

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2023

The Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame was established in 1991 by the Board of Directors of the Western North Carolina Community Development Association, Inc., now known as WNC Communities.

The Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame was established to:

- Honor significant contributions to agriculture
- Recognize individuals who have been responsible for agricultural advancement
- Encourage, improve, and promote agriculture and agribusiness in Western North Carolina

Selection of members for the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame is conducted annually and the general public is invited to submit nominations for this honor according to the following guidelines and judging criteria.

Program Managed By:



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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Nominations may be completed by an individual or organization and the following must be received at WNC Communities by **Monday, March 13, 2023** for the Committee's consideration:

- Completed Nomination Form (attached)
- Two letters of recommendation (maximum of five)
- Summary including:
 - Geographical area the nominee impacted or served
 - Educational and professional background information
 - Impacts and outcomes in the field of agriculture
 - Accomplishments and accolades focusing on agriculture, including, but not limited to awards, honors, organizations and offices held
 - A narrative elaborating on how nominee has been a pioneer in the field of agriculture and/or what innovation the nominee was responsible for
- A current picture (headshot) of the nominee will be necessary. In the event the nominee is selected, the photo will be used for plaque and promotional materials.
- Additional relevant materials, such as newspaper clippings, brochures, etc. (these are not required but are helpful and welcome).

The WNC Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee has no obligation to reconsider previous nominees. However, previous nominations will be considered if the nomination form is updated with current documentation. Posthumous nominations are appropriate and will be considered.

The nominee need not be a native of Western North Carolina and does not have to be living in Western North Carolina at the time of recognition. However, the accomplishments for which the individual is being nominated must have been specifically beneficial to this area. The nominee should be an exceptional, upstanding member of the community with integrity beyond reproach. The WNC Agricultural Hall of Fame reserves the right to revoke an individual's membership for just cause.

The formal announcement and induction of this year's members will take place at a luncheon on **August 11, 2023** at the WNC Agricultural Center – Davis Event Center in Fletcher. Inductees will be included in promotional material designed for public distribution. A metal plaque embossed with the new inductee's picture and a brief outline of their contributions will be installed with the display of the other members at the WNC Agricultural Center – Davis Event Center in Fletcher. A duplicate of the plaque may be purchased for new inductees for their own use. The cost of the duplicate is approximately \$600 and the plaque can be presented during the ceremony as a gift from family and/or friends. Alternatively, a framed certificate can be presented at the ceremony at no cost.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Area of coverage, influence and impact in all twenty counties (Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) as well as areas outside Western North Carolina are considered. Impact in only one county with only minimal impact in surrounding counties may not receive full points during the review process.

A clear and solid involvement in the agricultural field is essential – other endeavors, while important in the overall context of the individual's life, will not be the primary consideration. Content or value of an individual's contributions is compared to the standard that has been set by the previous inductees. The Committee searches for individuals who were pioneers in their field; this search includes those who were innovative and made new and lasting advancements and impacts.

2023 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Check One: ___ Living Nominee ___ Posthumous Nominee

Nominee and/or family aware of the nomination: ___ YES ___ NO

Submitter information:

Organization submitting nomination: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Email address: _____

Nomination package must be complete with the following items to be considered:

<input type="checkbox"/> This completed nomination form	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo (headshot)
<input type="checkbox"/> First recommendation letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Summary including area impacted, education, impacts and outcomes, accomplishments, honors, awards, and pioneer status
<input type="checkbox"/> Second recommendation letter	

Mail or deliver nomination packages to:

WNC Communities, 594 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806

You may email nomination packages to: danabrown@wnccommunities.org

Nominations must be received by Monday, March 13, 2023

QUESTIONS: Call 828-252-4783

WNC AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2022

Greg Hoyt - Henderson
Dennis Niemeyer - Henderson

2020

Terry Rogers - Haywood
Steve Troxler – Guilford

2019

Theron Larnce Maybin Sr.- Henderson
L.T. Ward - Buncombe

2018

Michael R. Corn – Buncombe
William A. Holbrook – Haywood

2017

William Waightstill Avery– Avery
W. Charles “Charlie” Jackson– Buncombe

2016

John M. Queen, III – Haywood
Don R. Smart – Haywood

2015

William C. “Bill” Parton – Burke
Walter A. Skroch – Ashe

2014

Kenneth R. Reeves – Buncombe
Dr. C.R. “Dick” Unrath – Henderson

2013

David L. Lee – Buncombe
Roger Hyatt – Graham

2012

Layten Davis – Madison
Gwyn B. Price (P) – Ashe
(P) – Posthumous Award

2011

William H. Teague – Buncombe
Bill Yarborough - Haywood

2010

Ronald Lamb - Henderson
Charles Ziegler - Transylvania

2009

Linda Ford – Buncombe
Thomas Thrash - Buncombe

2008

Neal Stamey – Haywood
Jerry Sutton – Macon

2007

J. D. Brooks – Alleghany
Albert Plemmons – Transylvania

2006

Robert Shipley – Watauga
Dr. Paul Shoemaker – Henderson

2005

William A. “Bill” Edmondson - Martin
J. L. “Bud” Sales, Jr. – Buncombe

2004

Albert Miles Clark – Buncombe
Wilburn Bryan Collins – Alleghany

2003

Patricia O. Brinkley – Buncombe
William N. Aldridge – Avery

2002

James R. “Jim” Edwards – Haywood
Sam Cartner – Avery

2001

Richard G. Jennings – Haywood
Ernst R. Laursen – Buncombe

2000

William S. Enloe – Henderson
Robert L. “Jack” Lyday – Swain

1999

Dr. Randy G. Gardner – Henderson
Dr. David R. Burnette – Buncombe

1998

Jacob F. Grigg – Madison
Evelyn M. Hill – Henderson

1997

J. Kenneth Perry (P)
George H.V. Cecil – Buncombe
Liston B. Ramsey – Madison

1996

Dr. James E. Shelton – Henderson
B.F. Nesbitt – Henderson

1995

J.D. Cooley – Rutherford
Charles “Pink” Francis – Haywood

1994

Dwight W. Bennett – Henderson
Harley E. Blackwell – Henderson
James A. Graham - Raleigh

1993

S.E. Johnston, Jr. – Henderson
Charles “Jack” Messer – Haywood
D. Reeves Noland (P) – Haywood
Harry G. Silver – Buncombe
John B. Veach – Buncombe

1992

R. Theodore “Bob” Bullington – Henderson
Robert B. Phillips – Mitchell
Dr. Carl A. Schenck - Buncombe

1991

Richard L. Barber, Jr. – Haywood
James Clayton Davis - Haywood
Dr. Thomas R. Konsler – NCSU
Morris L. “Mac” McGough – Buncombe
Clyde K. Osborne - Transylvania
Denver D. Robinson – Cary
George W. Vanderbilt (P) – Buncombe
E.J. Whitmire – Macon