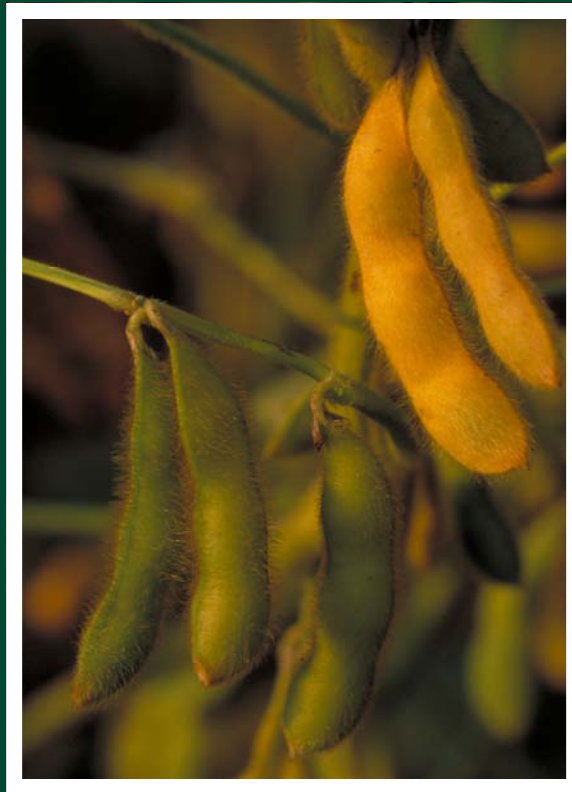


**2012  
American Soybean Association  
Award Nomination  
Information**



**Special Meritorious Service Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award - Membership Focus  
Lifetime Achievement Award - Association Focus**

## **Award Categories for 2012**

### ***Special Meritorious Service Award***

The Special Meritorious Service Award honors individuals who have served the soybean industry above and beyond the ordinary. This award may be presented to an individual who has devoted a major portion of his/her life to the soybean industry in any field.

### ***Lifetime Achievement Award - Membership***

The Lifetime Achievement Award with a membership focus honors individuals who have devoted their sustaining commitment to strengthening ASA membership through avid recruitment, board involvement or state affiliation. *Note: Current members of the ASA Board of Directors are not eligible for this award. Former ASA Board of Directors must be off the ASA Board for at least three years to be eligible.*

### ***Lifetime Achievement Award - Association***

The Lifetime Achievement Award with an association focus honors individuals who have through many years of service, exemplified truly outstanding leadership through unselfish dedication to the American Soybean Association and the soybean industry. Persons involved in soybean farming and/or soybean association related functions are eligible for this award. *Note: Current members of the ASA Board of Directors are not eligible for this award. Former ASA Board of Directors must be off the ASA Board for at least three years to be eligible.*

## **Eligibility for Awards**

Current members of the ASA Board of Directors are not eligible for the Lifetime Achievement Awards. Former ASA Board of Directors members must be off the ASA Board for three years to be eligible. All nominees will be reviewed for eligibility.

Award recipients are eligible to receive an award only once. A list of previous recipients is provided on the final page. Please consult this list prior to submitting your nomination.

## **Submission of Nominations**

All nominations must be in writing, preferably on the enclosed nomination form and received no later than Friday, October 21, 2011. To request a nomination form in a Microsoft Word Document which can be submitted by email, please contact [rhiscocks@soy.org](mailto:rhiscocks@soy.org). Email submissions are preferred.

Download the form at <http://www.soygrowers.com/awards/achievement.htm>

- Letters in support of nominations must also be received by the deadline of Friday, October 21, 2011. Email submissions are preferred.
- No nominations will be accepted by telephone.
- No self-nominations will be accepted.

Email nominations and letters of support to [rhiscocks@soy.org](mailto:rhiscocks@soy.org) (preferred)

Fax or mail nominations and letters of support to:

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314.576.1770, Ext. 1300

**Nominations or materials received after Friday, October 21 will not be considered.**

## Selection Process

Award recipients are selected by ASA's Membership & Corporate Relations Committee during a closed session at ASA's December board meeting in St. Louis. The nomination process is confidential, nominees are not notified and nominees names are not released.

