2018 AWARD WINNERS PROGRAM

AAEA the Agricultural Communicators Network
2018 AAEA Communications Awards

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2018 Winners

Breaking News
1st Chris Clayton, DTN/Progressive Farmer, “Scientists Oppose USDA Nominee as Reports Link Sam Clovis to Russian Campaign Scandal”
2nd Jacqui Fatka, Feedstuffs, “Section 199A Driving Local Elevators to Make Tough Decisions”
3rd William DeKay, The Western Producer, “Dumped Canola Kills Cattle”

Economics & Management
1st Matthew Wilde, Iowa Soybean Review, “Biodiesel Blossoms in the Big Apple”
2nd Ben Potter, Farm Futures, “How to Run a 10K”
3rd Matthew Wilde, Iowa Soybean Review, “No Room in the Bin”

Editorial Opinion
1st Mike Wilson, Farm Futures, “Immigration Reform: The Issue That Will Not Go Away”
2nd Allison Jenkins, Today’s Farmer, “Missouri Bill Would Help Boost Broadband”
3rd Brent Olson, “Heat”

Human Interest
1st Katie Navarra, Western Horseman, “Green Mountain Grown”
2nd Kacey Birchmier, Successful Farming, “SF Special: Paralysis Couldn’t Keep This Minnesota Farmer Down”
3rd Mike Wilson, Farm Futures, “Let’s Talk About the Future”

Humorous Article
1st Dean Houghton, The Furrow, “Soil Your Undies”
2nd Brent Olson, “Mole Rats”
3rd P.J. Griekspoor, Kansas Farmer, “Kansas Farmers Hang Their Dirty Undies on a Line for All to See”

Issues
1st Barb Duckworth, The Western Producer, “Navigating Brexit”
3rd Gil Gullickson, Successful Farming, “Dicamba: When it Comes to Controversial Herbicide, It’s All Shades of Gray”

On-Farm Production
1st Matthew Wilde, Iowa Soybean Review, “Seeing Double”
2nd Pamela Smith, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “Eye on Emergence”  
3rd Jill Loehr, Farm Progress, “Undercover Lessons”

**Personality Profile**
1st Gil Gullickson, Successful Farming, “Going Strong at 102”
2nd Martha Mintz, Homestead Magazine, “Fly Fishing Heaven”
3rd Martha Mintz, The Furrow, “Building a Golden Empire”

**Regular Column**
1st Mike Wilson, Farm Futures, “What Tomorrow’s Farmer Will Look Like”
2nd Kurt Lawton, Corn + Soybean Digest, “Find Positive Change”
3rd Greg Horstmeier, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “Dicamba’s PTFE Problem”

**Technical Feature**
1st Kathy Meyer, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “Crop Armor”
2nd Gil Gullickson, Successful Farming, “Spray Smart”
3rd Steve Werblow, The Furrow, “River Resurrection”

**Team Story**
1st Susan Crowell, Chris Kick, Katy Mumaw and Catie Noyes, Farm and Dairy, “Addiction: A Rural Reality”
2nd Allison Jenkins and Kerri Lotven, Today’s Farmer, “Hauling Hope”
3rd Holly Spangler and Jill Loehr, Prairie Farmer, “Weather: Adapt and Change”

**Story of the Year**
“Going Strong at 102”  
Gil Gullickson  
Successful Farming

**Writer of the Year, Honorable Mention**
Gil Gullickson  
Successful Farming

**Writer of the Year**
Steve Werblow  
The Furrow

**2018 Master Writer Program**

**New Master Writers (Level Five) in 2018**
Karen Bernick
Kacey Birchmier
Jacqui Fatka
P.J. Griebspoor
Jill Loehr
Ben Potter
Matthew Wilde

