



NAMA Leader Awards Honor Roll

WORKHORSE OF THE YEAR (Began in 1974)

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| 2022 | Heather Gieseke |
| 2021 | Michele Tibodeau |
| 2020 | Michele Egan |
| 2019 | Greg Lammert |
| 2018 | Steve Tomac |
| 2017 | Erin Nash |
| 2016 | Wendy Feik Pinkerton |
| 2015 | Andrea Bloom |
| 2014 | Gary Sakin |
| 2013 | Sue Lee |
| 2012 | Kristen Marshall |
| 2011 | Lori Wohletz (AMC Chair) |
| 2010 | Steve Mercer |
| 2009 | Bob Wilhelm |
| 2008 | Melissa Sanders |
| 2007 | Sharon Larson |
| 2006 | Ken Dean |
| 2005 | Angela Bendorf Jamison |
| 2004 | Kyle Bauer |
| 2003 | Drew Wenner |
| 2002 | Jeff Tenant John Sowell |
| 2001 | Don Schultz |
| 2000 | Kenda Resler Friend |
| 1999 | Donna Dunn Ken Benkstein |
| 1998 | Lia Guthrie |
| 1997 | Doug Mertz |
| 1996 | Sheri Seger |
| 1995 | Chuck Woodside |
| 1994 | Dennis Erpelding |
| 1993 | Jim Cornick (IOA/Successful Farming) |
| 1992 | Mark Perrin |
| 1991 | Steve Keppy |
| 1990 | Walt Lloyd (COB/CMF&Z) |
| 1989 | J.F. "Jim" Haskins (Star Chapter Recognition) (CAR/Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co.) |
| 1988 | Robert "Bob" Cline (COB/CMF&Z) |
| 1987 | Robert J. Wetmore (Best of NAMA) (CNA/The John Volk Co.) |
| 1986 | |
| 1985 | Tom Drese (NAW/McCann-Erickson) |

- 1984
- 1983 Gerald Nevins (Ag Day) (MOK/Livestock Marketing Assn.)
- 1982 Jan Ford (Chapter Development) (SWT/H&P Co.)
- 1981 Alan McClure (NAAE) (MIS/Olin Corporation)
- 1980 Agri Marketing Magazine
- 1979 Austin Schnacke (Co-winner) (MOK/Harvest Publishing Co.)
Paul Brower (Co-winner) (MOK/Gold Kist Inc.)
- 1978 CMS&Z (Creswell, Munsell, Schubert & Zirbel)
- 1977 David Bennett (Miller Publishing Company)
- 1976 Bill Alford (IOA/Orion Broadcasting)
- 1975 Dick Meyocks (Ag Day) (IOA/CMS&Z)
- 1974 R.C. Ferguson

OUTSTANDING CHAIR (Began in 1982)

- 2022 Tom Posta
- 2021 Greg Lammert
- 2020 Brittany Phillips
- 2019 Melanie Rice
- 2018 Jenna Oesch
- 2017 Rachel Schneider
- 2016 Alison Berry
- 2015 Christine Hart-Nieland
- 2014 Andrea Bloom
- 2013 Scott McClure
- 2012 Amber Harrison
- 2011 Lacy Carroll (Trends Chair)
- 2010 Curt Blades (Careers Chair)
- 2009 Sally Behringer (Best of NAMA Committee Chair)
- 2008 Leigh Ann Cleaver (Agri-Marketing Conference Chair)
- 2008 Patty Jolliffe (Careers Chair)
- 2007 Barry Nelson
- 2006 Laurie Christen
- 2005 Sarah Vacek
- 2004 Carol Anderson
- 2003 Beth Burgy (Outstanding Chair)
- 2002 Cheri Knoy
- 2001 Travis Brown
- 2001 Stephanie Gable
- 2000 Jean Merry
- 1999 Phil Johnson
- 1998 Jeanne Matheis
- 1997 Mike Gustafson
- 1996 Felicia Gillham
- 1995 Jill Greene
- 1994 Chuck Woodside
- 1993 Rich Watts
- 1992 Dave Schmid
- 1991 Don Van Hook
- 1990 Mick Sibbel (MIL/Swanson Russell Associates)
- 1989 Lee Alexander (1989 AMC Chairman)
- 1988 Lisa Larson (Best of NAMA Judging Chair) (SOE/Tucker Wayne and Co.)
Walter Lloyd (Program Chairman) (COB/CMF&Z)
- 1987 J.F. "Jim" Haskins (Chapter Recognition Chair) (CAR/Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co.)
Cecil Hunt (Best of NAMA Judging Chair) (BAD/Ken Schmidt Co. Inc.)
- 1986 Allen C. Davison (Best of NAMA Judging Chair) (COB, HRT/Deere and Co.)

