

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
2022 - Frazier Quarry	2023 - W.S. Connelly & Co.	

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.	2022 - Red Sun Farms
2008 - MeadWestvaco Corp.	2016 - First Bank and Trust	
2023 - Houff Corporation		

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 Dairymen'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
2022 - Dublin Farms	2023 - Yankey 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	2001 - Dr. Mark Alley	2010 - Dr. Ames Herbert (Specialist) Phil Blevins (Agent)
1990 - Herbert Jones	2002 - Dr. Jim Jones	2011 - Dr. Chris Teutsch (Specialist) Steve Hopkins (Agent)
1991 - Arden N. Huff	2003 - Dr. Charles Swann Keith Balderson	2012- Dr. Scott Greiner (Specialist) David Moore (Agent)
1992 - A.L. "Ike" Eller	2004 - Mike Parrish	2013-Dr. Jewel Hairston (Specialist) Cynthia Marston (Agent)
1993 - "Ned" Conklin Harold Roller	2005 - Dr. Dee Whittier	2014 - Dr. Charles Steger (Admin.) Dr. Wade Thomason (Spec.)
1994 - Harlan E. White	2007 - Dr. Scott Hagood (Specialist) Paul H. Davis (Agent)	2015 - Dr. Ed Jones (Admin) Jennifer Gagnon (Staff)
1995 - James C. Maitland, Sr.	2008 - Dr. Pat Phipps (Specialist) Eric Bendfeldt (Agent)	
1996 - Dr. Allen Harper	2009- Dr. Gordon Groover (Specialist)	
1997 - Dr. Dan Brann	Cynthia Gregg (Agent)	
1998 - Dr. Glen Heuberger		
1999 - Jim Belote		

2016 – Dr. Tony Wolf (Specialist)
 Bob Pitman (Admin)
 2017- Brad Jarvis (Agent)
 Dr. Tom Kuhar (Professor)
 2018- Scott Jessee (Agent)
 Dr. David Holshouser
 (Professor)
 2019- Taylor Clarke (Agent)

Dr. Doug Pfeiffer (Professor)

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

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

2022 – Jeremy Daubert
 Dr. Bobby Grisso
 2023 – William Crutchfield
 Dr. Michael Goatley

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	1994 - Emily G. Lewis	2007 - Edward Metcalf, Sr.
1977 - Dr. Claud L. Scroggs	1994 - Margaret B. Watkins	2009 - Dr. Carl Griffey
1980 - Mrs. B. Chewing Watkins	1995 - Edward T. Scott; A. Lee Mitchell	2010 - Roy E. Seward
1981 - Mrs. Madge Bush	1996 - Dr. Dennis Brown	2011 - Jeb Hockman
1982 - A.S. "Slim" Mistr	1997 - Cathy Wright, Robins Buck, Susan Simpson	2012 - Jeff Ishee
1983 - Dr. James R. Nichols	1997 - Steve Mitchell, Lisa Lloyd	2013 – Dee Dee Darden
1985 - Roy A. Meek	1998 - Wayne C. Ashworth	2014 –Dixie Watts Dalton
1986 - M. Willard Miller	1999 - John Miller	2016 – Bruce Beahm
1987 - John H. Settle, Jr.;	Dr. Dave Kohl	2017- Billy Dawson
Charles M. Saunders, III	2001 - Delbert O'Meara; Charles Longest; John Parker	2018 – Ronnie Gill
1988 - Jack Cahoon	2002 - Dennis Treacy	2019 – Paul & Boogie Davis
1990 - Liz Kashurba	2005/6 - Hugh Harris	2020 – Dr. Jewel Bronaugh
1991 - George A. Morrow		2021 – Dr. Mark Alley
1992 - S. Mason Carbaugh		2022 – Katie Frazier
1993 - Robert Gomperts		2023 – Kristen Hughes Evans

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	1994 - Reginald H. Nelson, IV J. Carlton Courter, III	2009 - L. Bruce Holland
1976 - David E. Laird, Jr.	1995 - John C. Anderson	2010 - Bill Birdsong
1977 - Mrs. Emily Lewis	1996 - Glen C. Sink Gene A. James	2011 - Gabriele Rausse
1979 - Roie M. Godsey	1997 - Bryan Taliaferro	2012 - Greg Farmer
1980 - Hunter M. Greenlaw	1997 - Otis L. Brown	2013 – Paul Rogers
1981 - Paul E. Mullinix	1998 - C. M. Saunders, III	2014 – The Hon. Todd Haymore
1982 - George E. Dodson	1999 - Robert Strickler; Jerry Gass	2015 – Gerry Underwood
1983 - Maurice B. Rowe	2001 - Tom Kirkpatrick	2016 – Billy Bain
1984 - Robert E. Comerford, Jr.	2002 - Billy Park; Paul Saunders	2017- Dave Lawrence
1986 - Taylor E. Gore	2003 - Dr. Andy Swiger Bette B. Brand	2018 – Ambassador Dick Crowder
1987 - Stanley O. Forbes	2004 - Neal Martin	2019 – Dr. Dave Kohl
1988 - H. Earl Longest	2005 - David M. Chilton	2020 – Jim Riddell
1989 - Bob Bryan	2006 - Clay Roberts	2021- Shelley Butler Barlow
1990 - Richard Andrews	2007 - Dr. A. L. "Ike" Eller, Jr.	2022 – Dennis Treacy
1991 - James H. Starkey, III	2008 - Alvin Blaha	2023 – Wayne Kirby
1992 - C.J. Martin		
1993 - R. DuVal Dickinson Galen B. Brubaker		

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	2010 - Charlie Wood	2014 – Eric Holter
2008 - Louis L. Brooking, Jr.	2011 - Jim Saunders	2015 – Bill Hayter
2009 - J. Hudson Reese	2013 – Ollie Kitchen	2016 – Danny Shreckhise

2017- Larry Seamans
2018- Lynn Graves
2019- Bette Brand
2012 - Matt Faulconer

2020- Kern Houff
2021- Easton Loving
2022 – Lea Scott

2023 – Marlene Jolliffe

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 (D)
2022 – Sen. A. Benton Chafin
2023 – Delegate Barry Knight