



## **American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers**

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## **ASFMRA Members Receive Recognition**

Glendale, CO - November 17, 2017 - The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers® (ASFMRA®) announced honorees at the 2017 ASFMRA Annual Conference in Savannah, GA held November 13 - 17, 2017.

### **Professional Farm Manager of the Year Award**

The Professional Farm Manager of the Year Award recognizes an AFM accredited member or team who has made an impact on the farm management profession. This year the award was presented to Allen Hatley, AFM and Tim Cobb, AFM of Hatley/Cobb Farmland Management of Spokane, Washington.

### **Appraisal Professional of the Year**

The 2017 Appraisal Professional of the Year was awarded to Wendell C. Wood, ARA. Each year ASFMRA recognizes an ARA or RPRA accredited member for their impact on the profession through appraisal education, service on professional appraisal boards, community involvement and affirmation of their professionalism and excellence within the appraisal profession. Wood is a partner in the real estate and consulting firm of Kokel-Oberrender-Wood Appraisal, Ltd based in Georgetown, Texas.

### **D. Howard Doane Award**

The 2017 D. Howard Doane Award was presented to Kirk D. Weih, AFM of Hertz Farm Management, Inc. in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The D. Howard Doane Award is held in great esteem in the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, and is given to an individual (member or non-member) who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture with emphasis on farm management and rural appraisal. Weih served as President of ASFMRA in 2011 and was the President of the Iowa Chapter in 2003.

### **Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service in Agriculture Award**

This award, named after a previous distinguished ASFMRA member is presented each year to an individual in appreciation for service to agriculture other than directly in the farm management and rural appraisal professions. The recipient of the 2017 Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service in Agriculture Award was Thomas J. Vilsack former National Secretary of Agricultural.

### **Early Career Award**

The ASFMRA Early Career Award recognizes an outstanding early career member, someone who is making outstanding contributions to their local chapter, the ASFMRA and to their local communities during their first 10 years of ASFMRA membership. The recipient of the 2017 ASFMRA Early Career Award was Skye Root, AFM, AAC.

### **Meritorious Service in Communication Award**

The Meritorious Service in Communication Award acknowledges an individual, company, or association involved in promoting understanding and goodwill between producers and consumers of agricultural products. The 2017 recipient of the Meritorious Service in Communications Award was Rod Swoboda, a member of the editorial staff for Wallace's Farmer since 1976.

### **H.E. "Buck" Stalcup Excellence in Education Award**

The H. E. "Buck" Stalcup Excellence in Education Award is awarded to individuals who have contributed his or her knowledge and countless hours toward the advancement of the ASFMRA education program. The 2017 H.E. "Buck" Stalcup Excellence in Education Awards went to Wendell C. Wood, ARA for appraisal education and to Jim C. Farrell, AFM for management education.

### **Gold Quill Award**

The Gold Quill honor is awarded to the author or authors of the most outstanding article published during the year in the Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. The ASFMRA Editorial Committee presented the 2017 Gold Quill Award to Dr. Freddie L. Barnard and Dr. Elizabeth Yeager for their article entitled, "Evaluating Effectiveness of Operating Strategies and Loan Term Changes on Repayment Capacity".

### **Silver Plow Award**

The Silver Plow is awarded to an ASFMRA chapter secretary/treasurer with 10 or more years of service. This year awards were presented to Edward W. Lumpee, ARA from the Colorado Chapter, Ray Bartholomew from the Kansas Chapter and Stephen Motsinger from the North Carolina Chapter

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