

**2012**  
**IOWA FARM**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER AWARDS**  
**PROGRAM**



**Awards Ceremony**  
**Iowa State Fair**  
**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**  
**Friday, August 17th, 2012**  
**8:30am – 11:00am**

## Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award

The Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award is a joint effort between the Governor, Lt. Governor, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources to recognize the efforts of Iowa's farmers as environmental leaders committed to healthy soils and improved water quality.

This award seeks to recognize the exemplary voluntary actions of farmers that improve or protect the environment and natural resources of our state while also encouraging other farmers to follow in their footsteps by building success upon success.

It recognizes those that have taken steps in their farming operations to serve as local leaders in environmental stewardship on their farms, utilizing a variety of techniques and best management practices. As environmental leaders, these farmers have adopted best management practices and incorporated environmental stewardship throughout their farming operations. True stewards of the land, they recognize that improved water quality and soil sustainability reaps benefits that extend beyond their fields to reach the citizens of Iowa and beyond, and have made environmental stewardship a priority on their farms. We thank them for their efforts.



# **PROGRAM**

## **Master of Ceremonies**

Bruce Trautman – DNR Deputy Director

## **Opening Remarks & Presentation of Awards**

Terry E. Branstad – Governor

Bill Northey – Secretary of Agriculture

Chuck Gipp – DNR Director

### **Special Thanks to the Award Selection Committee**

Jim Gillespie – Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

Bruce Trautman – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Jim Frederick – Conservation Districts of Iowa

John Lawrence – Iowa State University Extension

Sean McMahon – The Nature Conservancy

Jeff Pape – Iowa Farm Bureau

Jay Lynch – Iowa Corn Growers Association

Jim Andrew – Iowa Soybean Association

Pat Daufeldt – Iowa Turkey Federation

Dave Moody – Iowa Pork Producers Association

# AWARDEES

Tony and Vicki Allen  
Union County

Bob and David Ausberger  
Greene County

Denny and Kathy Baker  
Marshall County

William, Andrew, and Robert Ballou  
Ballou Farms Inc.  
Jones County

Roy, Peter, and Tim Bardole  
Greene County

Mike and Kathy Bravard  
Greene County

Robert and Anna Broulik  
Linn & Cedar County

Martin, Michael, and Loran Burken  
Blue Hyll Dairy  
Clinton County

Dan and Traci Byrnes  
Allamakee County

Bryan and James B. Claude  
Wright County

Dean and Carol Coleman  
Humboldt & Webster County

Bill and Nancy Couser  
Story County

Dwight and Jane Dial  
Calhoun County

Randy and Crystal Dreher  
Audubon County

Randy Dunfee  
Clarke County

Gary Edwards  
Linn County

Paul and Lance Ehmcke  
Cherokee County

Ken and Helen Fawcett  
Fawcett Farms, Inc.  
Cedar County

Corwin and Carol Fee  
Marion County

Doyle and Craig Fleishmann  
Fleishman Family Farm  
Dallas County

John, Doug, Matt, and Kevin Freund  
J.W. Freund Farms, Inc.  
Cass County

Denny and Brent Friest  
Hardin County

Ray, Elaine, Chris, and Jenny Gaesser  
Adams County

Jim and David Gregory  
Gregory Feedlot  
Mills County

Larry, Steve, and Jeremy Gustafson  
Boone County

# AWARDEES

Joann and Gary Hammitt  
Webster County

Bill and Rita Hammitt  
Harrison County

Edward Harney  
Dallas County

Mark & JoAnn, Mike & Mary Beth,  
and Tom & Cindy Jackson  
Mahaska County

Verl and Judy Jackson  
Wapello & Jefferson County

Kurt and Barbara Johnson  
Audubon County

Rick and Jane Juchems  
Butler & Bremer County

Rick & Martha and  
Grant & Natalie Kimberley  
Polk, Story, and Jasper County

Tom and Kimra Larson  
Hamilton, Webster, and Wright County

James and Donna Lein  
Fayette County

Victor, Cindy, and Eric Madsen  
Audubon County

Steve, David, Bill, and Robert McGrew  
McGrew Brothers Farm Partnership  
Mills County

Dennis McLaughlin  
Madison County

Roger and Renee Nath  
Clay County

Gary and Dave Nelson  
Nelson Family Farms  
Webster & Pocahontas County

G.N. and Patsy Neumeyer  
Linn & Appanoose County

Eugene and Sherri Nieman  
Floyd County

Kyle and Don Niles  
Greene County

Dana & Marlene, Randy & Sandy,  
and Steve & Jolene Norby  
Mitchell County

Thomas, Susanne, Stanley, and Sally Oswald  
Cherokee County

Matt Parrott  
Des Moines & Henry County

David and Amy Petersen  
Muscatine County

James and Charles Pilling  
Pilling Inc.  
Des Moines County

Vaughn, Cindy, and Andrew Pittz  
Harrison County

Gary and Michelle Rayhons  
Hancock County

Ryan and Lana Reed  
Wapello County

# AWARDEES

David and Benjamin Schmidt  
Black Diamond Farms  
Johnson County

Roland and Donna Schnell  
Jasper & Marion County

Curtis and Kelly Short  
Van Buren County

Tim and Lana Smith  
Wright County

Bob & Doris and Rob & Jean Stout  
Washington County

Don & Pat and Bill & Nina Swanson  
Swanson Farm Partnership  
Wapello County

George V. & Mary and  
George Stephen & Amanda Swenka  
Johnson County

Dick, Sharon, Rex, Lisa, and Cole Thompson  
Boone County

J. Kelly and Irene S. Tobin  
Taylor County

Arlo and Claudia Van Diest  
Hamilton County

Delmer Voss  
Wright & Webster County

Jim and Tom Wagner  
O'Brien County

George H. Wolf  
Clarke County

Greg, Lola, and Chris Wood  
Clay County

Roger & DeAnn and  
Brent & Erica Wuthrich  
Davis County

Curt Zingula  
Linn County