2016 Iowa
Farm Environmental
Leader Awards

Program

Iowa State Fair
Penningroth Center
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
10am
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 – Department of Natural Resources Director

Special Thanks to the Award Selection Committee

Jim Andrew – Iowa Soybean Association
Pat Daufeldt – Iowa Turkey Federation
David De Geus – The Nature Conservancy
Jim Frederick – Conservation Districts of Iowa
Jim Gillespie – Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
John Lawrence – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
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
Roger Zylstra – Iowa Corn Growers Association
## Awardees

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| Eric and Bridget Arthur  
EA Farms  
*Cerro Gordo, Worth and Mitchell Counties* | Steven and LaDonna Brunk  
Lean Pork Lane  
*Grundy County* |
| Warren and Linda Bachman  
*Clarke County* | David and Angie Burmahl  
*Jackson County* |
| Bruce and Cynthia Ballard  
*Iowa County* | Mike and Becky Carstensen  
*Sac County* |
| Kurt Bechert and James C. Bechert  
*Wapello and Keokuk Counties* | Rodney and Sarah Carter,  
David and Lindsey Carter  
*Fremont County* |
| Arlan and Karen Becker  
*Warren County* | Kelly and Diane Clevenger  
Brad and Hannah Clevenger  
*Warren County* |
| Jack and Marion Boyer  
J. Boyer Farms  
*Tama and Grundy Counties* | Keith and Angela Dachenbach  
*Lucas County* |
| Richard and Valita Bradley  
*Dubuque County* | Tim and Lori Daly  
*Dubuque County* |
| Russell and Phyllis Brandes  
*Pottawattamie County* | Jim, Jan, Jason Dougherty and  
Darcy Dougherty Maulsby  
*Calhoun County* |
| Clark and Linda BreDahl  
Mormon Trail Farms  
*Adair County* | Ken and Deb Ehlers,  
Mike and Michelle Ehlers  
*Buena Vista County* |
| Peter and Jen Bixel, Bixel Farms  
Bill and Chris Broshar, Broshar Farms  
*Hancock and Wright Counties* | Ehr Farms  
I. James Ehr, Steven Ehr and Robert Ehr  
*Black Hawk County* |
| Jeff and Cheryl Bruene, Douglas Bruene and David Bruene  
*Tama County* | Randy and Jill Euken  
*Cass County* |

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Awardees

Dwaine and Twyla Evans
Pat and Amy Evans
*Lucas and Wayne Counties*

Mike and Gerald Fangman
*Buchanan County*

Dean Fehl, Ben Fehl, Brandt Fehl
*Benton and Black Hawk Counties*

Jerry and Brenda Feurstenau
*Feurstenau Farms
Palo Alto County*

Chris Gaesser
*Gaesser Farms
Adams, Union and Taylor Counties*

Dave and Kathie Gerber
*Kossuth County*

Kevin and Sandy Glanz
*Glanz Farms
Delaware County*

Dennie J. Gould, Jared J. Gould and Joshua J. Gould
*Gould Farms LLC
Marshall County*

Dale and Karen Green,
Tom and Jeni Melcher
*Spring Valley Farm
Winneshiek County*

Robert and Ruth Harvey
*Guthrie County*

Paul Hathaway
*Mills County*

Michael Helland and Charles Helland
Polk, Story, Boone and Dallas Counties

Beth Henning
*Henning Sisters Partnership
Calhoun, Greene and Guthrie Counties*

Dwight Hobson
*Pottawattamie County*

Dallas and Ardis Huebner
*Sioux County*

Wayne and Sherry Humphreys
*Louisa County*

Doug and Coleen Imming
*Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties*

Darrell and Joyce Jamison
*Madison County*

Will and Danielle Johnson,
Bruce and Marline Johnson
*Double J Farms
Dickinson and Clay Counties*

Allen and Debra Kadolph
*Hardin County*

Arlyn and Sue Kauffman
*Decatur County*

Ben and Carolyn Kern
*Warren County*

Glenn and Dixie Knipfer
*Iowa and Keokuk Counties*

James and Margaret Koch
*Madison and Dallas Counties*

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Awardees

Michael D. Koch
Madison County

Stephen Krauter and Doug Vogel
Lee County

Gene and Tricia Langel
Carroll County

Max and Jeani Leyda
Davis County

C. Gregory Lichty and Vicki Lichty
Howard County

James Lindaman
Butler County

Steve, Jill and Hunter Lueken; Dakota and Jessica Lueken; and Arnold Lueken
Delaware County

Richard Lund
Allison and Eric Price
Pocahontas County

Dennis and Barb Mashek
Hilltop Acres Farm
Winneshiek County

James McHugh
Boone County

Neal and Cheryl McMullin
Wapello County

Curtis and Brenda Meier
Meier Family Farm, Inc.
Page County

Curtis and Anita Mether
Harrison County

Miller Farms
Henry County

Tim Minton
Dallas County

Cyrus Monson and Eric Monson
Shelby and Audubon Counties

John and Julie Morische
Mitchell County

Bryan and Teresa Mowrer
Guthrie County

Gary and Alura Otto
Cherokee County

Peterson Farms
Union and Madison Counties

Larry J. Pidgeon and Daniel J. Pidgeon
Henry and Jefferson Counties

David and Jolene Riessen
Ida County

Ronald and Sandra Risdal
Story County

Rick and Mona Rottinghaus
Black Hawk and Buchanan Counties

Jerome Sass
Clayton County

Luverne and Mary Ann Schmidt, Lonnie and Chris Schmidt, Jamie and Beth Schmidt, Mark and Leah Reinert, and Adam and Victoria Schmidt
Schmidt Family Farms
Hancock County

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John and Sheri Schulte  
Iowa County

Stephen and Beverly Schurman  
Warren County

Shipley Family Farms  
Adams and Montgomery Counties

Wayne and Linda Siela, Neal and Lori Siela, and Austin and Courtni Siela  
Benton County

Joe Simington  
Clay County

Jack and Maria Smith, Ted and Sara Smith and family, and Nick and Jessica Smith and family  
Dubuque County

Darrell Steele  
Washington County

Rob and Becky Steiner  
Wright County

Rick and Sara Steinkamp  
Sac County

Glen Stenzel and Steve Stenzel  
Fremont County

Kenny & Leanne Sutter, Tyler & Megan Sutter, Jacob & Kelsey Sutter  
Sutter Family Farm  
Marion County

J. Richard and Dorothy Jo Swanson, J. Steven and LuAnn Swanson, and Scott and Julie Swanson  
Rock Creek Farms, Inc.  
Keokuk County

Dennis and Jeanine Tellin, Raymond Tellin  
Fayette County

Joel and Mary Thomas  
Dallas County

Max L. Trimpe  
Johnson County

Glenn and Colleen Van Dyke, Greg and Mindy Van Dyke, Gerry and Jill Van Dyke and Bryce and Cherie Westerkamp  
Van Dyke Family Farm  
Poweshiek County

Arvin and Laura Vos  
Jasper, Marion, Davis, Wayne, Lucas and Appanoose Counties

Kenneth Walker and John McCarthy  
Montgomery County

Dick and Donna Wallace  
Adair County

Doug and Julie Wallace  
Adams County

B.J. and Michelle Wayson, Michael and Rachel Wayson and Blake and Jenny Wayson  
Wayson Farms  
Benton County

Dan Weber and Leo Weber Family Partnership  
Wapello, Keokuk and Jefferson Counties

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To increase the pace and scale of farmer-led efforts to improve water quality