

# WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2024

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:**



**WNC**Communities

594 Brevard Road  
Asheville, NC 28806  
828-252-4783

## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

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Nominations may be completed by an individual or organization and the following must be received at WNC Communities by **Monday, March 4, 2024** 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 Friday, **August 9, 2024** 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**

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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.

## **2024 PROGRAM TIMELINE**

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January 25 - Nomination forms released

March 4 - Nomination forms due

Week of March 18 - Submitters notified of status of nominee selection

August 9 - Induction ceremony

WNC Communities will coordinate with listed contact persons to notify the selected nominees. Contact persons should be available to assist with the notification, the collection of biographical information to develop the plaque, and the collection of guest contact information.

# 2024 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:    \_\_\_ Living Nominee            \_\_\_ Posthumous Nominee

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

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Organization submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

***The completed nomination package materials (see below) must be received by March 4, 2024:***

<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](mailto:danabrown@wnccommunities.org)

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**QUESTIONS:** Call 828-252-4783

## WNC AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### 2023

Kenny Barnwell - Henderson  
Carol Coulter - Ashe

### 2022

Dr. 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