

Honorary Master Pork Producers

(Listed job titles and affiliations are from time of award.)

2024

[Kaisand, Dr. Jeff](#) - State Veterinarian

[Rothschild, Dr. Max](#) - Iowa State University

[Stalder, Dr. Ken](#) - Iowa State University

2022

Dierks, Neil - Retired CEO, National Pork Producers Council

Hayes, Dr. Dermot J. - Iowa State University, Professor of Economics, Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Life Sciences

2021

Fitzgerald, Jerry - Lobbyist, Fitzgerald, Smith & Associates

Reynolds, Kim - Iowa Governor

2020

Miller, Tom - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Field Swine Specialist (retired)

2019

Beermann, Dr. Donald - Iowa State University, Chair – Dept. of Animal Science

Pride, Jason - Hy-Vee, Vice President of Meat & Seafood

2018

Lynch, Gary – CEO, Lynch Family Companies, Waucoma

Schmitt, Dr. David – State Veterinarian of Iowa

2017

Ernst, Joni - U.S. Senator from Iowa

Patience, Dr. John - Iowa State University, Professor of Animal Science

2016

Degner, Rich - Retired CEO, Iowa Pork Producers Association

2015

Durham, Debi – Director, Iowa Economic Development Authority

Hoff, Dr. Steven - Iowa State University, Professor, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2014

Baker, Dr. Butch - Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Senior Clinician

2013

Main, Dr. Rodger - Director of Operations, Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

Mertz, Dolores - Retired Iowa State Representative from Ottosen

2012

Barnes, Ernie - National Pork Board Director of Producer and Industry Services

Miller, Marlys – Editor, Pork Magazine



2011

Northey, Bill - Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
Quinn, Bob - WHO Radio

2010

Baas, Dr. Tom - Iowa State University, Professor of Animal Science
Meyer, Dr. Steve - President, Paragon Economics Inc.

2009

McAfee, Eldon - Attorney, Beving, Swanson & Forrest, P.C.
Putze, Aaron - Executive Director & Public Relations Officer, Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers

2008

Wintersteen, Dr. Wendy - Iowa State University, Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences,
Fischer, Mark - International Marketing Manager for Meat, Livestock, and Genetics, Iowa Department of
Economic Development

2007

Greiner, Sandy - Iowa State Representative
Hogberg, Dr. Maynard - Iowa State University, Chair of Department of Animal Science

2006

Thomson, Dr. John - Iowa State University, Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine
Mabry, Dr. John - Iowa State University, Director of Iowa Pork Industry Center

2005

Hommes, Harold - Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship,
Marketing Bureau Chief
Machan, Gary - Tyson Fresh Meats Inc., Senior Vice President

2004

Miller, Dale - Editor, National Hog Farmer
Halbur, Dr. Pat - Iowa State University, Chair of Veterinary Diagnostic
Laboratory

2003

Parrish, Dr. F. C. - Iowa State University, Professor of Meat Science
Pearson, Mark - WHO Radio Farm Broadcaster & Market-to-Market Host

2002

Judge, Patty - Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
Nichol, Bud - Former Owner of Iowa Quality Meats

2001

Clement, Larry – Owner, Tri State Motor Sports
Whalen, Mike – CEO, Heart of America Restaurants

2000

Grassley, Charles E. - U.S. Senator from Iowa



Telford, Michael L. - Iowa State University Foundation; former CEO of Iowa Pork Producers Association

1999

Braynard, Dale - Iowa Department of Economic Development, Manager of Meat Promotion

Marple, Dr. Dennis - Iowa State University, Chair, Department of Animal Science

1998

Wergin, Gary - WHO Radio

Lawrence, Dr. John - Iowa State University Extension Livestock Economist

1997

Cheever, Ray - IBP

May, Jack – President, Kent Feeds

Balvanz, Rich - WMT Radio

1996

Topel, Dr. David - Iowa State University, Dean of the College of Agriculture

Christian, Allen - Iowa State University, Swine Teaching Farm Manager

Gingerich, Don – Past President of NPPC and IPPA, Parnell

1995

Jischke, Dr. Martin – President, Iowa State University

Smith, Tim - Hills Bank & Trust, Senior Vice President

1994

Alyea-Smith, Char - Results Inc.

Hill, Dr. Howard - Iowa State University, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Director of Veterinary Microbiology Section

Petersen, Kenny - Pete's Supper Club, Hartley

1993

Branstad, Terry - Iowa Governor

Henderson, Douglas - Iowa State University Extension

Smith, Neal - U.S. Representative from Iowa

1992

Thoma, Mike - The Machine Shed Restaurant

Struve, Dr. Rexanne - Veterinary Associates

1991

Alumbaugh, JoAnn - Farm Progress Publications

Hamilton, Neil - Drake University Law Department

1990

Ewing, Dr. Solon "Bud" - Iowa State University

Fleming, Bill - National Hog Farmer

Juhl, Dick – Mechanicsville

1989

Frier, Jim - Washington



McGinnis, Dallas - Ames
Warwick, Jerry - Elanco

1988

Armbrecht, Dr. Paul - Lake City
Curran, Dr. Bernie - Eldridge
Hanna, Hal - KXEL Radio

1987

Germann, Larry - Morrell & Co.
Fleenor, Jim - Ida Grove

1986

Swensen, Jerry - Oscar Mayer
Schultz, Dr. Roy - Veterinarian
Holden, Dr. Palmer - Iowa State University

1985

Cooper, Doug - KWMT Radio
McKean, Dr. Jim - Iowa State University
Wahlert, Robert H. - FDL Foods Inc.

