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### **ASFMRA MEMBERS EARN HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STATUS**

Denver, Colorado – November 14, 2016 – The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers® (ASFMRA®) recently awarded designations at their Annual Meeting, including the Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) designation, the Accredited Rural Appraiser (ARA) the Real Property Review Appraiser (RPR), and the Accredited Agricultural Consultant (AAC).

These designations demonstrate the completion of stringent education and experience requirements, rigorous oral and written examinations, and maintaining the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, competence, and ethics. These recipients join a select group of ASFMRA members who have received, and continue to maintain through continuing education, accredited status. ASFMRA honored the following 11 AFMs, 7 ARAs, 2 RPRAs and 3 AACs, at their Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, California.

#### **Accredited Farm Managers:**

**John Benz, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Quincy, IL

**Scott Bozzo, AFM**

UBS Farmland Investors LLC, Lodi, CA

**Grant Fitzgerald, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Cedar Bluffs, NE

**Harrison Thadd Fosdick, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Normal, IL

**Clint Freund, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Atlantic, IA

**Matthew Joynt, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Omaha, NE

**John Kennedy, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Monmouth, IL

**Adam Kestner, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Camp Point, IL

**Kyle Rule, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Lafayette, IN

**Brandon Spain, AFM**

Farmland Management Services, Turlock, CA

**Robert Warmbir, AFM**

Hertz Farm Management, Inc, Kankakee, IL

**Nick Westgerdes, AFM**

Farmers National Company, Rochelle, IL

**Accredited Rural Appraisers**

**Daniel Barnett, ARA**

Lone Star Ag Credit, Canton, TX

**Curtis Buono, ARA**

Cushman & Wakefield, San Diego, CA

**Lisa Campbell, ARA**

Campbell & Company Appraisal, Inc., St. Catherines, Ontario

**Harold Carter, Jr., ARA**

AgGeorgia Farm Credit, Cordele, GA

**Scott Case, ARA**

Rabo AgriFinance, Reading, KS

**Lori Elliott, ARA**

Elliott Appraisal Service, Inc., Steamboat Springs, CO

**Joshua Garretson, ARA**

Farm Credit East, ACA, Bridgeton, NJ

**Randi Gathje, ARA**

Rabo AgriFinance, Kearney, NE

**Jason Rustan, ARA**

US Department of the Interior – Office of Valuation Services, Bloomington, MN

**Durkin Young, ARA**

1<sup>st</sup> Farm Credit Services, Monmouth, IL

**Jacob Zook, ARA**

Oklahoma Ag Credit, Kingfisher, OK

**Real Property Review Appraisers**

**Thomas Bumgardner, RPRA**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Sherman, IL

**Chad Crawford, RPRA**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Atlanta, GA

**Accredited Agricultural Consultants**

**Michael Downey, AFM, AAC**

Hertz Farm Management, Inc., Mount Vernon, IA

**Marlin Krohn, AFM, AAC**

Hertz Farm Management, Inc., Norfolk, NE

**Kyle Orth, AAC**

Wells Fargo Wealth Management, Fresno, CA

“We are pleased with the commitment to professional excellence that these individuals have shown,” stated, Mike Krause, AFM, the American Society’s national president from Omaha, NE. “By receiving these designations, their clients, associates and industry peers can easily recognize their personal investment and dedication to maintaining an exceptional degree of knowledge and skill.”

Founded in 1929, the [American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers](#)<sup>®</sup> (ASFMRA<sup>®</sup>) 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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