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Plan to Attend 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at State Fair

LANCASTER, WI- The Wisconsin Pork Association Hall of Fame Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a long-time commitment to the Wisconsin State Fair in the open and junior shows, and who has developed a successful swine breeding program throughout their career.

Wisconsin Pork Association would like to invite those interested in attending to join them at the award presentation in the swine barn at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 3rd, 2025, around 12:00 p.m. to recognize the 2025 Hall of Fame inductee as well as past Hall of Fame Award recipients. This year's recipient is Jim Brinkmeier from Pearl City, Illinois. The award will be given in honor of Jim posthumously. Members of the Brinkmeier family plan to be present at the award presentation.

Past Hall of Fame Recipients:

1992 - John Wollin, Lake Mills	2009 - Gary Brewer, Albany
1993 - James Walsh, Beloit	2010 – Paul George, Evansville
1994 - Lyle Nelson, Oregon	2011 – Alan Butts, Evansville
1995 - Don Lang, Beloit	2012 – Erv Nuttleman, Bangor
1996 - Gerald McElroy, Pardeeville	2013 – Roger Guse, Whitehall
1997 - Earl Skalitzky, Waterloo	2014 – Dennis Jeffers, Poplar Grove, IL
1998 – Bob Grenawalt, Beloit	2015 – Bill Clothier, Clinton
1999 - LaVern & Marilyn Weller, Dwight, IL	2016 – Charles Schmaling Family, Delavan
2000 - Schuster Brothers, Berlin	2017 – Hilman Schroeder, Sauk City
2001 - Ralph Wilson, Burlington	2018 – Thomas Knauer, Avalon
2002 - James Furlong, Jr., Watertown	2019 – Gary & Diann Skalitzky, Waterloo
2003 - William Schomberg, La Crosse	2020 – WSF Cancelled
2004 - Mike & Donna Lindow, Chili	2021 - Todd Brewer, Albany
2005 - Wayne Fowler, Cuba City	2022 – Robert “R.J.” Ellingson, Poplar Grove, IL
2006 – George Holst, Trevor	2023 - Tom Walsh, Beloit
2007 – Francis Fahey, Belleville	2024 - Mickey Gilster, Bangor
2008 - David Gill, Platteville	2025 –Jim Brinkmeier, Pearl City, IL (Posthumously)

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