

Wisconsin Pork Association Past Award Recipients

Friend of the Industry Award (Legislative)

2026- John Lader, Janesville	2010 – Senator Dan Kapanke
2025 – Congressman Travis Tranel	2009 – Representative Amy Sue Vruwink
2024 – Congressman Derrick Van Orden	2008 – Representative Lee Nerison
2023 – Secretary Randy Romanski	2007 – Representative John Ainsworth and Governor Jim Doyle
2022 – Senator Ballweg & Representative Kurtz	2005 – Representative David Ward
2021 – Gov. Evers & WDATCP	2004 – Representative Debi Towns
2020 – No recipient- COVID	2003 – Senator Dale Schultz
2019 – Sen. Howard Marklein	2002 – Senator Sheila Harsdorf
2018 – Rep. Gary Tauchen	2001 – Representative Lehman
2017 – Secretary Sheila Harsdorf	2000 – Representative Gard
2016 – No recipient	1999 – Representative Hahn
2015 – Senator Jerry Petrowski	1998 – Representative Ott
2014 – Rep. Keith Ripp	1997 - Representative Johnsrud and Senator Burke
2013 – Gov. Scott Walker	
2012 – Rep. Howard Marklein	

Agri-Communicator

2026- Bill Gnatzig, Roberts	2013 – Dennis Frame, Osseo
2025- Bob Middendorf, WGLR	2012 – Cathy Lader, Beloit
2024 – Larry Lee	2011 – Tara Donovan, Plain
2023 - Bernie O'Rourke	2010 – Greg Sambs, Fort Atkinson
2022 - Brian Winnekins	2009 – Shannon Wolf, Lancaster
2021 – Walter “Wally” Taylor	2008 – Dave Graff, Juneau
2019 – Pam Jahnke	2007 – Mike Salter, Black Creek
2018 – Melissa Wolf	2006 – Danny Meyer, Loyal
2017 – Neil Debus	2005 – Mike Wehler, Plain
2016 – Mike Austin	2004 – Deb Gay
2015 – Zen Miller	2003 – Kathy Morton
2014 – Mike Wehler, Plain	2002 - Lynn Harrison

Producer Honoree Award

2026- Scott Wilson Family, Burlington	2016- Budd Post
2025- Alicia Prill-Adams, Platteville	2015- Tom Knauer
2024- Brian Klubertanz, Columbus	2014- Dave Wade
2023- Silver Creek Family Farm, Darlington	2013- Howard Roth
2022- Shannon Wolf, Lancaster	2012- Keri Retallick
2021- Topigs Norvsn	2011- Shannon Wolf
2019- Howard AV Roth	2010- Keith & Marie Rithamel
2018- Jonathan Wytenbach	2009- Deb Gay
2017- Randy & Linda Kleven	2008- Steve & Al Ries

2007- Kieran Powers
 2006- Doug Wolf
 2005- Mike & Judy Salter
 2004- Jack & Sharon Wyttenbach
 2003- John Lader
 2002- Grenview Farms
 2001- Robert & Marilyn Schultz
 2000- Scott Vander Veen, Clinton
 1999- Janice Steinback, Platteville
 1998- Lynn Harrison
 1997- Howard & Dorothy Richards
 1996- Ken Hanusa, North Freedom
 1995- Don Klaehn, Burlington
 1994- Nancy Meulemans, Black Creek
 1993- John & Karen Hupke, Ft. Atkinson

1992- Ralph Wilson, Burlington
 1991- Ray Butterbrodt, Burnett
 1990- Del & Marie Anderson, WI Dells
 1989- Jerry Keller, Lodi
 1988- Don Thompson, Stratford
 1987- Fred Gay, Reeseville
 1986- Dan & Diane Meyer, Loyal
 Bob Uphoff, Madison
 1985- Steve Mehne, Almond
 1984- Mike & Judy Wehler, Plain
 1983- Don Lang
 Reinhold Grams
 1982- Dean George
 1981- Earl Skalitzky, Waterloo

Industry Honoree Awards

2026- Bob Spurley
 2025- Jim Quackenbush
 2024- Heritage Swine – Drs. Joe Severson & Art Mueller
 2023- Dr. Tara Donovan
 2022- Jim Magolski
 2021- Minitube USA
 2019- Dave Wade
 2018- Adam Hady & Lyssa Seefeldt
 2017- Zen Miller
 2016- Dan Sutherland
 2015- Dr. Gary Onan
 2014- Warren Wilson
 2013- Craig Culver
 2012- Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt
 2011- Dave Jelinski
 2010- Norval Dvorak
 2009- Paul George
 2008- Jeff Swenson, WDATCP
 2007- Dr. Art Mueller
 2006- Tom Crenshaw
 2005- Ron Kuehn & Jordan Lamb
 2004- Dan Short

2003- Eric Drachenberg
 2002- Alicia Prill-Adams
 2001- John and Andy Sorg
 2000- Pat Luby, Madison
 1999- Chef Jeff Igel, Fox Valley Tech College
 1998- J & J Sales, Jim & Jenny Hehenberger
 1997- Don Hale, Clinton
 1996- Elkhorn Locker Service, Elkhorn
 1995- Dewey Wachholz, River Falls
 1994- Jim Smith, WDATCP
 1993- Carl Hirschinger, Prairie du Sac
 1992- Dennis Buege, Madison
 1991- Dr. Lennart Backstrom, Madison
 1990- Richard Warren Martin, Oakfiel
 1989- Leroy Fuchs, Fuchs, Sauk City
 1988- George Hembree, Poynette
 1987- James Hewitt, Marshfield
 1986- Chuck Achterberg, Baraboo
 1985- Buell Gunderson, Poynette
 1984- Jim Howard, Sauk City
 1983- Robert Thayer, WDATCP
 1982- Dr. Robert Bray, Madison
 1981- Byron Meech, Beloit