## Presentation of Awards

Awards will be presented at the ASA Awards Banquet to be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Upon selection of the award recipient, the nominator of the award recipient will be contacted. Assistance will be sought to ensure that the award recipient is present at the ASA Awards Banquet, without the knowledge that they are to receive an award. If this cannot be accomplished the award recipient will be notified that they are an award recipient.



*ASA Achievement Award winners were honored at the ASA Awards Banquet held at Commodity Classic in Tampa, Florida on March 4, 2010. Awards were presented by ASA President Alan Kemper, of Lafayette, Indiana. Clockwise from upper left: Dr. Walter Fehr of Ames, Iowa received the Special Meritorious Service Award. Ron Heck of Perry, Iowa was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award - Association Focus. Gary Appel, Enfield, IL received the Lifetime Achievement Award - Membership Focus.*

# AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION AWARDS

## History of Recipients

### Special Meritorious Service Award

- 1998 James F. Wilder, Raleigh, NC  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Petersburg, MI
- 1999 Dr. Ken Bader, St. Louis, MO
- 2000 James D. Thrift, Parsippany, NJ  
Larry Deidrich, Elkton, SD
- 2001 Dave Younkman, Columbus, OH
- 2002 Allen Johnson,  
Office of the US Trade Representative
- 2003 David Haggard, Steele, MO
- 2004 Charles E. Grassley  
U.S. Senate, R-IA
- 2005 Blanche Lincoln, U.S. Senate, D-AR
- 2006 Keith Smith, Farmington, MO
- 2007 Keith Reinholt, Reese, MI
- 2008 Dr. Ann Dorrance, Wooster, OH
- 2009 Dr. Bhima R. Vijayendran,  
Columbus, OH
- 2010 Neil Strong, Moneta, VA
- 2011 Dr. Walter R. Fehr, Ames, IA

### Lifetime Achievement Award

- 1996 Stephen M. Yoder, Altha, FL  
Karl Sera Hidesuke, Japan
- 1997 Dr. James Orf,  
University of Minnesota  
William Silver, Williamsport, IN  
Ron Schildroth, Grundy Center, IA

### Lifetime Achievement Award – Membership Focus

- 1998 Don Korte, Canton, MI  
Patrick Delanty, Charter Oak, IA
- 1999 Norbert Pilotte, Monticello, IN
- 2000 Mark Berg, Tripp, SD
- 2002 John Eckert, Jackson, MN
- 2003 Lorraine Birschbach, Malone, WI
- 2004 Earl Brandt, Sumner, IA
- 2005 Don Louwagie, Marshall, MN
- 2006 Jimmy Vaden Barbour, Friendship, TN
- 2007 Roger Hadley II, Woodburn, IN
- 2008 Homer C. Ferguson, Oskaloosa, IA
- 2009 Gerry Hayden, Calhoun, KY
- 2010 Robert Nelsen, Westbrook, MN
- 2011 Gary Appel, Enfield, IL

### Lifetime Achievement Award – Association Focus

- 1998 Vivian Evans, Montevideo, MN
- 1999 Dale Darling, Wilmington, DE  
Gary Riedel, Centralia, MO  
Robert Utz, New Washington, OH
- 2000 Raymond Heck, Urbandale, IA  
Grant Putman, Williamston, MI
- 2001 Richard A. McWard,  
Bunge Corporation
- 2002 David Erickson, Altona, IL
- 2003 Harold Phillips, Stevenson, AL
- 2004 Mike Yost, Murdock, MN
- 2005 Dwain Ford, Kinmundy, IL
- 2006 John F. Long, Newberry, SC
- 2007 Dr. John Henderson, Auburn, AL
- 2008 John R. McClendon, Marianna, AR
- 2009 Darryl Brinkmann, Carlyle, IL
- 2010 Al Ambrose, Inver Grove Heights, MN
- 2011 Ron Heck, Perry, IA



**If you believe, belong.**

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