

# VIRGINIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

## AWARDS PROGRAM

### PAST RECIPIENTS

#### AGRIBUSINESS AWARDS

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AN AGRIBUSINESS** - To an agribusiness deserving recognition for service and support to the Council and Virginia agribusinesses.

2008 - First Bank & Trust Co.	2010 - Graves Mountain Farms	2012 - Brookmeade Sod Farm
2013 - Knoll Crest Farms	2014 - R.O. Mayes and Son	2015 - Shen. Valley Produce Auction
2016 - Houff's Feed and Fertilizer	2017- Loudoun County Econ. Dev.	2018 - James River Nurseries; Strange's Florist; Brookmeade Sod Farm
2019 - Virginia Cattle Company	2020 - Phillips & Turman Tree Farms	2021- Virginia Green Lawn Care

**AGRIBUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - For a member of the Council for exceptional contributions to Virginia agribusinesses.

2001 - Colonial Farm Credit	2009 - Montague Farms, Inc.	2017- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
2002 - Southern States Coop.	2011 - Old Dominion Grain	2018- Universal Leaf Tobacco. Co.
2003 - Philip Morris, USA	2012 - Smithfield Foods, Inc.	2019- Graves Mountain Farms
2004 - Va., Md., and Del. Association of Electric Coops.	2013 - MD and VA Milk Producers Cooperative	2020- James River Equipment
2005 - Farm Credit of the VAs	2014 - Perdue AgriBusiness	2021 - Richlands Dairy & Creamery
2007 - State Fair of Virginia	2015 - Saunders Brothers, Inc.	
2008 - MeadWestvaco Corp.	2016 - First Bank and Trust	

**AGRIBUSINESS ENVIRONMENT** - To an agribusiness to recognize outstanding achievements, research, or practices that benefit both agribusiness and the environment.

2001 - Green Valley Poultry Farm	2012 - J.N. Mills & Sons	2017- Cub Run Dairy
2007 - Virginia Biodiesel Refinery	2013 - Peter McDonough	2018 - Engel Family Farms
2008 - Va. State Dairyman's Assn.	2014 - Battlefield Farms	2019- Riverhill Farms
2010 - Delta Springs Farm	2015 - Bleak House Farm	2020- Renwood Farms
2011 - Kenwood, LLC	2016 - Van Der Hyde Dairy	2021- Beery Farms

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Land Grant University Award** - To an outstanding faculty member, administrator, or employee of a Virginia Land Grant University (Virginia Tech or Virginia State University) for meritorious or exemplary service to the industry of agribusiness during their career.

1989 - Bobby L. Flippen	Keith Balderson	2013-Dr. Jewel Hairston (Specialist)
1990 - Herbert Jones	2004 - Mike Parrish	Cynthia Marston (Agent)
1991 - Arden N. Huff	2005 - Dr. Dee Whittier	2014 - Dr. Charles Steger (Admin.)
1992 - A.L. "Ike" Eller	2007 - Dr. Scott Hagood (Specialist)	Dr. Wade Thomason (Spec.)
1993 - "Ned" Conklin	Paul H. Davis (Agent)	2015 - Dr. Ed Jones (Admin)
Harold Roller	2008 - Dr. Pat Phipps (Specialist)	Jennifer Gagnon (Staff)
1994 - Harlan E. White	Eric Bendfeldt (Agent)	2016 - Dr. Tony Wolf (Specialist)
1995 - James C. Maitland, Sr.	2009- Dr. Gordon Groover (Specialist)	Bob Pitman (Admin)
1996 - Dr. Allen Harper	Cynthia Gregg (Agent)	2017- Brad Jarvis (Agent)
1997 - Dr. Dan Brann	2010 - Dr. Ames Herbert (Specialist)	Dr. Tom Kuhar (Professor)
1998 - Dr. Glen Heuberger	Phil Blevins (Agent)	2018- Scott Jessee (Agent)
1999 - Jim Belote	2011 - Dr. Chris Teutsch (Specialist)	Dr. David Holshouser (Professor)
2001 - Dr. Mark Alley	Steve Hopkins (Agent)	2019- Taylor Clarke (Agent)
2002 - Dr. Jim Jones	2012- Dr. Scott Greiner (Specialist)	Dr. Doug Pfeiffer (Professor)
2003 - Dr. Charles Swann	David Moore (Agent)	

2020- Scott Reiter (Agent)  
Dr. Ozzie Abaye (Professor)

2021 – Amy Fannon Byington  
(Agent)  
Dr. Maru Kering (VSU)  
Dr. Alex White (VT)

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL** - To a person or persons deserving recognition for service to agribusiness, but not to the degree or for the length of time necessary for eligibility to received the Distinguished Service Award.

