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## OHIO AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL HALL OF FAME BREAKFAST

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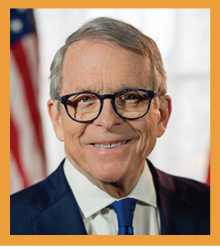
Throughout their illustrious careers, each represented an unwavering commitment to American agriculture that will inspire and influence generations to come.

**Today, we celebrate their legacies and this well-deserved honor.**



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# A SPECIAL MESSAGE



We are honored to join the Ohio Agricultural Council in recognizing the 2024 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees. Throughout their lives, these four individuals have made extraordinary contributions to agriculture.

Ohio's top industry, food and agriculture, plays an important role in the lives of all Ohioans by supporting economies, providing jobs, and maintaining our rural heritage. The 2024 honorees have demonstrated their leadership and impact in Ohio's beef and fruit industries, supporting conservation efforts and educating the state's next generation of agriculture leaders. Their dedication, passion and hard work help Ohio's top industry grow and thrive to benefit the residents of our state.

On behalf of the State of Ohio, we congratulate these honorees, who have given their time and talents to support and improve this vital industry.

**Governor Mike DeWine**  
*State of Ohio*

**Director Brian Baldrige**  
*Ohio Dept. of Agriculture*



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the 58th Ohio Agricultural Council Hall of Fame Breakfast.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for joining us in our recognition of Ohio Agriculture's best and brightest supporters. We are celebrating some incredible people. All have made significant impacts on Ohio agriculture and set a high standard for our industry. They exemplify the leadership, honor, integrity, and love for the industry that we all take pride in. It's an honor to recognize them for their passion, years of work, and dedication.

I also thank the Ohio Expo Commission for generously hosting us on the Ohio State Fairgrounds again this year, especially as we embark on monumental facility improvements. The Ohio Ag Council is so grateful for the generous financial commitment that will serve the ag industry and all Ohioans.

Thank you all for joining us this morning, and please enjoy the fair!

**Tadd Nicholson**  
*President, Ohio Agricultural Council*

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# ABOUT OAC

The Ohio Agricultural Council serves as 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 provide a favorable image of Ohio's agriculture.

Membership in OAC is open to organizations, companies and individuals who have an interest in the well-being and promotion of the agricultural industry in Ohio. Annual dues are \$300 for organizations, \$25 for organization associates (must be a current employee, officer, owner or director of an organization member) and \$50 for individuals (\$15 for students).

## 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Tadd Nicholson**, *President*

**Mike Bailey**, *President Elect*

**Melanie Strait-Bok**, *Vice President*

**Heather McCann**, *Organization Member at Large*

**Sandy Kuhn**, *Individual Member at Large*

**Chris Henney**, *Past President*

**Janice Welsheimer**, *Secretary-Treasurer (ex-officio)*

## MEMBER MEETINGS

OAC holds two meetings per year at various central Ohio venues and features educational and entertaining guest speakers. The meetings are open to members and guests.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

OAC has been a proud sponsor of Ohio's 4-H and FFA programs, as well as other education-related initiatives throughout the years.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OAC annually offers scholarships to assist students in pursuing a career in agriculture. Scholarships are available to high school seniors preparing to enter college or any undergraduate student currently enrolled in college. Scholarships are selected based on academic record, leadership qualities, community involvement, references and responses to application essay questions. Scholarship recipients are also provided a one-year complimentary student membership in the Council.

# THE OAC VISION

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Bill and Janet Butler  
Fred Finney  
Dr. Raymond A. Miller**

We appreciate your commitment, hard work,  
and significant impacts on the agricultural community.



# ORDER OF EVENTS

## SUNRISE RECEPTION

### WELCOME

**Tadd Nicholson**, *President*  
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### NATIONAL ANTHEM

**All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir Ensemble**  
**Jon Peterson**, *Director*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Leah Schuhart**, *2024 Ohio Fairs Queen*

### OHIO STATE FAIR WELCOME

**Adam Heffron**, *General Manager*  
*Ohio Expo Center & State Fair*

### INVOCATION

**Gracelynn Harter**, *President*  
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### BREAKFAST

### OHIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

**Dr. Cathann Kress**, *Vice President for*  
*Agricultural Administration and Dean,*  
*College of Food, Agricultural, &*  
*Environmental Sciences, OSU*

**Brian Baldrige**, *Director*  
*Ohio Department of Agriculture*

**Angela Krile**, *Chair*  
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# OHIO AG HALL OF FAME

Created by the Ohio Agricultural Council in 1966, the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame has now honored more than 240 agriculturists who have dedicated their lives of outstanding work to Ohio's number-one industry, agriculture.

