Agribusiness Leader of the Year Honor Roll

Year	Honoree	Company at Time of Award
2026	Brian Knifong	Nutrien Ag Solutions
2025	Mark Orr	Growmark
2024	Todd Frazier	Corteva
2023	Eric Boeck	Syngenta
2022	Kent Harrison	Tyson Foods, Fresh Meats
2021	Tim Hassinger	Intelinair
2020	Scott Druker	Arm & Hammer
2019	Lynn Huston	John Deere Financial
2018	Calvin Ernst	Ernst Conservation Seeds
2017	Mike Stern	The Climate Corporation
2016	W. Dwight Armstrong	National FFA Organization
2015	Clint Lewis	Zoetis
2014	Sonny Beck	Beck's Hybrids
2013	Thad Simons	Novus International
2012	John Becherer	United Soybean Board
2011	Jeff Simmons	Elanco
2010	Dave Seehusen	Land O'Lakes, Inc.
2009	Leon Westbrock	CHS Inc.
2008	Rick Tolman	National Corn Growers Association
2007	Dale R. Ludwig	Missouri Soybean Assn. & Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council
2006	George Thornton	Agriliance, LLC
2005	James Irwin	Case IH
2004	Bernie Staller	National FFA Organization
2003	Richard Clauss	Hilmar Cheese Company/Clauss Dairy Farms
2002	A. Charles Fischer	Dow AgroSciences
2001	Emmett Barker	Assn. of Equipment Manufacturers
2000	R.W. "Bud" Porter	Deere & Company
1999	Bruce Bickner	DeKalb - Monsanto Global Seed Group
1998	William Kirk	DuPont Agricultural Enterprises
1997	Arnold Donald	Monsanto
1996	H.D. "Harry" Cleberg	Farmland Industries, Inc.
1995	Edward McMillan	Purina Mills

1994	Dwayne Andreas	Archer Daniels Midland Company
1993	Robert Wichmann	Pioneer Hi-Bred Intl., Inc.
1992	Gary Parker	Lindsay Manufacturing Co.
1991	William Griffith	American Cyanamid
1990	Thomas Dille	Rhone-Poulenc Ag
1989	Nicholas Babson	Babson Brothers Co.
1988	Olin Andrews	Farmers Hybrid Companies
1987	David Garst	Garst Seed Co.
1986	Leo Bontempo	Novartis-Seeds
1985	Dr. Kenneth Bader	American Soybean Assn.
1984	John Churchman	Ford Tractor Operations
1983	Owen Newlin	Pioneer Hi-Bred Intl., Inc.
1982	Nicholas Reding	Monsanto Ag Group
1981	Robert Lanphier	AGMED, Inc.
1980	Joe Ecker	Gehl Co.
1979	Robert Book	Elanco Animal Products/Eli Lily Co.
1978	Roland Hendrickson	Pfizer Ag Division
1977	Donald Fritz	Farmers Hybrid Co.
1976	Harold Noren	DeKalb Ag Research
1975	E.W. Cook	Cook Industries
1974	Walt Buescher	Allis Chalmers
1973	Bill Bricker	Diamond Shamrock Chemical
1972	Fred Stines	Successful Farming
1971	Del Walker	Funk Brother Seeds, Co.
1970	Dr. James Affleck	American Cyanamid
1969	Lyle Yost	Hesston Corp.
1968	Dr. Robert Spitzer	Murphy Products
1967	Emory Dearborn	Ford Tractor Operations
1966	Maurice Turner	Amchem Products
1965	George Varnes	Eli Lily Co.
1964	Morris Reid	J.I. Case
1963	W.J. Jensen	Butler Manufacturing
1962	Don Murphy	Wallace's Farmer