1976 - Hunter R. Greenlaw  
1977 - Dr. Claud L. Scroggs  
1980 - Mrs. B. Chewing Watkins  
1981 - Mrs. Madge Bush  
1982 - A.S. "Slim" Mistr  
1983 - Dr. James R. Nichols  
1985 - Roy A. Meek  
1986 - M. Willard Miller  
1987 - John H. Settle, Jr.;  
Charles M. Saunders, III  
1988 - Jack Cahoon  
1990 - Liz Kashurba  
1991 - George A. Morrow  
1992 - S. Mason Carbaugh  
1993 - Robert Gomperts

1994 - Emily G. Lewis  
1994 - Margaret B. Watkins  
1995 - Edward T. Scott;  
A. Lee Mitchell  
1996 - Dr. Dennis Brown  
1997 - Cathy Wright, Robins  
Buck, Susan Simpson  
1997 - Steve Mitchell, Lisa Lloyd  
1998 - Wayne C. Ashworth  
1999 - John Miller  
Dr. Dave Kohl  
2001 - Delbert O'Meara; Charles  
Longest; John Parker  
2002 - Dennis Treacy  
2005/6 - Hugh Harris

2007 - Edward Metcalf, Sr.  
2009 - Dr. Carl Griffey  
2010 - Roy E. Seward  
2011 - Jeb Hockman  
2012 - Jeff Ishee  
2013 – Dee Dee Darden  
2014 –Dixie Watts Dalton  
2016 – Bruce Beahm  
2017- Billy Dawson  
2018 – Ronnie Gill  
2019 – Paul & Boogie Davis  
2020 – Dr. Jewel Bronaugh  
2021 – Dr. Mark Alley

**ALVIN W. BLAHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - To an individual for meritorious service to the Virginia Agribusiness Council and the State's industry of agribusiness over a long period of time.

1975 - R. H. Strickler  
1976 - David E. Laird, Jr.  
1977 - Mrs. Emily Lewis  
1979 - Roie M. Godsey  
1980 - Hunter M. Greenlaw  
1981 - Paul E. Mullinix  
1982 - George E. Dodson  
1983 - Maurice B. Rowe  
1984 - Robert E. Comerford, Jr.  
1986 - Taylor E. Gore  
1987 - Stanley O. Forbes  
1988 - H. Earl Longest  
1989 - Bob Bryan  
1990 - Richard Andrews  
1991 - James H. Starkey, III  
1992 - C.J. Martin  
1993 - R. DuVal Dickinson

Galen B. Brubaker  
1994 - Reginald H. Nelson, IV  
J. Carlton Courter, III  
1995 - John C. Anderson  
1996 - Glen C. Sink  
Gene A. James  
1997 - Bryan Taliaferro  
1997 - Otis L. Brown  
1998 - C. M. Saunders, III  
1999 - Robert Strickler; Jerry Gass  
2001 - Tom Kirkpatrick  
2002 - Billy Park; Paul Saunders  
2003 - Dr. Andy Swiger  
Bette B. Brand  
2004 - Neal Martin  
2005 - David M. Chilton  
2006 - Clay Roberts

2007 - Dr. A. L. "Ike" Eller, Jr.  
2008 - Alvin Blaha  
2009 - L. Bruce Holland  
2010 - Bill Birdsong  
2011 - Gabriele Rausse  
2012 - Greg Farmer  
2013 – Paul Rogers  
2014 – The Hon. Todd Haymore  
2015 – Gerry Underwood  
2016 – Billy Bain  
2017- Dave Lawrence  
2018 – Ambassador Dick Crowder  
2019 – Dr. Dave Kohl  
2020 – Jim Riddell  
2021- Shelley Butler Barlow

**DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD** - To a past leader of the Council for meritorious service to the Virginia Agribusiness Council and the State's industry of agribusiness.

2007 - Douglas R. Phillips  
2008 - Louis L. Brooking, Jr.  
2009 - J. Hudson Reese  
2010 - Charlie Wood  
2011 - Jim Saunders

2012 - Matt Faulconer  
2013 – Ollie Kitchen  
2014 – Eric Holter  
2015 – Bill Hayter  
2016 – Danny Shreckhise

2017- Larry Seamans  
2018- Lynn Graves  
2019- Bette Brand  
2020- Kern Houff  
2021- Easton Loving

**DISTINGUISHED FRIEND OF AGRIBUSINESS** - Presented at the Appreciation Banquet to a member of Congress, state legislator, governor, or other influential governmental official for exceptional support of Virginia's agribusiness industry for a period of years.

1978 - Gov. Mills E. Godwin, Jr.  
1979 - Rep. William C. Wampler  
1981 - Gov. John N. Dalton  
1982 - US Sen. John W. Warner  
1984 - Sen. Howard P. Anderson  
1985 - Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson  
1986 - Sen. Elmon T. Gray  
1993 - Del. Robert B. Ball, Sr. (D)  
1994 - Del. V. Earl Dickinson (D)  
1995 - Del. J. Paul Council, Jr. (D)  
1996 - Sen. John W. Warner (R)  
1997 - Rep. Thomas J. Bliley, Jr. (R)  
1998 - Rep. Virgil Goode (D)  
1999 - Sen. John Watkins (R)  
2000 - Rep. Norman Sisisky (D)  
2001 - Del. Bob Bloxom (R)  
2002 - Sen. Charles Hawkins (R)  
2003 - Sen. Emmett Hanger (R)  
2004 - Sen. Edd Houck (D)  
2005 - Sen. John Chichester (R)  
2006 - Gov. Mark R. Warner (D)  
2007 - Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R)  
    Del. R. Steven Landes (R)  
2008 - Del. Bobby Orrrock (R)  
2009 - Del. Bev Sherwood (R)  
2010 - Del. James Shuler (D)  
2011 - Del. Ed Scott (R)  
2012 - Sen. Phillip Puckett (D)  
2013 - Gov. Bob McDonnell (R)  
2014 - Sen Frank Ruff (R)  
2015 - Sen. Mark Obenshain (R)  
2016 - Sen. Lynwood Lewis (D)  
2017 - Delegate Kirk Cox (R)  
2018 - Congressman Rob Wittman (R)  
2019 - Senator Rosalyn Dance (D)  
2020 - Del. Mark Keam (D)  
2021 - Sen. Chap Petersen (R)