- Diane T. Hand (Communications Chairman) (MOK/Fleishman Hillard Inc.)
- 1985 Bill Jelinek (Membership Chairman) (NAW/Agrichemical Age)
- 1984 Daniel L. Arbach (Membership Chairman) (MIL/Federal Land Bank of Omaha)
- 1983 Robert Cline (Best of NAMA Judging Chair) (COB/CMF&Z)
- 1982 Lynn Henderson (Careers Chairman) (CNA/Agri Marketing)

DILWORTH INNOVATION AWARD (Began in 1990)

- 2022 Carolinas/Virginia Chapter
- 2021 Badger Chapter
- 2020 Heather Gieseke
- 2019 Chicago Chapter
- 2018 North Central Chapter
- 2017 Steve Cox/Jerry Gennaria
- 2016 Ashley Woodward Fischer
- 2015 Bruce Button
- 2014 Jenna Oesch
- 2013 Amber Harrison
- 2012 Susie Decker
Vicki Henrickson
- 2011 Gary Cooper (Florida Chapter)
- 2010 Chicago Chapter
- 2009 Kenna Rathai
- 2008 Paul Redhage
- 2007 Scott Whitman (Chapter Leader Workshop)
- 2006 Colleen Parr (Best of NAMA)
- 2005 John Finegan (Agribusiness Forum)
- 2004 (No Award Given)
- 2003 John Sowell (Agribusiness Forum)
- 2002 Dave Eaheart (Best of NAMA)
- 2001 Susie Decker
Jeff Rodewald
- 2000 Corn Belt Chapter (Membership Efforts)
- 1999 Margaret Bell
- 1998 Iowa Chapter (Field to Food Program)
- 1997 Patrick Muir
- 1996 Todd Luepke
- 1995 Ron Scherer
- 1994 Marjory Lynch
- 1993 Steve Fink
Krista Wolf
- 1992 Bob Cline
- 1991 Tom Robinson
- 1990 Bob Brcka (Master of Marketing) (IOA/Pioneer Hi-Bred International)

PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Began in 1991)

- 2022 Greg Guse
- 2021 Jennifer Pickett
- 2020 Tina VonderHaar
- 2019 Amy Bradford
- 2018 Tim Price
- 2017 Don Tourte
- 2016 Barry Nelson
- 2015 Jill DeLucero
- 2014 Sue Lee

2013 Kristen Marshall
2012 Marvin Kokes
2011 Curt Blades
2010 Kyle Bauer
2009 Jennifer Pickett
2008 Stephanie Gable
2007 Tom Taylor
2006 Stephanie Gable
2005 Beth Burgy (NAMA Boot Camp)
2004 Ken Dean
Stephanie Gable
2003 Mike Gustafson
Tom Smull
2002 Monte Reese
2001 Marjory Walker
2000 Charlie Arnot
1999 Tom Smull
Jeff Rodewald
1998 *Agri Marketing Magazine*
1997 Tom Davis
1996 Mark Perrin
1995 Linda Wenck
1994 Fred Middleton
1993 Mick Sibbel
1992 Dave Aeschliman
1991 Mick Sibbel

R.C. FERGUSON AWARD (Began in 1980)

2022 Scott Lynn
2021 Jeff Moore
2020 Curt Blades
2019 Erin Nash
2018 Greg Hains
2017 Cheri Knoy
2016 Randy Happel
2015 Kristin Marshall
2014 Jim Haist
2013 Beth Burgy
2012 Stephanie Gable
2011 Kyle Bauer
2010 Carol Anderson
2009 Patty Travis
2008 Gary Vorpahl
2007 Mike Gustafson
2006 Russ Parker
2005 Lee Dueringer
2004 Lynn Henderson
2003 (No Award Given)
2002 Kathy Cornett
2001 Bob Cline
2000 Allan Johnson
1999 Duane Ross
1998 Blake Lewis
1997 Mick Sibbel

1996 Dr. John Riley
 1995 Jim Yancey
 1994 Austin Schnacke
 1993 Dave Schmid
 1992 Jan Ford
 1991 Tom Davis
 1990 (Not Given)
 1989 Jack Ewing (CAN/Ag Communications Consultant)
 1988 Lloyd E. Ver Steegh (SOE/Tucker Wayne and Co.)
 1987 Phillip C. Miller (CAN/Century Communications and Hallmark Data Systems)
 1986
 1985 Bill Raufer (CNA/Moorman Manufacturing Co.)
 1984 Sherwood A. "Pete" Scott (SAJ)
 1983
 1982 Miller Publishing Co.
 1981
 1980 R.C. Ferguson (CNA)

