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ASFMRA Members Receive Recognition

Denver, Colo., November 23, 2016 - The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers® (ASFMRA®) announced honorees at the 2016 ASFMRA Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, California held November 7 - 11, 2016.

Professional Farm Manager of the Year Award

The Professional Farm Manager of the Year Award recognizes an AFM accredited member who has made an impact on the farm management profession. This year the award was presented to Richard D. Pringnitz, AFM of Hertz Farm Management, Inc., in Nevada, Iowa.

Appraisal Professional of the Year

The 2016 Appraisal Professional of the Year was awarded to Douglas K. Hodge, 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. Hodge is an Appraiser at TIAA-CREF Appraiser Services and Risk Management and currently serves as the National District III Vice-President.

D. Howard Doane Award

The 2016 D. Howard Doane Award was presented to Loyd Brown, AFM, ARA of Hertz Farm Management in Nevada, Iowa. The D. Howard Doane Award is given annually to an individual (member or non-member) who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture.

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 their service to agriculture other than directly in the farm management and rural appraisal professions. The recipient of the 2016 Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service in Agriculture Award was Wendy Wintersteen. Wintersteen is the Endowed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station at Iowa State University.

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 2016 ASFMRA Early Career Award was Eric Wilkinson, AFM, with Hertz Farm Management, Inc.

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 2016 recipient of the Meritorious Service in Communications Award was David Hagert founder and CEO of AgriData, Inc.

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 programs. The 2016 H.E. "Buck" Stalcup Excellence in Education Awards went to Dan Whisenhunt, AAC; Skye Root, AFM, AAC; and Douglas Hodge, ARA.

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 2016 Gold Quill Award to Jeff Bennett; Shannon Ferrell; Terry W. Griffin, Ph.D.; Gregory Ibendahl, Ph.D.; Todd Janzen; Tyler Mark, Ph.D.; Jacob Maurer and Aleksan Shanoyan for their article entitled, "Big Data Considerations for Rural Property Professionals".

Gold and Silver Plow Award

The Gold and Silver Plow is awarded to an ASFMRA chapter secretary/treasurer with 10 or more years of service. This year the gold award was given to Maurice Baker of Nebraska Chapter who served from 1996 to 2016 and Arlin Brannstrom, AAC of the Wisconsin Chapter who served from 2000 to 2016. The silver award was given to Carroll Merry of the Illinois Chapter for his service from 2006 to 2016.

Founded in 1929, the [American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers](#)[®] (ASFMRA[®]) is the largest professional Society for rural property experts in the United States. Members of ASFMRA provide management, consultation and valuation services, as well as real estate services, on rural and agricultural assets. The focus of ASFMRA is to provide education and professional networking opportunities for members to enable them to provide valuable services to the agricultural community. The land experts who hold membership in ASFMRA work under a professional code of ethics, are required to meet continuing education requirements, and are known as *The Most Trusted Rural Property Professionals*.

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