

**2015**  
**IOWA FARM**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER AWARDS**  
**PROGRAM**



**Iowa State Fair**  
**Penningroth Center**  
**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

# 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**

Bob Quinn – WHO Radio

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

Terry E. Branstad – Governor

Kim Reynolds — Lt. 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 – Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance

Jan Glendenning – The Nature Conservancy

Jeff Pape – Iowa Farm Bureau

Jay Lynch – Iowa Corn Growers Association

Jim Andrew – Iowa Soybean Association

Pat Daufeldt – Iowa Turkey Federation

Dan Wetherell – Iowa Pork Producers Association

Haley Stalcup – Iowa Cattlemen’s Association

# AWARDEES

**Duane Aistrope  
Fremont County**

**George Aldrich and Tim Halligan  
Buchanan County**

**James O. and Jacque Andrew,  
Jane A. Andrew and Karen J. Andrew  
Andrew Farms, Inc.  
Greene County**

**Allan, Linda and Tyler Armbrecht  
Story County**

**Stewart and Lori Baldner  
Dallas County**

**Louis and Pat Beck  
Black Hawk and Tama Counties**

**John and Sonja Behan  
Julie Osborne  
Buchanan County**

**Eugene, Kraig and Laura Boell  
Carroll County**

**John Boettcher  
Dickinson County**

**Nancy and Matthew Bormann  
Kossuth County**

**Cliff Bowie  
Lu-Jen Farms, Inc.  
Cedar, Johnson and Muscatine Counties**

**Del Brehmer Family  
Pottawattamie County**

**Brownlee Farms Partnership  
Glenda Brownlee, Dan and Megan Brownlee,  
Kevin Brownlee, and Alex Brownlee  
Adair, Union, Madison, Guthrie, Ringgold  
and Taylor Counties**

**Bryan and Joni Coffman  
Guthrie County**

**C.D. and Mary Lou Curran  
Monroe County**

**The Daley Family Farm  
Howard County**

**William and Rozann Dallenbach  
Fayette County**

**Mark Vernon Dengler  
Tama County**

**Newt and Rose Marie Draheim  
Draheim Farms  
Wright County**

**Andrew and Melissa Dunham  
Poweshiek County**

**Darrell Egli  
Louisa County**

**Matt and Steph Essick  
Rich and Ann Harves  
Clay County**

**Terry and Nila Finley  
Calhoun County**

**Chris C. Foss  
Foss Farm Corporation  
Black Hawk, Tama and Benton Counties**

# AWARDEES

**Jeff and Ellen Frank  
Sac County**

**Gary and Sharon Franklin  
Van Buren County**

**Brad and Laura Funk  
Decatur County**

**Randy and Julie Gamble  
Madison County**

**Kenneth and Julie Gard  
Woodbury County**

**Bruce George  
Wayne County**

**Mark and Lori Glawe and Family  
Clayton County**

**Tim and Linda Glenn  
Appanoose County**

**John Glenn  
Appanoose County**

**Knute and Denise Hallquist  
Montgomery County**

**Frank and Brenda Halverson Farm  
Buena Vista County**

**Lance and Lisa Hansen  
Guthrie County**

**Linda Lee Herman  
Harrison County**

**Hieber Tree Farm  
Keith and Mary Hieber  
Monona County**

**John, Margaret, Tom, Greg, Regina,  
Emily, Bridget and Johnny Hogan  
John J. Hogan Farms, Inc.  
Delaware County**

**Nicholas Hunt  
Cass County**

**Hurley Farms  
Rick and Kyle Hurley  
Palo Alto and Clay Counties**

**Jardon Holstein Farm  
Carl and Denise Jardon  
Fremont County**

**Ken and Marge Jasper  
Delaware County**

**Raynold and Kay Johnson  
Dallas and Boone Counties**

**Delbert and Ronda Kaldenberg  
Warren County**

**John and Sherry Kooiker  
Sioux County**

**The Ladd Farm Corporation  
Robert and Brynn Ladd  
Lyon County**

**Travis Landt  
Clayton County**

**Charles Legler, Barbara, Kristine  
Ruby and Nathan Legler  
Kossuth County**

**Orlando and Lois Leimer  
Buena Vista County**

# AWARDEES

**Lemker Farms  
Carroll County**

**Mark and Kelly Long; Carrie and  
Addison Vander Beek; and Clint, Ashley,  
Ava Marie and Weston Long  
Mahaska County**

**Ivan Marchmann  
Madison County**

**Don McCool  
Guthrie and Greene Counties**

**Terri Peterson McCulley  
Larry and Shirley Peterson  
Jackson County**

**Denny and Sue Ann Meggers  
Madison County**

**Frank L. Moore  
Howard County**

**David and Marla Nees  
Sac County**

**Walnut Ridge Farms  
Don and Karen Niebuhr  
Monroe County**

**Ramona and John Nitz  
Cherokee County**

**Jim and Barb O'Connell  
Linn County**

**Robert Oldham  
Mahaska County**

**Pape Farms  
Jeff and Wanda Pape  
Dubuque County**

**Paustian Enterprises  
Scott County**

**Scott and Kristen Poen  
Sac County**

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Poppens Farms  
Grundy County**

**Bob and Lisa Puetz with  
Cory and Kari Puetz  
Plymouth County**

**Stephen J. Reinart  
Carroll County**

**Jeff and Micki Reints  
Butler County**

**Mike and Brian Riggert of Riggert Farms  
Kossuth County**

**Glenn and Bev Rowe  
Madison and Union Counties**

**Jon Rowen  
Wright and Humboldt Counties**

**David & Diane Royer  
Guthrie County**

**Ed Rueschenberg Farm  
Shelby County**

# AWARDEES

**James Michael Rysdam  
And Diana Rysdam  
Davis County**

**Al and Ruth Schafbuch  
Benton County**

**SFF AG  
Osceola County (IA) and Nobles County (MN)**

**John Sellers  
Wayne County**

**Jerry and Kathy Sindt  
Ida County**

**Virgil and Charlotte Sorenson  
Audubon County**

**Keith and Judy Sparks  
Madison County**

**Steensen Farms  
Cletus and Ryan Steensen  
Guthrie County**

**David and Rhonda Stevenson  
Sara, Nathan, Emma, Laura  
Wright, Humboldt and Kossuth Counties**

**Sweeney Farms  
Dave, Annette, Jim and Joe Sweeney  
Hardin County**

**Mark and Connie Tjelmeland  
Story County**

**Bob and Marilyn Torgerson Estate  
Humboldt County**

**Marvin and Joyce Van Haften  
Marion County**

**Alvin and Joyce Van Wyk  
Osceola County**

**WE, Inc.  
Rick and Barb Wadle  
Pocahontas County**

**Waldstein and Sons  
Buena Vista County**

**Hank and Cathy Wehrman  
Benton County**

**John and Linda Weiskircher  
Clay County**

**Ray and Kathie Willhoite  
Sac County**

**Denny Winterboer and Kevin Theissan  
Clay and Dickinson Counties**

**Russell Wright and Family  
Black Hawk County**

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**IAWA salutes Iowa's farmers and Environmental Leader award recipients.**