HORIZON AWARDS (FORMERLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 1985 – UNTIL 2008)

2022 Kate Maher
 Brian Torrey
 2021 Stephanie Stalans
 Morgan Watchous
 2020 Rebecca Ivey
 Sarah Kutz
 Averi Whitfield
 Ellie Wyatt
 2019 Kaitlyn O'Neal
 Mary Gordon
 Jennie Sellers
 Liz Gaston
 2018 Bill Brozac (North Central)
 Hannah Johnson (North Central)
 Andrea Slattery (Badger)
 Jayma Appleby (Chicago)
 Regan Myers (Heartland)
 2017 Jenna Oesch (Gateway)
 Tyler Smith (Iowa)
 Susan Hunyor (At Large)
 Amy Barron (Gateway)
 Marcus Hasheider (North Central)
 2016 Casey Allen (Carolinas/Virginia)
 Jennifer Armbruster (Rocky Mountain)
 Margaret Fogarty (Rocky Mountain)
 Rachel Schneider (North Central)
 Laura Svec (DuPont Crop Protection)
 2015 Teri Otte (North Central Chapter)
 Sarah Muirhead (Chicago Chapter)
 Jeff Moore (Gateway Chapter)
 John Rozum (Badger Chapter)
 2014 Erin Nash (MoKan)
 Greg Hains (Western Pacific Chapter)
 Stephanie Russell (MoKan)
 Emily Dahlbeck (Midsouth)

- 2013 Sara Steever (North Central)
Gary Sakin (Gateway)
Deron Johnson (Eastern)
Lisa Coverdale (Mid-America)
- 2012 Carrie Jorgensen (Iowa Chapter)
John January (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Mandy Heth (Gateway Chapter)
Ann Camden (Carolinas/Virginia Chapter)
- 2011 Kim Maloney (Southeastern Chapter)
Luann Pisarik (Cornbelt Chapter)
Josh Krenz (North Central Chapter)
Mindy Hempler (Missouri-Kansas Chapter, Boot Camp/Ag Tour)
- 2010 Amy Bugg (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Janelle Buxton (Iowa Chapter)
Sandy Creighton (Western Pacific Chapter)
Les Kahl (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Kristen Marshall (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
- 2009 Matt Coniglio (Chesapeake Chapter)
Greg Ehm (Iowa Chapter)
Marvin Kokes (Rocky Mountain Chapter)
Lori Strum (Iowa Chapter)
Catherine Wang (Eastern Chapter)
Krista Wolf (Heartland Chapter)
- 2008 Melanie Acklin (Great Plains Chapter)
Sally Behringer (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Jim Haist (Chicago Chapter)
Melinda Oberly (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
- 2007 Colleen Gerke (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Melissa Sanders (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Kelly Loganbill (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Dawn Foster (Cornbelt Chapter)
- 2006 Frank Timberlake (Carolinas Virginia Chapter)
Steve Tomac (Missouri-Kansas Chapter)
Myrna Kruger (Careers Committee)
Lori Strum (Regional Director)
- 2005 Sharon Larson (Best of NAMA)
Robert Ratliff (Membership)
- 2004 Susan Armstrong (Great Plains Chapter, Nat'l Membership Committee Chair)
John Finegan (NAMA Pacific Chapter, Agribusiness Forum Vice Chair)
Vicki Henrickson (Cornbelt Chapter, AMC Chair)
- 2003 Mike King (Mid America Chapter)
Melinda Schwab (MoKan Chapter)
David Knau (ABEF Fall Golf Outing)
- 2002 Vicki Henrickson (Corn Belt Chapter)
Janice Person (Student Chapter Interaction)
Patti McEnroe (Northern Prairie Conferences)
Ellen LaRose (Badger Chapter Programming)
Steve Keppy (Region IV Best of NAMA Banquet)
Carroll Merry (Region IV Best of NAMA Banquet)
- 2001 Scott Mortimer (Regional Leader Workshops/Training)
John Seatvet (Region II Best of NAMA)
Nancy Johnson (Student Careers Program)
Cheri Knoy (Southwest Chapter)
Laurie Christen (Region III Best of NAMA)
- 2000 Julie Morrissey (Field to Food Run)

