

2018 Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards



Iowa State Fair
Penningroth Center
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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

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Opening Remarks and Presentation of Awards

Kim Reynolds

Governor

Adam Gregg

Lt. Governor

Mike Naig

Secretary of Agriculture

Bruce Trautman

Acting Director, Department of Natural Resources

Special Thanks to the Award Selection Committee

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Iowa Soybean Association

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Iowa Corn Growers Association

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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

Doug and Jamie Bartels
Calhoun and Sac Counties

Mark and Dee Batchelder
*Appanoose, Lucas
and Wayne Counties*

**Gary and Wanda Bates,
Chris Bates**
Keokuk County

Baur Family Farms
Madison County

Jim & Sylvia Berger
Carroll County

**Joe Bormann & Val Weis Family,
Emmett, Kellen, and Calla**
Kossuth and Humboldt Counties

David & Jennifer Boswell
*Humboldt, Story and Decatur
Counties*

Larry and Bunny Buss
Harrison County

**Eric & Jennifer Cherne
Scott & Sarah Cherne**
Clayton and Delaware Counties

Steve Copenhaver
Buchanan County

Donjan Swiss Inc.
Sioux County

Heath Deyoung
*Pocahontas, Palo Alto and
Buena Vista Counties*

Jerome & Janet Dickson
Guthrie County

Twister Creek Partnership
Ben Dontje, Jim Dontje,
Dale Dontje and spouses
Winnebago County

Aaron Easton
Plymouth County

Randy & Denise Eddy
Appanoose County

**Don & Barb Eekhoff and
Ryan & Lori Eekhoff**
Hancock County

Rafter E Ranch LLC
Scott and Muscatine Counties

Don & Chris Eyerly
Madison County

Awardees

Dale & Sharon Fertig
Sac and Crawford Counties

Flynn Family Farms
Story and Marshall Counties

Mark & Justin Fraise Farms LLC
Lee County

Frederick Family Farm
Bill and Melissa Frederick
Al and Ann Frederick
Greene County

Greg & Lori Gaskill
Shelby County

Tom and Kathy Goeken
Clay County

Hackman Farms
John and Sue Hackman
Winneshiek County

Roger & Kathleen Hawkins
Sioux and Plymouth Counties

Kevin Holl Farms Inc.
Kevin D. and Debra S. Holl
Marshall County

Howell Farm Inc.
Jim & Tom Howell
Louisa County

Maurice and Pam Johnson
Floyd and Mitchell Counties

Curt and Missy Johnson
Taylor County

Brian Keehner
Clayton County

David and Jonathon Kiel
Sioux County

Roger & Elaine Kleve
Howard County

Dale & Lois Kraft
Wright County

Keith and Lorena Lain
Appanoose County

Lamis Farms Inc.
Mark and Nancy Lamis
Wapello County

Lee Family Farms
Polk County

Maas Farms
Stewart and Debra Maas
Jared and Abby Maas
Iowa and Poweshiek Counties

Awardees

Marsden Farms
Kent and Mike Marsden
Montgomery County

McBride Farms
Jerry McBride, Rick McBride,
Kyle McBride
Ida and Woodbury Counties

Dennis Messingham
Black Hawk County

**Mark & Joleen Nechanicky and
Adam & Lindsey Nechanicky**
Tama County

Scott, Karen and Dylan Ness
Allamakee County

D G & Rosemary Partridge
Sac County

**Clark Porter, Sharon Porter,
Paul J. Porter, Audrey Porter**
Grundy and Tama Counties

BJR Farms
Crawford County

Virginia Reynolds
Clarke County

Randolph Schaefer
Dallas County

Schmitt Family Farm
Dubuque County

Travis and Linda Schulte
Iowa County

Dale & Lisa Siebrecht
Palo Alto County

Glenda, Jeremy and Josiah Sieren
Keokuk and Wapello Counties

Silver Land Company
Polk County

Dennis & Debbie Sloth
Wright and Grundy Counties

S & S Farms Inc.
Tom, Mike, Mark and Ethan
Smith
Buena Vista County

John Sobotka
Pocahontas County

Thompson Farms
Mark, NancyAnn,
Jackson and Juliet
Humboldt and Webster Counties

Gene Tinker and Sharon Tinker
Delaware County

Awardees

**Thomas J. Vincent &
Georgia M. Vincent**
Dallas County

Watson Farms
Larry & Carol Watson
Harrison County

Wayson Family Farms
Benton and Tama Counties

Charles R. Wearda
Franklin and Butler Counties

Darrell Weems
Cass, Dallas and Carroll Counties

Clark Whitaker
Henry and Van Buren Counties

Len Youngblut
Black Hawk and Tama Counties

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