

# 1980's Distinguished Service Awardees

## **Russell G. Mawby, Augusta**

### *Distinguished Service Awards - Agriculture and Natural Resources Week, 1980*

Nationally and internationally respected for his leadership in education, he has an intimate association with MSU teaching, research and Extension activities that spans nearly four decades. His notable career as an educator and foundation executive has been further broadened by a commitment to community service through a host of local, state and national organizations. As President of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, he has facilitated funding of many progressive agriculture and rural community development projects. In this respect, he is a true friend of Michigan, his community and profession.

## **Paul Piepkow, Olivet**

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An outstanding dairy producer, he is a proponent of Michigan State University's agricultural research and education programs. He is a member, delegate or officer of the Michigan DHIA Board, MABC's State Board, MSU Jersey Sire Committee of Select Sires, and the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club. He has received several awards including Recognition of Agricultural Achievements by the MSU Short Course Alumni Association, J.C. Outstanding Young Farmers Award, MMPA Outstanding Young Farm Couple and the 1979 MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year.

## **Willard H. Braman, Greenville**

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Known and respected horticulture industry leader throughout the United States and Canada, he has given unselfishly of his talent to benefit not only his fellow man but Michigan's agricultural economy. His ability to chart Michigan's fruit industry trends and needs has enabled him to lead others in the development of production, research, and marketing practices that have resulted in superior quality. Grower, consumer, researcher and teacher have all benefitted from his understanding and concern as an advocate for Michigan agriculture and all its activities.

## **Keith L. Brown, Brownsville**

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A constant and ardent advocate for the improvement of Michigan's dairy industry, his dedication ranges from assisting youngsters in character development to improving dairy science teaching and research at the university level. His enthusiasm and high standards have been registered in such organizations as a director of the American Dairy Association, state board director for Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative, director and past president of Michigan State University's Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Fund. His ability as a farmer and a teacher has established guideposts for others following service to Michigan agriculture.

**Matt Engler, Mt. Pleasant**

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A nationally recognized beef industry leader, he has been and is key to the continued success of beef marketing and research programs for Michigan producers. He was instrumental in passage of legislation that led to the formation of the Michigan Beef Commission. He was a leader in the movement that resulted in the creation of the Beef Research Center at Michigan State University. Active locally in many civic affairs, he is also the Regional Vice-President of the National Cattlemen's Association and Executive Vice-president of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association.

**David C. Farley, Albion**

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An extraordinary leader and motivator, he is a person who continually thinks and acts on what is best for agriculture at local, state and national levels. He is a director of the American Association of Nurserymen, past president of Michigan Association of Nurserymen, chairman of the Executive Committee for Formation of the National Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, and an active member of the MSU Cooperative Extension Service Advisory Committee. He was one of the charter members of the National Extension Advisory Committee representing MSU. He has provided leadership to the nursery industry by cooperating in valuable research projects, and has also taken leadership roles in various civic groups for community betterment.

**Wallace & Laura Heuser, Hartford**

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This unique team is an important state and international agricultural influence, the concepts which they have developed having made tremendous innovative changes within the horticultural industry. Through the operation of their 2,000-acre farm, they cooperate with university scientists in the development of new management techniques for agriculture and make substantial contributions in many other areas. Some of these include Wallace's chartering of the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, served as director and president of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, president of the National Peach Council and Michigan Peach Sponsors. Laura was a charter member for Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, member of the Land Trust Board of Michigan and is a director of the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association.

**Grant E. Nichol, Saginaw**

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Recognized for his contributions to the Michigan sugar industry, he is well-known as a professional in his field and as a personal friend to many MSU Agricultural Experiment Station researchers and MSU Cooperative Extension Service specialists. He was Vice President of Agriculture for the Monitor Sugar Company from 1966 through 1981, a member of the Society of Sugar Beet Technologists more than 40 years, and an active and highly respected member of his community. This includes service as a 4-H Youth Club member and advisor, membership on the Bay County Agricultural Council and the Bay City Vocational Agriculture Advisory Council. He has been a guest instructor at MSU, and his outstanding and longtime service has been recognized across the United States sugar industry as well as in Michigan.

**Arthur M. Bailey, Schoolcraft**

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Producing 3,500 market hogs and about 200 feed cattle annually from a 1,154-acre operation, he is considered one of the state's more progressive and innovative farmers. Imbued with a continuing ardent interest in pragmatic technology and education that contributes to the improvement of Michigan's agricultural industry, he is recognized for his outstanding contributions to his community, numerous farm organizations, MSU, the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service.