Scott McFarland (Issues Forum)
 Allen Moczygemba (Leader Awards Revision)
 1999 Midsouth Chapter (Cotton Tour)
 Barb Baylor Anderson
 1998 Cynda Clary
 Alisa Harrison
 Tom Taylor
 Iowa Chapter (Membership)
 1997 Max Fisher
 Kenda Resler
 Glenn Schwaller
 Tom Smull
 Florida Chapter
 1996 Teresa Hinrichs
 Max Wenck
 Badger Chapter
 Midsouth Chapter
 Eastern Chapter
 1995 Todd Luepke
 Sheree Johnson
 Marjory Lynch
 Jay Carlson
 1994 Jan Witt
 Doug Mertz
 Jeanne Matheis
 Jean Custer
 Michael Jackson
 1993 Dave Drennan
 Gary McKennan
 Patrick Muir
 Chuck Woodside
 Sharlett Brown
 1992 Steve Fink
 Paul Hermberg
 Diane Stadlen
 Beth Whisler
 1991 Jan Boling
 Roger Foulks
 Charlie Hale
 Sue Lee
 Sam Meers
 Greg Michel
 Russ Parker
 Jean Ross
 Chuck Zimmerman
 1990 Tom Davis
 Steve Keppy
 Jeff Smith
 Jim Taylor
 1989 Bob Brcka
 Kent Francis
 David Fraser
 Judy Henderson
 Phil Jones
 Sam Meers

Jim Palmer
 Russ Parker
 Diane Stadlen
 1988 Ken Evans
 Sue Harrison
 Gene Kronberg
 Tom Robinson
 John Seatvet
 1987 Mark Anderson (NOC/Webb Publishing)
 Mike Botdorf (MIL/FCB of Omaha)
 Jan Doyle (Midwest/Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt)
 Lois Fay (BAD/Ken Schmidt Co., Inc.)
 Bryan Keller (MIA/Keller-Mier, Inc.)
 Harry Krueckeberg (ROM/Colorado State University)
 Tom Kuchera (NPR/Agweek)
 Paul Ludwig (Great Lakes/Upjohn Company)
 A.D. McGregor (SWT/Gustafson Communications)
 Sue Miller (EAS/Webb Publishing Company)
 John Montandon (NAMA Cal/California-Arizona Farm Press)
 Betty Morgan (GAT/Christal Radio)
 W. Thomas Robinson (CAR/The Martin Agency)
 Clancy Strock (GAT/Kenrick Advertising)
 1986 Ted Alexander (EAS/Farm Journal)
 Dix Harper (CAR/WRAL-TV Tobacco Radio Network)
 Jim Haskins (CAR/Union Carbide, Ag Products)
 Lynn Henderson (MIW/Century Communications)
 Joanne Ivy (CAR/N.C. Egg Marketing Assn.)
 Walter H. Lloyd (COB/CMF&Z, Inc.)
 Vic McGill (IOA/WMT Radio)
 Dr. James A. Lumpp (MOK)
 Jonathan Ramp (BAD/Century Communications)
 Cynthia J. Remke (SOE/Sawyer, Riley, Compton, Inc.)
 Mick Sibbel (MIL/Swanson Russell Associates)
 Robert O. Snyder (NOC/The Webb Company)
 Paul Welsh (MOK/Nicholson, Kovac, Huntley & Welsh)
 Robert J. Wetmore (MIW/The John Volk Company)
 Jim Yancey (MIS/Progressive Farmer Network)
 Arthur V. Yocom (EAS/The Dudnyk Company)
 1985 Mark Anderson (NOC/The Webb Company)
 Kathy Cornett (CAP/McCormick Advertising)
 Steve Hammerschmidt (Midwest/Growmark Inc.)
 Diane Hand (NOC/Dorn Communications)
 Lyle Kreps (IOA/Successful Farming)
 Jeff Smith (NOC/Minnesota Farm Radio)

ABEF (Began in 1993)

- 2005 Primedia Business – Founders Plaque
- Lee Agri-Media – Founders Plaque
- Duane Ross – Operating Committee Plaque
- Mark Perrin – Operating Committee Plaque
- 2001 Jim Yancey – 10 Year Recognition Award
- 2000 Russ Parker – Founders Plaque
- Progressive Farmer – Founders Plaque
- Pioneer, A DuPont Company – Founders Plaque
- 1999 Meredith McHone-Pierce – retiring chairwoman
- 1995 Lee Dueringer – Founders Plaque
- R. C. "Fergie" Ferguson – Founders Plaque
- Meredith McHone-Pierce – Founders Plaque
- C. Duane Ross – Founders Plaque
- Mick Sibbel – Founders Plaque
- Jim Yancey – Founders Plaque
- 1994 Stan Droogsma retiring chairman
- 1993 Bob Cline - 1st chair

Any award winners before 1988 will have to be found in minutes, or something other than directories -- not in directories.