**Level One**
Abby Bauer
Amy Bickel
Ann Clinton
Maggie Malson
Deana Stroisch
Ryan Tipps

**Level Two**
J. Adam Calaway
Nicole Heslip
Jason Jenkins
Chris Kick
Kerri Lotven
Kathy Meyer
Mike Rankin

**Level Three**
Allison Jenkins
Ron Lyseng
Katy Mumaw
Catie Noyes
Joann Pipkin

**Level Four**
Susan Crowell
William DeKay
Barb Duckworth
Corey Geiger
Katie Navarra

**2018 AAEA Writing Judges**

Kasey Allen                Sherilyn Hoyer
Larry Aylward              Tom Jirik
Tim Barker                 Traci Knight
Sue Stuever Battel         Mary Lawrence
Gordon Billingsley         Melea Licht
Alan Bjerga                Dianna O’Brien
Ray Ford                   Candace Pollock
Molly Harbanger            Jake Sherlock
Patricia Howard            Jessica Stewart
Anita Stuever  Dana Wilson
Susan Thompson  Nicole Wisniewski
Grant Wall  Mike Zawacki
Mike Weinstock  

AAEA Design Awards Program

The AAEA Design Awards Program is sponsored by AAEA through funding provided by DuPont Pioneer.

2018 Winners

Cover Page Design -- Commercial
1st  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, Mid August 2017 cover
2nd  Lisa Lynd, Farm Futures, “How to Run a 10K”
3rd  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, February 2018 cover

Cover Page Design -- Custom
1st  Amy Gohman, C Magazine, July/August 2017
2nd  Rachael Davis, Legacy Magazine, “A Brand New Era”
3rd  Jamie Cole, Performance Agronomy, Spring 2018

Single-Page Editorial Design – Commercial
1st  Donovan Harris, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “Handy Devices”
2nd  Brent Warren, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “A Real Stinker”
3rd  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, May 2017

Single-Page Editorial Design – Custom
1st  Faith Smith, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, Sorghum Cooking Conversion

Opening Page or Spread Design – Commercial
1st  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Gene Editing”
2nd  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “How Strong is Your Bank?”
3rd  Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Soil SOS”

Opening Page or Spread Design – Custom
1st  Matt Strelecki, FFA New Horizons, “Ag It Forward”
2nd  Matt Strelecki, FFA New Horizons, “FFA Lift ‘Em Up”
3rd  Amy Gohman, C Magazine, “Farming For Future Generations”

Two-Plus Page Design – Commercial
1st  Tim Loretangeli, Angus Journal, “Biltmore Builds On Its Success”
2nd Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Gene Editing”
3rd Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Opioids”

Two-Plus Page Design – Custom
1st Nate Werner, Homestead Magazine, “Dark Skies Calling”
2nd Amy Gohman, C Magazine, “Building Trust in Production Agriculture”
3rd Amy Gohman, C Magazine, “Fleet First”

Special Editorial Section Design
1st Rachael Davis, Legacy Magazine, “From Our Kitchen to Yours”
2nd Leo Nieter, FarmLife Magazine, “BALE Special Section”
3rd Donovan Harris, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “America’s Best Young Farmers and Ranchers”

Overall Magazine Design – Commercial
1st Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, Mid-November 2017
2nd Donovan Harris and Brent Warren, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, February 2018
3rd Amanda Mackey, Greenhouse Product News, November 2017

Overall Magazine Design – Custom
1st Nate Werner, Homestead Magazine, Winter 2017
2nd Nate Werner, The Furrow, November 2017
3rd Jamie Cole, FarmLife Magazine, Summer 2017

Overall Magazine Design – Special Issues
1st Nate Werner, The Furrow, February 2018
2nd Michelle Houlden, The Western Producer, “The Innovation Issue”
3rd Donovan Harris and Brent Warren, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, ”Reinforce Your Financial Foundation”

Special Publication Design
1st Rachael Davis, Noble Research Institute, 2016 Annual Report: Connect
2nd Michelle Houlden, The Western Producer, The Innovation Survey
3rd Faith Smith and Elisa Alvarado, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, 2017 Sorghum Checkoff Annual Report

Web Design – Electronic Newsletter/Magazine
1st Jamie Cole, myFarmLife.com
2nd Faith Smith, Simply Sorghum eNewsletter

Best Use of Typography
1st Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Gene Editing”
2nd Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Cool Foods” cover
3rd Matt Strelecki, Successful Farming, “Opioids”

**Best Use of Chart and Graph Material**
1st Michelle Houlden, The Western Producer, “Carbon Taxation”
2nd Michelle Houlden, The Western Producer, “Statistics Canada Releases Farm Debt Numbers”
3rd Amy Jensen, BASF Crop Protection with Padilla, “Living Acres Migration Infographic”