1984

Lightfoot, Jim Ross - Farm Broadcaster & U.S. Representative from Iowa
Rich, Don - Yoder Feed
Ross, Dr. Richard - Iowa State University

1983

Sylvester, Dave - KOEL Radio
Trewin, Bob - Northeast Iowa Test Station

1982

DeGroot, John - Rath Packing Company
Hasler, Dick - Wilson Foods
Pryor, Doug - Cedar Falls

1981

Lang, Dr. Merle - State Veterinarian of Iowa
Passer, Jerry - WMT Radio

1980

Christian, Dr. Lauren - Iowa State University
Mobley, Earl - Extension Livestock
Wendt, Kenneth - Ames Test Station

1979

Faint, LeRoy - Farmland Industries
Garner, J. Marvin - formerly with National Pork Producers Council



Kolmer, Lee - Iowa State University

1978

Doran, Gene - Ames Boar Test Station

Ray, Robert D. - Iowa Governor

1977

Kunesh, Jerry - Iowa State University

1976

Forrest, F. H. "Mike" - Lobbyist

1975

Heffernan, Keith - Des Moines

Kingston, Clayton - Hormel & Company

1974

Elam, Paul - FS Services

Stevermer, Emmett - Iowa State University

1973

Anderson, J. Merrill - Pres., Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

Olson, Leon - Pride of The Farm

1972

Ford, Mike - Wallaces Farmer

Foudree, Shie - Des Moines

Van Gilst, Bass - State Senator

Nuss, James - CED

1971

Flint, Dave - Vocational Agriculture Department

Fulk, Kenneth - Secretary, Iowa State Fair

Goodwin, Norman - CED

1970

Butler, Dr. Elliot - Des Moines

Huinker, Dave - Ames

Mindermann, Harold – Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Commodities Director

1969

Casey, Robert - Ida Grove

Donels, Ray - Iowa State University

Murphy, Dan - Des Moines

Stephens, Richard - Ainsworth

1968

Andre, Dean Floyd - Iowa State University

Gadd, Robert - Fort Dodge

Kirkpatrick, Keith - WHO Radio



1967

Walk, Chuck - Mason City Globe Gazette
Wedman, Dr. Ed - Veterinary Med. Res. Inst.
Whitaker, Dr. Mack - Iowa State University

1966

Baker, Don - Iowa State University
Knau, Craighton - WNAX Radio
Paul, Rolland - National Pork Producers Council

1965

Bretey, Jerry - KWMT Radio
Crabb, Frank - Farmbest
Hays, Virgil - Iowa State University
Speer, Vaughn - Iowa State University

1964

Duman, Leonard - Oscar Mayer
Nance, Bob - WMT Radio
Switzer, Dr. William - Iowa State University

1963

Muhm, Don - Des Moines Register
Pomeroy, Dr. M. E. - State Veterinarian
Rust, Robert - Iowa State University

1962

Kline, Lee - WHO Radio
Morrissey, Thomas J. - Hog Breeding Farm
Zmolek, William - Iowa State University

1961

Albrecht, Dick - Wallaces Farmer
Kline, Dr. Ed - Iowa State University
Steddom, Marion - Pork Producer

1960

Brown, Verald - Purebred Breeder
Mitchell, C. R. - National Hog Farmer
Williams, Dale - Iowa State University

1959

Johnson, Dr. Leslie - Animal Husbandry Dept.
Rinner, Dean - Wilson & Company
Spry, Clyde - Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

1958

Conn, Rex - Farm Editor
Durham, Dr. Ralph - Ext. Animal Husbandman



Hamilton, V. B. - Farmers Hybrid Hogs

1957

Meneough, Henry - Premier Swine Breeder
Plager, Russell - Morrell & Company
Spear, Dr. Maynard - Extension Veterinarian

1956

Diggins, R. V. - Voc. Ag. Instructor
Lush, Dr. Jay L. - Iowa State College
Wolrab, Milo - Premier Swine Breeder

1955

Ebbing, Bernard - Rath Packing Company
Garrett, Dr. H. U. - State Veterinarian
Kutish, Francis - Iowa State College

1954

Culbertson, C. C. - Iowa State College
Knotek, John - Purebred Breeder

1953

Groves, Bill - Pork Producer
Hazel, Dr. L. N. - Iowa State College
Plager, Carroll - Hormel & Company

1952

Wallace, James - Iowa State College
Urban, Karl - Mkt. News Soc.

1951

Catron, Damon - Iowa State College
Pemberton, R. L. - Hampshire Record Assn.
Plambeck, Herb - WHO Radio

1950

Coverdale, John - Rath Packing Company
Plager, Wilbur - Iowa Swine Producers
Shearer, P. S. - Iowa State College

1949

Cunningham, Glenn - Register & Tribune
Fisher, Harry - Farmer
Nash, Allen - Wilson & Company

1948

Anderson, A. L. - Iowa State College
Diamond, William T. - American Feed Mfgs.
Elijah, Earl - Farmer



1947

Craft, Dr. W. A. - Iowa State College
Hush, Homer - Wallaces Farmer
Sutton, Lyle - Farmer

1946

Kildee, Dean H. H. - Iowa State College
Quaife, E. L. - Iowa State College
Yungclas, William - Iowa Swine Producers

1945

Blise, R. K. - Iowa State College
Hill, Howard - Iowa Farm Bureau
Hoffman, George – Farmer

1944

Kline, Allan - American Farm Bureau
Plambeck, H. T. - Retired Farmer

