

# 2017 Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards



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# 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 recognizes the exemplary voluntary actions of farmers that improve or protect the environment and natural resources of our state. These influential environmental leaders also encourage other farmers to follow in their footsteps by showcasing the success that they have had.

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.

As true stewards of the land, these awardees recognize that improved water quality and soil sustainability reap 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 and Presentation of Awards*

**Kim Reynolds**  
Governor

**Adam Gregg**  
Lt. Governor

**Bill Northey**  
Secretary of Agriculture

**Chuck Gipp**  
Department of Natural Resources Director

## *Special Thanks to the Award Selection Committee*

**David De Geus**  
The Nature Conservancy

**Jim Frederick**  
Conservation Districts of Iowa

**Wayne Fredericks**  
Iowa Soybean Association

**Dennis Friest**  
Iowa Corn Growers Association

**Jim Gillespie**  
Iowa Department of Agriculture  
and Land Stewardship

**Jay Harmon**  
Iowa State University Extension  
and Outreach

**Sheila Larson**  
Iowa Turkey Federation

**Sean McMahon**  
Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance

**Katie Olthoff**  
Iowa Cattlemen's Association

**Jeff Pape**  
Iowa Farm Bureau

**Bruce Trautman**  
Iowa Department of Natural  
Resources

**Dan Wetherell**  
Iowa Pork Producers  
Association

# Awardees

**Robert and Marilyn Arndorfer**

*Clarke County*

**Elgin-Ayers Farm**

*Warren, Clarke and Adair Counties*

**Paul and Linda Beckman**

*Des Moines County*

**Alan and LuAnn Bennett**

*Ida County*

**David and Darren Boot**

*Marion County*

**James and Melody Bourn**

*Montgomery County*

**Denny L. Busch**

*Madison County*

**Brian Caves**

*Van Buren County*

**Austin, Angela, Harley,  
and Lea Charlson**

*Wright County*

**John Clayton and Kyle Clayton**

*Shelby, Cass and Pottawattamie Counties*

**Croghan Family Farm**

**Jerry and Nancy Croghan**

*Shelby County*

**Ricky and Mary Davis**

*Wayne County*

**Russ and Liz Davis**

*Sac and Calhoun Counties*

**Wayne Dillard Family Farms**

*Warren County*

**Wendell and Becky Dimmitt**

*Wapello County*

**John Dingman**

*Lee County*

**Bob Downing**

*Warren County*

**Ro-Sie View Farm**

**Roger and Susie Edwards**

*Louisa County*

**David and Jennifer Felt**

*Dallas County*

**Arcola Farms**

**Bo and Mali Fox**

*Monona County*

**Jim Goodhue and Family**

*Warren County*

**Dave and Sharee Green**

*Dickinson County*

**Griffieon Family Farm**

*Polk County*

**Larry Haren**

*Hamilton County*

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# Awardees

**Mark Henderson**

*Davis and Appanoose Counties*

**Hoeger Family Farms**

Joe and Lori Hoeger

*Delaware County*

**Ingels Farms**

Chad Ingels

*Fayette County*

**Joe and Mary Jardon**

*Fremont and Montgomery Counties*

**Jellum Farm**

Eric and Annette Jellum

Mark and Chris Jellum

*Mitchell County*

**Bruce and Lisa Johnson**

*Mitchell County*

**Patrick and Nancy Jones**

*Dickinson County*

Karin Jordahl, Sharon Jordahl,

Jerry Jordahl, Leif Jordahl,

**HF Holdings LLC, Longevity Foundation**

Rod and Shannan Potts

**Potts Organic Farms**

*Hancock and Webster Counties*

**Gene Kaldenberg**

*Jasper County*

**Wayne and Lisa Koehler**

*Floyd County*

**Paul and Avriel Koester**

*Tama County*

**Dalla Terra Ranch**

Sharon Krause

*Dallas County*

**Peter and Darlene Keuning**

*Marion and Jasper County*

**Lampe Farms Company**

Ron Lampe and Tom Lampe

*Pocahontas County*

**Jim and Laurie Legvold**

*Humboldt, Wright and Webster Counties*

**Lehman Farms**

*Polk County*

**Mike G. and Rhonda J. Leonard**

*Harrison County*

**Mallams Inc.**

Steve and Ann Mallams

*Henry County*

**Eric Marchand**

*Hancock County*

**Frederick W. Martens**

*Madison County*

**Duane Martin Family Inc.**

Duane and Karen Martin

Brian and Jamie Martin

*Fayette County*

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**Cinnamon Ridge Farms**

John and Joan Maxwell

*Scott County*

**Mike and Jon McClure**

*Dallas County*

**Keith and Sharon Mensing**

*Adair County*

**Harlan Miller**

*Henry and Lee Counties*

**Donald Millikin**

Harlan and Joyce Millikin

Joel and Jenell Millikin

*Keokuk County*

**Rick and Page Mitteness**

*Wayne County*

**Moffitt Stock Farms**

*Warren County*

**Todd, Anne, and Andrew Nielsen**

*Wright County*

**Jim and Mike Penick**

*Warren County*

**Joe and Shirley Pitsor**

*Franklin County*

**Prevo Farms Inc.**

Mark and Cindy Prevo

Kevin and Angela Prevo

Jason and Amanda Prevo

Kyle and Clarrissa Prevo

*Davis County*

**J3B Partnership**

*Hancock County*

**Ron and Marilyn Reis**

Brandon and Jessica Reis

*Howard County*

Donald W. and Betty J. Richardson

Bruce and Deborah Richardson

Matthew and Megan Richardson

*Buena Vista County*

**Randy and Karla Rupalo**

*Appanoose County*

**Julius and Cynthia Schaaf**

*Fremont County*

Mark and Melissa Schleisman

(M&M Farms)

Colby and Brandy Winter

Matthew Schleisman

*Calhoun, Carroll and Sac Counties*

Dave and Karen Schwaller

*Dickinson and Clay Counties*

**Sheets Farms**

Leon Sheets

*Chickasaw County*

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**Henry and Meri Kay Shepard**

*Black Hawk and Benton Counties*

**Kenneth Sieren**

*Washington and Keokuk Counties*

**Loran and Brenda Steinlage**

*Fayette County*

**Randall and Barbara Stewart**

*Wayne and Jasper Counties*

**Westshore Farms, INC.**

*Palo Alto County*

**C&S Sylvester**

**Brad and Debbie Sylvester**

*Wapello County*

**Alan Tiefenthaler**

*Sac and Carroll Counties*

**Tim and Ellen Tusha**

*Hancock and Emmet Counties*

**Upchurch Feeders**

Susan and Kendall Upchurch

Melissa and Seth Upchurch

*Story County*

**Craig Voss**

*Wright County*

**Nathan Voss**

*Kossuth County*

**Walton Farms**

Dave, Paula, Brad, and Alex Walton

Albert and Carole Walton

*Cedar and Scott Counties*

**Weber Brother's Dairy Inc.**

Virgil and Rhonda Weber

Dan and Sal Weber

*Dubuque County*

**Weller Farms**

Chase and Jess Weller

*Taylor County*

**Wellik and Sons**

*Hancock County*

**Wieben Farms**

*Benton and Tama Counties*

**Dave and Dorothy Winter**

**Carl and Kathleen Winter**

*Guthrie County*

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