**Best Use of Photography in a Print Periodical**
1st Amy Gohman, C Magazine
2nd Nate Werner, Homestead Magazine
3rd Jamie Cole, FarmLife Magazine

**AAEA Designer of the Year, Honorable Mention**
Matt Strelecki
Successful Farming

**AAEA Designer of the Year**
Rachael Davis
Legacy Magazine

**2018 AAEA Design Judges**
Debbie Brady
Blake Dinsdale
Sam DuRegger
Gardner Hatch
Renee Martin Kratzer
J O’Brien
Carolyn Preul
Quint Randle
AAEA MarComm Awards Program

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2018 Winners

Advertorial – One-page
1st Bader Rutter, “Producers Turn to PhytoGen W3FE Varieties to Thrive Against Weeds and Pests”

Advertorial – Multi-page or Special Section
1st Donovan Harris, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, BASF Innovations from the Field
2nd Joann Pipkin, Dairy Herd Management, “Stewardship Starts With a Plan. Share Your Environmental Story”
3rd Illinois Soybean Association and MorganMyers, “Meaty Markets”

Media/Special Event
1st Illinois Soybean Association and MorganMyers, “SITC Dinners”
2nd Cenex and Exponent PR, “Boot Stomping. Powered Locally.”
3rd Charleston|Orwig and Compeer Financial, “Compeer Financial Launch Media Event”

Feature Article
1st Filament Marketing LLC, Purina Backyard Flock, “Chickens and Gardens”
2nd Exponent PR with Farm Credit Mid-America, “Telling Washington Why Crop Insurance Matters”
3rd Illinois Soybean Association and MorganMyers, “Hub of Marketer and Influencer Access”

News Article
1st Charleston|Orwig and CoBank, “CoBank: Surging Demand for Organic Produce Widens U.S. Supply Gap”
2nd Illinois Soybean Association and MorganMyers, “Illinois Economy Value Article”

News Release
1st Filament Marketing LLC, “Six Milestones for Backyard Chickens”
2nd Filament Marketing LLC, “Never Miss a Heat: Build a Better Boar Bachelor Pad”
3rd Filament Marketing LLC, “Five Tips to Help Your Calves Beat Summer’s Heat”
Technical Writing
1st  G & S Business Communications, “Numbers Tell the Story”
2nd  Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, “Get in the Zone in AGCO’s Performance Agronomy”
3rd  Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation “Smart Seed Selection in AGCO’s Performance Agronomy”

Publication – Print or Electronic – Not for Profit
1st  Meredith Agrimedia, FFA New Horizons
2nd  Noble Research Institute, Legacy Magazine
3rd  University of Illinois, ACES@Illinois Fall 2017

Publication – Print or Electronic – For Profit
1st  G & S Business Communications, Thrive Magazine
2nd  Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, FarmLife Magazine
3rd  Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, BALE Magazine

Media Materials/Kit
1st  Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council and broadhead, RePLAY Media Kit
2nd  Exponent PR and DuPont Crop Protection, News from the Field
3rd  G & S Business Communications, Proximus Collateral

Speech/White Paper
1st  Illinois Soybean Association and MorganMyers, CAGTC White Paper
2nd  Catherine Merlo for CoBank, “Cotton’s Northern Expansion”
3rd  Tanner Ehmke, CoBank Knowledge Exchange, “More Feed, Fewer Mills: Upgrades Accelerate Consolidation”

Writing for Special Projects
1st  Noble Research Institute, 2016 Annual Report: Connect
2nd  Filament Marketing LLC, “My First Year with Chickens” eBook

2018 AAEA MarComm Judges
Teresa Araque
Jessie Decker
Seth Jones
Julie Kaiser
Jennell Loschke
Michael Marn
AAEA Digital & Social Media Awards Program

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2018 Winners

Digital & Social Media – Marketing Communications Division

Podcasts
1st Illinois Soybean Association, ILSoyAdvisor Podcast Channel
2nd The Western Producer, Western Producer Podcast Farmtech

Blogs
1st WinField United and Exponent PR, “Boots on the Ground = Timely Insights from Field to Farmer”
2nd Illinois Soybean Association, ILSoyAdvisor Blog
3rd Simply Sorghum, Simply Sorghum Blog