Induction into 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, up to 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

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 download a nomination form by visiting [ohioagcouncil.org/hall-of-fame](http://ohioagcouncil.org/hall-of-fame). Nomination forms, along with three letters of recommendation, must be submitted by March 15, 2025, in order to be eligible for consideration in 2025.

Three to five members, including a former inductee, are asked to serve as the Hall of Fame selection committee. In order to retain a 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.

## 2024 HALL OF FAME EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Hannah Carter**, United Producers, Inc.

**Jim Chakeres**, Ohio Poultry Association

**Jenny Cox**, OSU CFAES AgOne Program

**Kelly Keirn**, Ohio Beef Council

**Sandy Kuhn**, Farmers National Company

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**Roger Nicol**, Darby Creek Farm

**Joel Penhorwood**, Ohio's Country Journal & Ohio Ag Net

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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



## DAVID W. BRANDT

David W. Brandt was a trailblazer in no-till and cover crops, dedicated to improving soil health and conservation. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brandt began as the farm manager at Dogwood Lane Farms. His innovative no-till farming began in 1971, planting corn directly into sod with a four-row AC planter. This laid the foundation for his lifelong commitment to healthy soils.

Brandt also served as a district technician for the Fairfield County SWCD and as a consultant for the Washington County SWCD, focusing on farmer-to-farmer education to reduce erosion and increase production. He was a founding member of Understanding Ag Consulting and the Soil Health Academy, where he served as president from 2017-2019. His farm was a USDA-ARS demonstration site for water quality monitoring, showcasing significant reductions in sediment and nutrient runoff due to continuous no-till and cover crops.

Brandt received numerous accolades, including the Ohio Conservation Farmer Award and the No-Till Innovator Award. Nationally, he was recognized by the U.S. EPA and USDA. Brandt's generosity, willingness to share knowledge, and leadership by example have left a lasting impact, inspiring countless farmers to invest in their soils to ensure the long-term health and productivity of agricultural lands.

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YEARS, COLLABORATING ON NO-TILL RESEARCH  
AND VALUING FARMER-TO-FARMER EDUCATION.*



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## **2024 Ohio Ag Council Hall of Fame Inductees**

from Ohio's beef farm families



A special congratulations to Bill & Janet Butler, their lifetime dedication and commitment will impact the beef industry for generations to come.



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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



## BILL & JANET BUTLER

Bill and Janet Butler have impacted livestock marketing and agricultural finance in Southern Ohio and beyond through their leadership at Union Stockyards. Bill began his career in high school and moved to Hillsboro in 1969 to expand Union Stockyards, becoming general manager and eventually sole owner. Janet, from Hillsboro, joined the livestock business in Washington Court House and continued with Union Stockyards after its move.

They transformed Union Stockyards into a major agricultural center, holding over 70 auctions annually and serving farmers across several states. Among the first to ship cattle west, their efforts improved market transparency and accessibility, benefiting thousands of farmers nationwide. Janet's daily radio spots on WLW Radio and the Agri Broadcasting Network provided essential market information, offering updates on livestock prices and trends.

Beyond their business, the Butlers have been dedicated to education and community service locally and nationally. They hosted seminars at the stockyards with OSU Extension and local veterinarians. Bill has served as a director at Merchants National Bank since 1983, supporting it as a leading agricultural lender. Janet has been active in the Highland County Cattleman's Association and Altrusa Club. Their commitment to agriculture and community development has made them respected leaders in Ohio's farming industry.

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# Congratulations, Fred Finney!

Nationwide honors your remarkable contributions to Ohio agriculture, from the farm to the boardroom. As a dedicated steward of the land, you've profoundly impacted the agribusiness community. Your talents, wisdom, and commitment sustain an industry that feeds, clothes, and fuels our growing world.

