader and innovator
John Sawyer—environmentalist and industry leader
Henry H. Schriver—lecturer and cooperative leader
John M. Stackhouse—government leader and farmer

Previous Honorees

1984: Robert P. Hester—farmer and cooperative leader
Ralph A. Howard—vocational educator
Suzanne Macino—government agricultural assistant
Harold L. Porter—government leader and plant specialist

1985: Robert O. Grieser—farmer and conservationist
Cecil H. Robinson—farmer and corn seed producer
Wilbur "Bill" Stuckey—educator and safety specialist
Charles E. Wyckoff—farmer and electric cooperative leader

1986: Wallace Barr—educator and economist
Dale T. Friday—educator and exhibition leader
D.C. Kiplinger—educator, floricultural and organizational specialist
Lawrence E. Kunkle—educator and meat specialist

1987: Samuel C. Cashman—journalist and organizational specialist
Floyd I. Lower—educator and potato specialist
Jacob McQueen—lecturer and soybean pioneer
Frank B. Sollars—organizational and financial specialist

1988: Earl F. Kantner—educator and youth leader
John H. Klippart—author, narrator and organization leader
James M. Lewis—farmer and dairy breeder
Eugene C. Wittmeyer—educator, researcher and horticulturist

1989: Louis Bromfield—author and conservationist
James E. Dougan—educator and vocational agriculture leader
Wilbur A. Gould—educator and food processing leader
Fred H. Johnson—beef cattle breeder and leader

1990: George G. Greenleaf—agriculture leader and consultant
Rueben R. Jones—dairy farmer and conservationist
Edward Huber—inventor and industrialist
Homer Price—educator, leader and horticulturist

1991: Roy Battles—agriculture communicator
Shirley A. Brooks—agricultural liaison assistant
Ralph Grimshaw—educator and animal scientist
Oscar Share—educator and leader

1992: Eugene V. Endres—floriculturist and leader
George Gist, Jr.—agronomist and leader
Berlin W. Kagy—veterinarian and artificial insemination innovator
William E. Krauss—researcher, leader and administrator

1993: Floyd Heft—soil and water conservationist
Earl Poling—dairy marketer and educator
James Utzinger—educator and horticulturist
Merlin D. Woodruff—auctioneer

1994: Bob Evans—"Sausage King" and environmentalist
Robert Gottesman—wine industry leader
William J. Richards—farmer and conservationist
Dean W. Simeral—lobbyist for rural Ohio

Previous Honorees

1995: Clarence Durban—conservationist
Clifton Kerns (C.K.) Elliott—agricultural marketer
William D. Fulton—horticulturist
George W. Smidley—inventor

1996: Carl S. Akey—livestock feed industry entrepreneur
Richard Dawson—pork industry leader
Freeman S. Howlett—educator and horticulturist
J. Gordon Riehl—cooperative leader

1997: Arnett J. Gordin—farmer and humanitarian
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1998: Richard H. L. Chichester III—animal geneticist
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George R. Johnson—educator and animal scientist
Douglas J. Michael—potato grower

1999: Vernon R. Cahill—educator and meat specialist
Ralph Cobey—engineer and farm equipment dealer
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James Patterson—fruit grower and organizational leader

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2001: Richard Anderson—agribusiness, retail, processing and manufacturing
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Mark List—agricultural public servant
John Mount—agricultural educator

2002: Herman Brubaker—dairy producer and cooperative leader
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2003: L. Eugene Byers—cattle breeder, veterinarian, legislator
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