**Barry D. Brand, Sparta**

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Widely recognized within the fruit, vegetable, food and Christmas tree industry, he is considered one of the stalwart speakers for Michigan agriculture through The Great Lakes publishing Company for the past 20 years. Active in local and state, civic and agricultural activities, his numerous awards of appreciation are affirmations to him being one of the state's most effective communicators of agricultural news and technical information from the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service to growers and agribusiness.

**Roy A. Greenia, Richmond**

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The managing partner in a 1,200-acre seed farm specializing in certified seed production and conditioning, he is widely known in Michigan agriculture for producing a product of consistently high quality. His unremitting aspiration for excellence in agriculture has enabled him to become a valued and highly respected member and leader in numerous local, county and state organizations. The quality of his character is amply borne out in his unwavering support of MSU, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service and the people they serve.

**Claudine & Andrew Jackson, Howell**

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Partners in the management of a 720-acre cash crop and replacement heifer operation, this couple has become widely known and respected as community civic leaders dedicated to greater understanding of the importance of a strong state and national agricultural base. Their consistent aspirations for mutual appreciation between farmer and urban dweller have led them to prominent service in Michigan and to speaking positions on behalf of agriculture throughout Michigan and in many parts of the United States and the world.

**Carl E. & Edgar F. Mantey, Fairgrove**

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Managers of a 1,500-acre hybrid seed corn farm in Tuscola County; they are leaders in the development and marketing of superior crop seed in Michigan, not only in their own endeavors but through the efforts to develop Great Lakes Hybrids, Inc. This is a coalition of certified seed producers that have become a strong production and marketing system for independent seed corn producers in Michigan. Highly active in local and state civic service, the Mantey brothers also serve as directors of the Michigan Foundation Seed Association and work closely with Michigan State University research agronomists.

**Gerald Surbrook, Rives Junction**

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In partnership with his family, he has developed one of Michigan's most efficient dairy operations that blend modern technology and conscientious soil stewardship. His foresights in agricultural business practices and willingness to assist his community have made him an effective spokesman for the Cooperative Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service, farm organizations and local civic affairs. Through all of his endeavors, the primary interest is a continual improvement of the environment in which his fellow man and Michigan agriculture function.

**Merlin G. Kraft, Sparta**

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An innovator among agricultural leaders, his leadership has seen the development of many unique contributions to Michigan agriculture while maintaining a fruit and livestock father-son partnership on the family's third generation farm. Among his career accomplishments are provision of leadership for Peach Ridge Growers' Association, assistance in creating the Integrated Pest Management Program in Michigan and establishing a state-wide on-farm weather network for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These accomplishments index similar contributions to Michigan State University, the state and his community.

**Dale F. Kuenzli, St. Johns**

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An outstanding spokesperson, creator and implementer of new avenues for Michigan agriculture, he has few peers in his economic and educational contributions to agribusiness, particularly the state's dry bean industry. Widely known throughout Michigan governmental, educational and agricultural organizations and agencies, he has been the primary instrument in the development of new facilities, particularly at Michigan State University, which will benefit the resiliency of agriculture for generations to come. His like contributions to community and state associations warrant continued admiration and recognition.

**Robert D. Norris, Berrien Center**

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Regarded by his peers as a keen steward of the land, business and the people with whom he is associated, this third generation farmer operates a 1,000-acre diversified cash crop and livestock partnership with his family. Known for his leadership in numerous organizations such as the National Livestock and Meat Board, the Statewide Agricultural Environment Committee and Michigan State University, he constantly strives for the improvement of Michigan agriculture and the lives it touches. He continues to distinguish himself in like manner in the state and his community.

**Bruce A. Bordine, Rochester**

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His hallmark beyond that of operating one of Michigan's largest and highest quality greenhouse and nursery operations is his perpetual contribution to improved education for students, patrons and professional colleges through research, extension and adult education. This philanthropy is manifested in his support of Michigan State University, his leadership of bedding Plants International, having membership in 42 countries, the American Association of Nurserymen, as well as many other community, state and national business and educational associations.

**Carlos M. Fetterolf Jr., Ann Arbor**

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Highly regarded throughout the Great Lakes Region and the nation as an undaunted advocate for preservation of water, fisheries and wildlife quality, he has established standards for environmental protection practices in industry, government and higher education. Currently the Executive Secretary of the International Great Lakes Fishery commission, his talent and expertise are sought by numerous natural resource agencies, academic institutions and scientific societies. His contributions to Michigan State University's faculty and students reflect his dedication, skill and integrity.

