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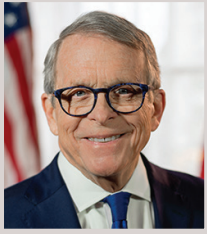
Congratulations to the 2025 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees

As a company founded by Ohio farmers, Nationwide® is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of this year's inductees. Their dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact on Ohio's agricultural community and beyond.

**Today, we honor their contributions and
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A Special Message



Since 1850, the Ohio State Fair has served as a celebration of agricultural achievement. The very first fair was a three-day event focused on agricultural education and the recognition of agricultural achievements. That great tradition continues with the 2025 Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame Ceremony.

The four individuals we are honoring this year have dedicated themselves to a lifetime of service and leadership within Ohio's agricultural community. They have helped to ensure that the agriculture industry continues to be a focal point of Ohio's heritage, identity, and economy. Thanks to their efforts, Ohio's agriculture community has built its reputation as one of the strongest and most diverse in the nation, contributing billions to our economy and feeding families across Ohio, the U.S., and the world.



Our 2025 honorees have demonstrated exceptional commitment to agriculture through innovation on the farm, conservation and sustainability efforts, and the advancement of agricultural education and literacy. Their achievements have made a lasting impact that will enrich the lives of Ohioans, including the state's farmers and farm families, for generations to come.

On behalf of the state of Ohio, we congratulate these honorees for their outstanding efforts to support and enhance Ohio agriculture.

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Welcome!



It's such an honor to welcome you as we gather to celebrate the incredible individuals who have shaped – and continue to shape – the future of agriculture in Ohio.

This event is one of the most meaningful of the year. Today we take time to honor those whose lifelong dedication, leadership, and service have left a lasting imprint on Ohio's agricultural community. Our honorees have not only advanced industry, but they have also mentored others, uplifted rural communities, and exemplified the values that define Ohio agriculture: hard work, humility, and heart.

For most of us, agriculture is more than a profession. It's something we carry with us in our daily work, our family traditions, and our connection to the land and each other. Today's breakfast is a celebration of that shared bond. It's a moment to reflect on and celebrate four individuals, and all those who came before them.

Thank you for joining us for this special occasion. Your presence today is a testament to the strength of our agricultural community and to the enduring spirit of those we are proud to induct into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Tadd Nicholson

President, Ohio Agricultural Council

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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*), \$50 for individuals, and \$15 for students.

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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 complimentary one-year student membership in the Council.

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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 250 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 they believe deserving of consideration for induction into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame may download a nomination form by visiting ohioagcouncil.org/hall-of-fame. Nomination forms, along with three letters of recommendation, must be submitted by March 15, 2026, in order to be eligible for consideration in 2026.

Three to five OAC 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.

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Hall of Fame Inductee

JOHN H. DAVIS



John H. Davis' lifelong dedication to agricultural education began on his family farm in Carroll County, Ohio, and blossomed into a remarkable career that shaped thousands of lives. After graduating from The Ohio State University, Davis taught vocational agriculture before becoming a state supervisor and eventually the Director of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Under his leadership, the camp transformed into a thriving, year-round educational center, and his efforts helped secure land and resources that continue to benefit the camp today.

As assistant director for agricultural education at the Ohio Department of Education, he distributed more than \$20 million in funding to support Ohio's programs and teachers. After retirement, Davis remained a tireless advocate for agricultural literacy, serving as Ohio's state contact for Project Food, Land & People, a national initiative that connects students with the vital links between agriculture, the environment, and society.

John H. Davis' legacy is one of mentorship, service, and unwavering commitment to Ohio's agricultural future.



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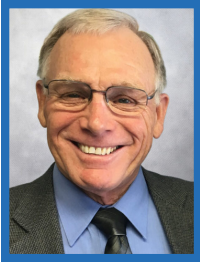
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Bill Isler



John H. Davis



John Linder



Steven D. Maurer

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Hall of Fame Inductee

BILL ISLER



Bill Isler was a visionary in Ohio agriculture whose legacy continues to shape the swine industry. A third-generation farmer from Marion County, he co-managed Islercrest Farms with his brother, Don, transforming it into a nationally recognized operation known for its genetic excellence and herd health. Isler's commitment to innovation helped the farm grow to a thriving enterprise that lives on with his sons.

Beyond the farm, Isler was a respected leader and mentor in the agricultural community. He held key roles with the Ohio Pork Producers Council, National Duroc Board, and Specific Pathogen Free associations, and was a guiding presence for youth through FFA, 4-H, and the Ohio State Fair. In a groundbreaking contribution to science, Isler partnered with hospitals and research institutions to supply hogs for medical research, supporting innovations in cancer and childhood disease treatment.

Known for his humility, generosity, and steadfast dedication, Bill Isler left an indelible mark on agriculture and his community.