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**Fred Finney**

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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



## FRED FINNEY

Fred Finney has been a significant figure in Ohio's produce industry. Raised in Wayne County, he graduated from The Ohio State University in 1968 with a degree in Agriculture. After serving in the U.S. Army, he began working at Davis Melrose Company, which owned what is now Moreland Fruit Farm. In 1985, Finney purchased the farm, expanding it into a 125-acre operation producing diverse fruit and vegetable crops.

Finney was instrumental in establishing the Farmers Produce Auction in Mt. Hope, Ohio, and the Mid-Ohio Growers Meeting, an educational conference attracting over 1,500 attendees annually. These initiatives created new market opportunities for farmers, particularly benefiting the Plain community. His efforts significantly increased farmer income and encouraged diversification.

Nationally, Finney played a crucial role in food safety regulations. He contributed to the rulemaking process for the Food Safety Modernization Act, ensuring small and Amish farmers were considered. He also helped develop training materials for compliance. Finney's leadership extended to the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, where he served as State President, and to Nationwide Insurance's board. His dedication to agriculture and his community has left a lasting impact on Ohio agriculture.

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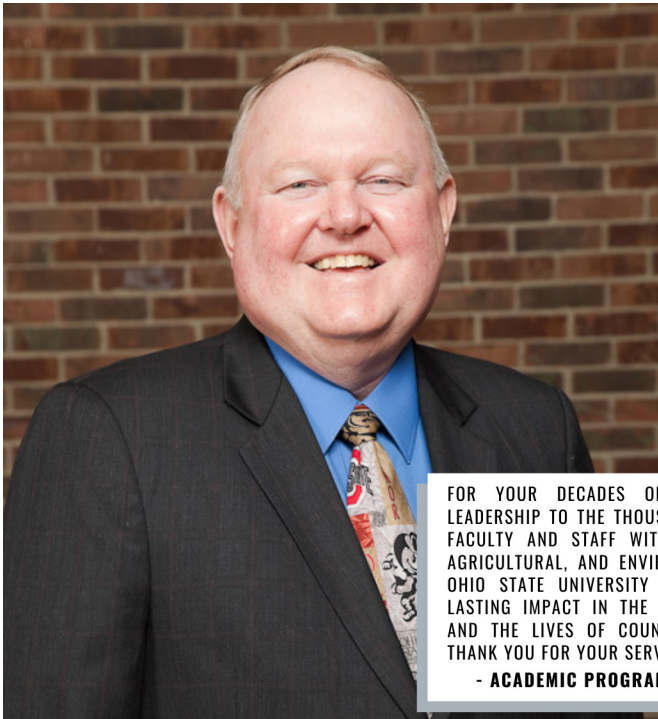


## DR. RAYMOND A. MILLER

Dr. Raymond A. Miller truly bled scarlet and grey, dedicating nearly four decades to Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. He earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from Ohio State University and began his career as a counselor and assistant professor, eventually becoming the assistant dean for student affairs and alumni coordinator for the college. His guidance helped thousands of students and alumni achieve successful careers in agriculture.

Miller co-founded the Alpha Zeta Partners leadership program and advised the College Council, Ag College Chorale and Ohio Staters philanthropic club. His commitment to student leadership and development was evident in his advisement of student organizations and the creation of scholarship opportunities. Known for his passion for mentoring, Miller ensured students had the resources needed to thrive.

Beyond the classroom, Miller played a significant role in alumni relations, organizing events like the annual Ag Alumni Fall Fest Homecoming and fostering a strong alumni network. He also coordinated the scholarship programs and job services for the college, building relationships with employers seeking interns and full-time employees. Dr. Miller's legacy of the thousands of students, alumni and employers he impacted continues to influence the agricultural industry, making him a distinguished figure in Ohio agriculture.