Websites
1st Bader Rutter, Dow AgroSciences: MaxU E-Learning Modules
2nd WinField United and Exponent PR, Answertech.com, The Ag Tech Ace of Spades
3rd FLM Harvest and The Mushroom Council, Blenditarian Website

Webinars
1st Illinois Soybean Association, ILSoyAdvisor Webinars

Social Media
1st WinField United and Exponent PR, “Exploring Uncharted Waters in Agriculture”
2nd Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council and broadhead, DieselSellerz Social Promotion
3rd Exponent PR and Cenex, “Kicking Engagement Into High Gear”

Mobile/Tablet Technology Apps
1st DTN/The Progressive Farmer, DTN Ag Weather Tools App
2nd Georgia Peanut Commission, PeanutPedia

Video Production
1st Georgia Peanut Commission, “Peanut Program Works”
2nd Filament Marketing LLC, “Purina Dairy Ambassador Herd – The Steinhurst Dairy Story Video”
3rd National Farm Medicine Center, “Tragedy Averted: 90 Second Whiteboard Video Speaks to Wisconsin Farmers”
Digital & Social Media – Publishing Division

Podcasts
1st Jenny Schweigert, “Keeping Ag Real”
2nd Jodi Henke, Meredith Agrimedia, “Saving the Family Farm: Don’t Be Schizophrenic
3rd Tyler Harris, NebraskaFarmer.com, “What Goes Into a 200-Bushel Sorghum Field?”

Blogs
1st Karen Bernick, KarenLovesCountry.com
2nd Kylene Scott, High Plains Journal, “Kylene’s Blog”
3rd Pamela Smith, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, “Production Blog”

Websites
1st Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, myFarmLife.com
2nd AGDAILY, www.AGDAILY.com
3rd DTN/The Progressive Farmer, DTNPF.com

Webinars
1st Hoard’s Dairyman, “Animal Fats: Separating Fact from Fiction”
2nd Hoard’s Dairyman, “Monitoring and Managing Metabolic Diseases in the Transition Cow”
3rd Hoard’s Dairyman, “How They Achieve 40,000 Pounds of Milk per Cow”

Social Media
1st DTN/The Progressive Farmer, DTN Social Media Campaigns
2nd Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, FarmLife Social Media
3rd Red Barn Media Group and AGCO Corporation, “Hesston Knows Hay” Video Series

Multimedia Story
1st Kerri Reynolds and Allison Jenkins, Today’s Farmer, “Brother’s Keeper”
2nd Mindy Ward, Farm Progress, “Creating a Pork Powerhouse”
3rd Jessie Scott and David Ekstrom, Meredith Agrimedia, “From Fighter to Farmer: Passion for Farm and Country”

Video Production
1st John Deere, “The Crooked Road, Episode 3: The Luthier”
2nd The Mosaic Company and broadhead, “The Dirt on Soybeans”
3rd Hoard’s Dairyman, “A Cover for Every Champion”
2018 AAEA Digital & Social Media Judges
Adam Durfee
McGavock Edwards
Kerry A. O’Connor
Jeff Salem
Elaine Symanski
Lynette Von Minden

AAEA Photography Awards Program

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2018 Winners

Portrait/Personality
1st Bob Stefko, Meredith Agrimedia
2nd Bob Stefko, Meredith Agrimedia
3rd Jamie Cole, FarmLife Magazine
HM Steve Werblow, The Furrow
HM Charles Johnson, Homestead Magazine

Pictorial
1st Rob Mattson, Noble Research Institute
2nd Steve Werblow, The Furrow
3rd Marth Mintz, The Furrow
HM Todd Klassy, Range Magazine
HM Ryan Ebert, Hoard’s Dairyman

Feature
1st Todd Klassy, Western Livestock Journal
2nd Todd Klassy, Tri-State Livestock News
3rd Todd Klassy, The Fence Post
HM Charles Johnson, The Furrow
HM Kerri Lotven, Today’s Farmer

Nuts & Bolts – Livestock
1st Steve Werblow, The Furrow
2nd Todd Klassy, Tri-State Livestock News
3rd Todd Klassy, Angus Journal
HM Ryan Ebert, Hay & Forage Grower
HM Jim Patrico, DTN/The Progressive Farmer
Nuts & Bolts – Crops
1st  Todd Klassy, Growing Montana
2nd  David Lindquist, C Magazine
3rd  Gregg Hillyer, DTN/The Progressive Farmer
HM  Steve Werblow, The Furrow
HM  Jim Patrico, DTN/The Progressive Farmer