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JOHN LINDER



John Linder's journey in agriculture began on his family's fifth-generation farm in Morrow County, where he and his family continue to raise corn, soybeans, seed soybeans, and wheat. Known for his humility and quiet strength, he has served in numerous leadership roles, including chair of Ohio's Corn Checkoff and president of the National Corn Growers Association. His leadership extended globally through his work with MAIZALL, where he helped to build vital trade relationships with leaders in Brazil and Argentina.

Throughout his career, Linder has been a steadfast advocate for farmers, addressing critical issues such as water quality, nutrient runoff, biotechnology, and international trade. Linder is known for his ability to bring people together, crediting his success to collaboration and inviting diverse perspectives. His dedication has inspired others to step into leadership roles and add their voices to advocacy efforts.

Whether mentoring future leaders or advocating for Ohio's farmers, John Linder brings the same passion and integrity to every endeavor he pursues.

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Hall of Fame Inductee

STEVEN D. MAURER



Steven D. Maurer's life was defined by service—to his country, his community, and Ohio agriculture. A native of Shelby County and a Vietnam veteran, Maurer's dedication to public service led him to the Ohio Senate, where he championed initiatives like the Linked Deposit and Amusement Ride Safety Programs. As Director of the ODA, he helped establish the Grain Indemnity Fund, the Ohio Grape Industries Program, and the state's first Organic Standard of Identity.

Maurer's impact extended nationally during his 16-year tenure as Ohio's State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency. There, he oversaw the implementation of multiple Farm Bills, expanded access to farm loans, and helped launch the Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. His trade missions and promotion of Ohio products helped elevate the state's agricultural profile.

Those who knew him best remember his devotion to family, his humility, and his belief in treating others with kindness and respect. Steven D. Maurer leaves behind a legacy of visionary leadership and heartfelt service.

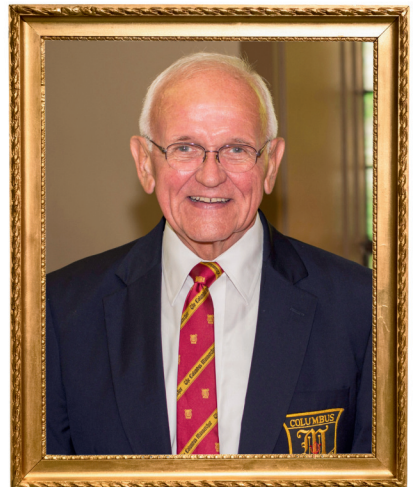


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Glen H. Stringfield – plant breeder
Louis J. Taber – farm organization leader
- 1967:** **Carl R. Arnold** – economist and finance expert
David W. Galehouse – seed producer, conservationist and educator
Harry C. Ramsower – agriculture educator
- 1968:** **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 Secret – 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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- 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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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
G. Edwin “Ed” Johnson – agricultural communicator
C. William Swank – leader and spokesperson for agriculture
Vernon L. Tharp, DVM – veterinarian and educator
- 1998:** **Richard H. L. Chichester III** – animal geneticist
Edward Oxley Elliott – livestock marketer and restaurateur
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
Pat Leimbach – author and public speaker
James Patterson – fruit grower and organizational leader
- 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
- 2001:** **Richard Anderson** – agribusiness, retail, processing & manufacturing
Gene Isler – pork breeder and educator
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 Eysen – horticulturist
Jack C. Foust – cattle breeder and public servant
Bill Funderburg – swine breeder and producer
- 2004:** **Shirley Boyd** – agricultural youth and women advocate
Wib. H. Justi – youth and organizational leader
John Stevenson – farmer and agricultural conservationist
Esther McDanel Welch – dairy farmer and journalist
- 2005:** **Clarence J. Cunningham** – extension leader
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John D. Weaver – egg production businessman



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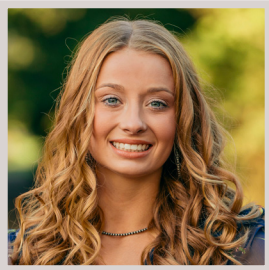
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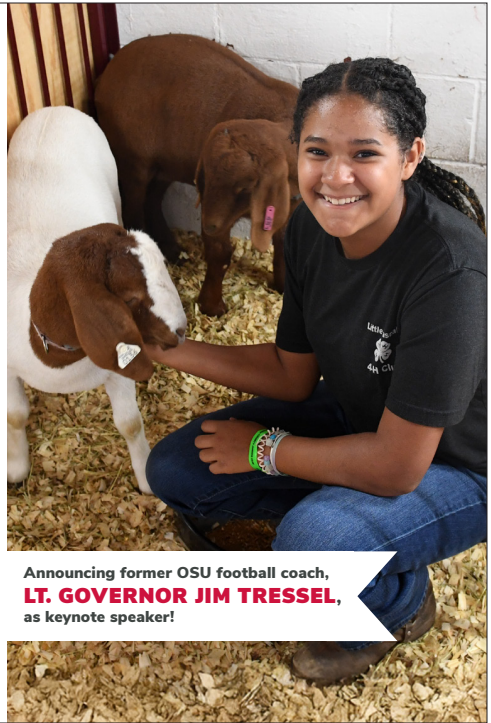


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