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*Thank you,  
Ray*

FOR YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE, DEVOTION AND LEADERSHIP TO THE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY AND STAFF WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND. YOU MADE A LASTING IMPACT IN THE CAREERS, THE COMMUNITIES, AND THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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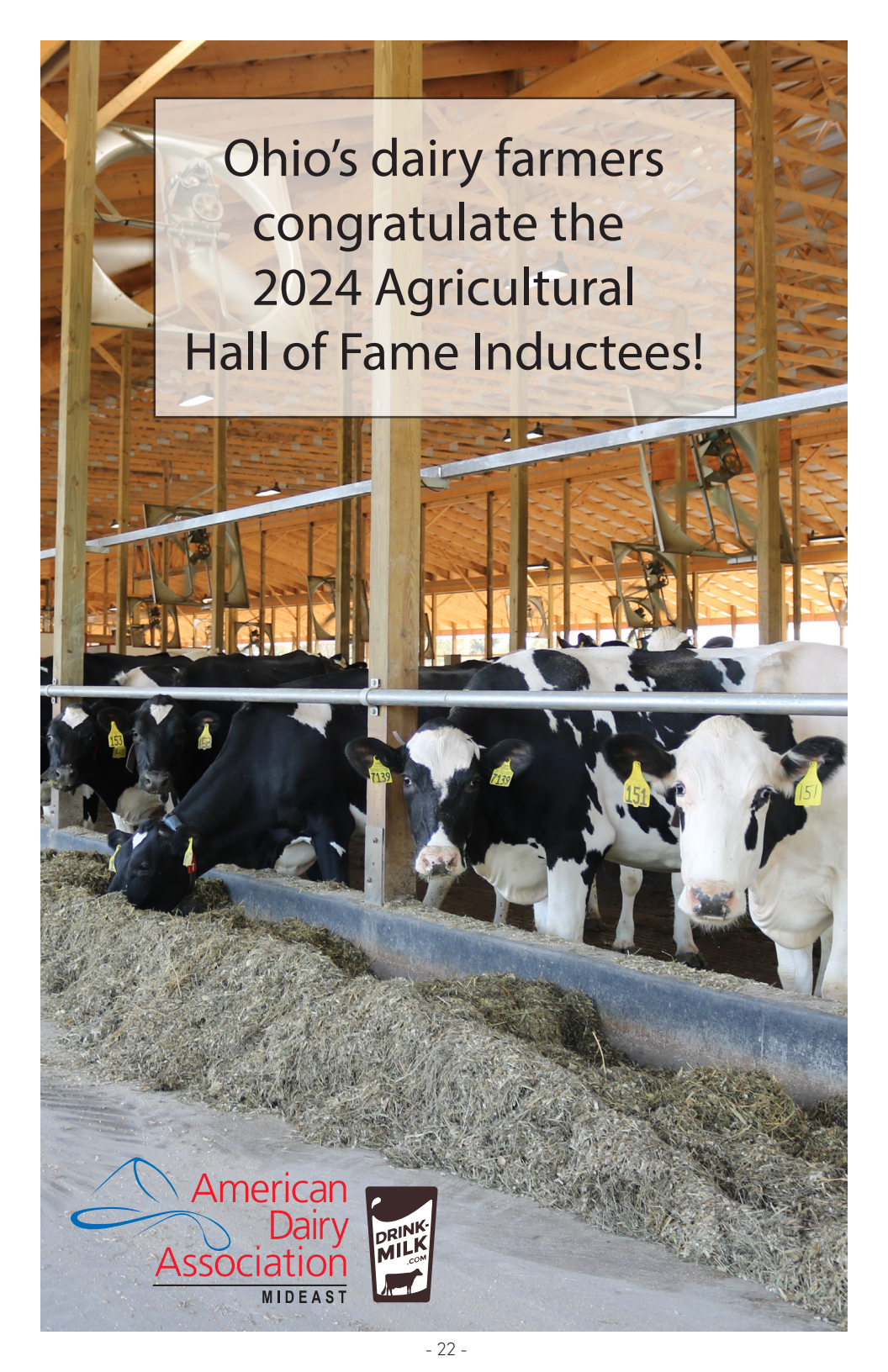
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- 1966:** **Leo L. Rummell** — educator and farm writer  
**Glen H. Stringfield** — plant breeder  
**Louis J. Taber** — farm organization leader
- 1967:** **Carl R. Arnold** — economist and finance expert  
**David W. Galehouse** — seed producer, 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  
**Alen Trimble** — farmer and sheep breeder  
**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



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**David W. Brandt**



**Bill & Janet Butler**



**Fred Finney**



**Dr. Raymond A. Miller**

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*Fred Finney*

*Raymond A. Miller*



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# OHIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

- 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



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- 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  
**Reuben 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

