JEROME H. CHERNEY
Agronomic Extension Education Award
Jersey Cherney is E.V. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Crop and Soil Science Department at Cornell University. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Cherney’s program focuses on management and conversion of perennial grasses, both as a forage crop and for biomass combustion. This research ranges from dairy feeding trials with grass forages to emissions testing of grass pellet combustion as a bioheat source.

He has authored or coauthored more than 100 refereed journal articles, more than 200 extension publications, more than 100 abstracts, more than 50 proceedings papers, and 12 book chapters.

Dr. Cherney has been a senior editor for Forage & Grazinglands and an associate editor for Crop Science. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America. Cherney has received regional extension and applied research awards, and also received the Crop Science Society of America Extension Education Award.

THOMAS A. DOERGE
Agronomic Industry Award
Tom Doerge is currently the Corporate Life Scientist for John Deere in Moline, IL. He earned a B.A. degree in Geography from Macalester College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Soil Science from Oregon State University. He has also served as Extension Soils Specialist at the University of Arizona and as Agronomy Research Scientist with Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

Dr. Doerge is recognized for his expertise in strategic consulting in global agronomy trends, adoption of precision technologies, nutrient management in irrigated systems and laboratory analysis and interpretation. He has authored more than 250 publications that have focused on achieving agronomy’s main goal of “Food, Feed, Fiber and Fuel for Everyone, Everywhere, Sustainably.”

Doerge is a Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America and has served his professional societies as Associate Editor, Division Chair, Board of Directors member, Award Committees member, and Symposia organizer.

DAVID A. ZUBERER
Agronomic Resident Education Award
David Zuberer is a Professor of Soil Microbiology in the Soil and Crop Sciences Department at Texas A&M University. He earned B.A. and M.S. degrees from West Virginia University and the Ph.D. degree from the University of South Florida.

He has taught Soil Microbiology for 68 consecutive semesters at Texas A&M University to nearly 3000 students. He has received awards at the departmental, college and university level in recognition of excellence in teaching. He has served 19 years as Advisor or Co-advisor to the Texas A&M Agronomy Society. The club has been recognized as the outstanding chapter of SASES in four of the last six years.

He has served as a technical editor for SSSA Journal, a section editor (Microbial Ecology) for the Canadian Journal of Microbiology and on the editorial board for Applied and Environmental Microbiology. He is a Fellow in the Soil Science Society of America, the American Society of Agronomy, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

DARRELL L. HANAVAN
ASA Honorary Membership
Darrell L. Hanavan is Executive Director of the Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee, Colorado Association of Wheat Growers, Colorado Wheat Research Foundation, and Colorado Sorghum Producers.

Hanavan served as Chair of the National Jointed Goatgrass Research Program since its inception in 1993.

He served as Chair of the U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA) and National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Biotechnology Committee, 2000–2008, resulting in the current national wheat industry biotech policies. He currently serves as an ex-officio member of the Joint Biotechnology Committee.

Hanavan earned his B.A. degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Northern Colorado and his M.A. degree in Economics from the University of Denver.

He has led successful initiatives to increase state, regional, national and producer funding of public wheat breeding and university and USDA-ARS research. Hanavan has provided meritorious service to agronomy, crop, and soil sciences.

MIKE WILSON
International Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award
Mike Wilson is a CCA with Wabash Valley Service Co. in Allendale, IL. He has been a CCA 17 years and has proudly recruited at least 10 new CCAs by helping FFA students with their projects and training new employees.

Mike sets up plot trials, testing the yield impact of inputs like seed-applied and foliar-applied products. He then creates and distributes materials on nutrient management to employees within his company and growers in the 10 county area they serve.

Mike has been instrumental in promoting Geo Referenced Soil Testing and Yield Mapping, helping his customers be more profitable by maximizing yields and minimizing over use of fertilizer. These efforts have resulted in a very loyal customer base.