**Theodore S. Leipprandt, Pigeon**

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Considered a preeminent leader in Michigan's grain elevator industry, his leadership of the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator has not only met with admirable success during agriculture's most severe economic climate but has substantially contributed to stabilization of agriculture in the Thumb of Michigan. This innovative acumen pervades all of his numerous endeavors in the local community, throughout Michigan production and business agriculture, as well as Michigan State University through the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**John Haindl, Cooks**

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Dedication to the advancement of the Upper Peninsula through advocacy of education and agricultural development is his hallmark. A career that began in teaching has culminated in his becoming one of the state's outstanding technological farmers and a strong advocate for economic development through many local and state organizations, such as chairing the Growing U.P. Agriculture Association, as a member of the MSU Department of Animal Science Advisory Council, the MSU Potato Research Committee, the MSU Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Advisory Board and of several local, economic, agricultural and educational boards and civic organizations.

**Elwood Kirkpatrick, Kinde**

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Considered a premier leader in Michigan's dairy industry, he blends his own dairy operation experience with that required of him as Michigan Milk Producers Association President, which serves the majority of Michigan's dairy farmers. His abilities place him in many positions of major responsibility, including the Governor's Financial Crisis Council, co-chair of the Governor's Conference on Agriculture, chair of the Michigan Dairyman's market program Committee and national organizations such as the National Milk Producers Association. He also provides astute direction to MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Jordan B. Tatter, Watervliet**

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His capacity for business leadership is aptly demonstrated as director, president and chief executive officer of the Southern Michigan Cold Storage Company and as director, First of America Bank - Michigan. His interest in Michigan's future and the citizen welfare is indexed by appointments to state positions such as Agriculture and Food Processing Subcommittee of the Governor's Commission on Jobs and Economic Development; the Michigan Department of Public Health and Food Nutrition Advisory Commission, chairman; the MSU State Extension Agriculture Advisory Council; and by many civic, professional, national and international organization memberships.

**Peter C. Grieves, Newberry**

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Considered one of Michigan's most ardent spokespersons for the enhancement of our forestland resources, his knowledge and enthusiasm have helped many interests to focus upon the benefits of multiple-use management practices and wise forest industry expansion. His tireless ambition led to creation of the Michigan Association of Timbermen and his chairing of the Governor's Forest Products Industry Development Council. He is also a director of the Michigan Leadership Dynamics in Forestry Program at MSU. He helped bring recognition to one of Michigan's natural resources as an enduring, renewable, industrial and recreation asset for future generations.

**Howard S. Holmes, Ann Arbor**

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Few other people in Michigan have had as much successful influence in the development of superior wheat varieties for their yield and milling capacities. His zeal for perfection in quality obtained the legislative support, the research and a national recognition of the value of the Eastern soft white and red winter wheat. The resulting varieties -- Frankenmuth, Augusta, and Hillsdale -- are now the primary wheat's grown in Michigan. His commitment, faith and support have won him statewide admiration among growers and millers and have contributed immeasurably to Michigan reputation for producing wheat's having quality second to no others in the world.

**John W. Nelson, South Haven**

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His entire career has been dedicated to the development of superior blueberries which has enabled Michigan to become the premier producer in the United States and the world. His influence has attracted research and governmental support that has seen Michigan's blueberry crop triple in acreage and quadruple in yield. Those efforts have coincided with his interest in the development of several new varieties of blueberries for growers and a resulting safe and wholesome product for consumers throughout the country. He is nationally known for sharing his expertise and is a distinguished example of people who are dedicated, competent agriculturalists working quietly to further the industry.

**William Grevelding, Paw Paw**

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William Grevelding is widely acclaimed as the catalyst in the development of the Michigan grape industry which is valued in excess of \$8 million each year. He has dedicated nearly his entire professional career to the continual improvement of the grape industry. Under his guidance, Michigan grape quality has increased and yields have nearly doubled. For this accomplishment he has won national admiration and the respect of university scientists and growers alike. He helped create the Michigan Grape Society, the Michigan Grape Research Council and the Southwest Michigan Research and Demonstration Center, and he continues to serve in many notable statewide educational and research capacities.

**Diana Langshaw, Augusta**

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Her compassion for people, particularly youngsters, and her zeal for education and animal agriculture have earned Diana Langshaw the admiration of people from throughout her local community to Third World countries. She developed her hobby of rabbit production into one of the largest commercial operations in the United States, and she uses her business acumen and interest in research to help others improve their diets, knowledge and leadership skills. Her dedication and service have earned the admiration and appreciation of educators and researchers not only at MSU and throughout Michigan, but in many other parts of the world.

**Edward F. Sterner, Ionia**

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Dr. Ed Sterner has distinguished himself well beyond the farm clientele he has served during his 45 years of community practice. His philosophy of animal agriculture encompasses devotion to his profession and great understanding of the beneficial relationship between people and animals, and he is greatly valued as a teacher, healer and innovator. His competence, interest and dedication have earned him national recognition by his peers in veterinary science. He is known at MSU, in animal agriculture organizations throughout Michigan and within his community as a friend and a researcher who values continued lifetime education.