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**Freeman S. Howlett** — educator and horticulturist  
**J. Gordon Riehl** — cooperative leader
- 1997:** **Arnett J. Gordin** — farmer and humanitarian  
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**George R. Johnson** — educator and animal scientist  
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**Ralph Cobey** — engineer and farm equipment dealer  
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- 2000:** **James F. Cavanaugh** — dairy industry leader  
**Charles Ingraham** — agricultural economist  
**Robert E. Jacobson** — dairy marketing specialist and educator  
**Robert D. Scherer** — agriculture advocate and cooperative leader
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**Mark List** — agricultural public servant  
**John Mount** — agricultural educator
- 2002:** **Herman Brubaker** — dairy producer and cooperative leader  
**William Henry Conklin** — dairy marketer  
**Fred H. Deering** — government leader  
**Richard Hummel** — educator
- 2003:** **L. Eugene Byers** — cattle breeder, veterinarian, legislator  
**William James Eyssen** — horticulturist  
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- 2004:** **Shirley Boyd** — agricultural youth and women advocate  
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- 2008:** **R. Craig Fendrick** — Farm Science Review leader  
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- 2009:** **A.I. (Irv) Bell** — swine farmer and agricultural leader  
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**Andrew L. Stevens** — agricultural communicator and dairy farmer  
**Roy Allen Wallace** — beef genetic breeding pioneer
- 2010:** **Fred L. Dailey** — government and agricultural leader  
**Guy R. Flora** — sheep industry leader and producer  
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- 2011:** **Edwin J. Carey** — poultry farmer  
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- 2012:** **Dr. Charles W. Lifer** — 4-H educator and leader  
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**Micki Zartman** — agriculture advocate and educator
- 2013:** **Shirley Dunlap Bowser** — agriculture advocate and philanthropist  
**Louis M. "Mick" Colvin** — farm manager, brand creator & beef marketer  
**Bernard J. Scott** — agricultural educator and leader  
**Doug White** — government leader, crop and livestock farmer
- 2014:** **Bernie Heisner** — dairy industry leader  
**William Hoewischer, Sr** — farmer and livestock breeder  
**Don Ralph** — farmer and conservationist leader  
**John Watkins** — vocational agriculture teacher
- 2015:** **William Haddad** — soil conservationist  
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**Roy Loudenslager** — farmer and environmental steward  
**Gerald Mast** — farmer, soil & water conservation leader
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**Richard (Dick) Ricker** — farmer and pork industry leader  
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- 2020:** **Joe Cornely** — agricultural broadcaster and media liaison  
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- 2021:** **Monte R. Anderson** — collegiate agricultural educator  
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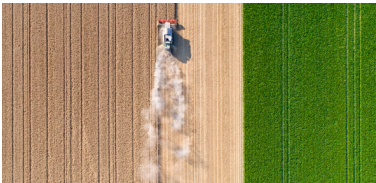
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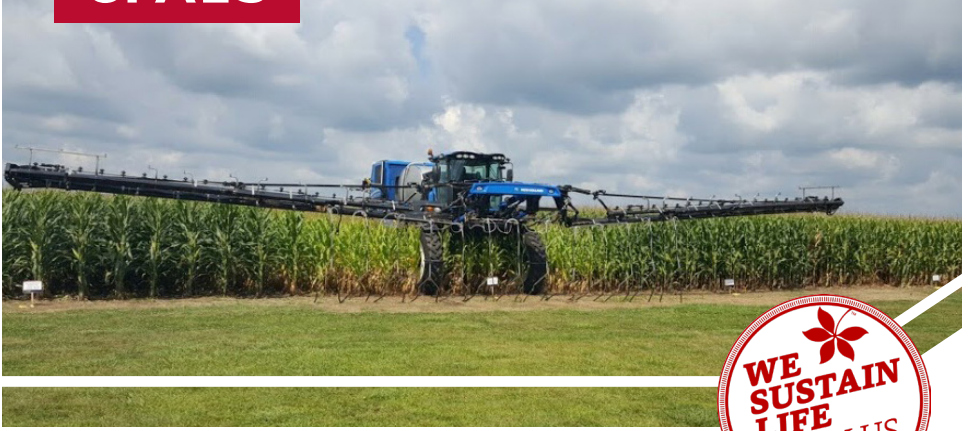


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