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Ag Hall of Fame Nominations Needed

Nominations for the Nodaway County Agriculture Hall of Fame are being accepted through October 1, according to Randa Doty, University of Missouri Extension Nodaway County Program Director. The 2009 inductee will be honored at the November Farm/City Banquet.

Nomination forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension Center, 403 North Market, Room 308, Maryville. Nominations made in previous years are on file and will continue to be considered by the selection committee.

Persons nominated must have been born in Nodaway County or have spent a significant part of their lives as residents of the county. It is not necessary that activities for which this recognition is given be accomplished while the person was a resident of the County, but they must have a direct relationship to agricultural progress in the County. Some of the areas of endeavor which might make a person eligible for consideration for membership in the Hall of Fame would be: livestock improvement, crop improvement, soil and water conservation, education, government, farm organizations (general or commodity oriented), marketing and providing services. Men and women are eligible for nomination.

The Hall of Fame began in 1976 to give recognition to people, past and present, who have made significant contributions to agriculture. The 2008 honoree was Martin Suess. Previous inductees include: 2007—Robert L. Alexander, Billy D. Kinman, 2006—Dr. Joseph Powell, 2005—Forrest Byergo, 2004—Dr. James Campbell, 2003—Dr. Alex Ching, 2002—Pat Spire, 2001—Paul Moyer and C.D. Bellows, 2000—James Stiens, 1999—Lloyd Summa, 1998—Joe Espey, 1997—Hale J. Sanders, 1996—Joe Hull, 1995—Bill Vest and John Schneider, 1994—Ralph Clayton and Ercille T. Blackford, 1993—Joseph Gemmeke and Byron D. Young, 1992—Donald "Dick" Haynes, 1991—Earl Alexander, 1990—Harold Baldwin, 1989—A.J. Dinsdale, 1988—George Dalbey, 1987—Myron E. Horton, 1986—George H. Wilmes, 1985—Howard Masters, 1984—Vincent Spire, 1983—Louis H. Ritterbusch, 1982—LeRoy Lippman, 1981—Albert Russell Martin and Fletcher Jones Dalbey, 1980—Edwin B. Hamilton, 1979—R.T. "Dick" Wright, 1978—F.B. Houghton, Sr. and Robert D. Partridge, 1977—John S. Bilby, James B. Prather and James Hervey Lemon, 1976—Frank Bellows, H.C. Crane, T.W. Gaunt, W.T. Garrett and Jehu Ware.

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