Picture Story/ Photo Sequence/ Photo Essay
1st  Todd Klassy, Tri-State Livestock News Forage
2nd  Martha Mintz, The Furrow
3rd  Todd Klassy, Range Magazine
HM  Jim Patrico, DTN/The Progressive Farmer
HM  Brent Warren, DTN/The Progressive Farmer

Emerging Photographer
1st  Mike Rankin, Hay & Forage Grower
2nd  Miranda Reiman, Certified Angus Beef
2nd  Mike Rankin, Hay & Forage Grower
3rd  Leo Nieter, BALE Magazine
HM  Mike Rankin, Hay & Forage Grower
HM  Miranda Reiman, Certified Angus Beef

Photo Illustration
1st  Rob Mattson, Noble Research Institute
2nd  Rob Mattson, Noble Research Institute
3rd  David Lindquist and Amy Gohman, C Magazine
HM  Rob Mattson, Noble Research Institute
HM  Lorne McClinton, The Furrow

Unpublished Photos
1st  Kurt Lawton
2nd  Katie Knapp
3rd  Todd Klassy
HM  Katie Knapp

Advertorial Photos
1st  Kerri Lotven, Today’s Farmer
2nd  Todd Klassy, Farm406 Magazine
3rd  Todd Klassy, Farm406 Magazine
HM  Todd Klassy, Farm406 Magazine
HM  Dean Houghton, Conservation Legacy Project
**Photo of the Year**
“Seeding Wheat”
Todd Klassy
Growing Montana

**Photographer of the Year**
Rob Mattson
Noble Research Institute

**Honorable Mention Photographer of the Year**
Todd Klassy

**2018 Master Photographer Program**

**Level One**
Abby Bauer,
Jessie Bland
Robin Booker
Laura Conaway
Barb Glen
Caleb Hicks
Catie Noyes
Faith Smith
Dan Videtich

**Level Two**
Amy Gohman
Leo Nieter
Miranda Reiman

**Level Three**
Kerri Lotven
Mike Rankin
Bob Stefko

**Level Four**
Brent Warren

**Level Five**
Kurt Lawton

**201 Photography Judges**
Jeannie Adams-Smith
Scott Baxter
Russell Graves

Steve Jessmore
Jeff Kida
Keith Skelton
**2018 AAEA Lifetime Achievement Award**
Sponsored by AAEA Professional Improvement Foundation

The AAEA Lifetime Achievement Award is designed to honor current and former members of the organization, including those who may be deceased, for outstanding professional and personal achievements and leadership, with specific emphasis on contributions toward improvement of the viability and value of AAEA. This award is reserved for those who have adhered to high standards of professionalism in all aspects of their endeavors.

**Tom Curl**
Tom Curl was the 1992 – 1993 AAEA President and a longtime executive with Progressive Farmer and Reiman Publications. He is a leader in innovation and bringing people together for a common goal.

**Lynn Henderson**
Lynn Henderson is president of Henderson Communications, publisher of AgriMarketing Magazine. Lynn has spent his agricultural journalism career writing about other agricultural journalists, public relations people, and marketers.

**AAEA Distinguished Service Award**
(made possible through a grant to the AAEA Professional Improvement Foundation by Archer Daniels Midland Company)

**Orion Samuelson**
After a nearly 50-year career, Orion Samuelson has developed an unequalled record of service to the nation’s farmers. Known for his association with WGN in Chicago, and serving as the Stations’ head agricultural broadcaster since 1960, he’s still active in the profession. But most importantly, his broadcasts have inspired an entire generation of people to become agricultural journalists.

**2018 Fellows of the AAEA**

The American Agricultural Editors’ Association is proud to announce the selection of two new Fellows of the AAEA. The Fellows Program recognizes members for excellent service to AAEA.

The new AAEA Fellows are:

- Charles Johnson, The Furrow
- Kurt Lawton, Farm Progress

The Fellows were nominated by the 12-member AAEA Legacy Committee. The
nominations were then passed onto the AAEA Board of Directors for final approval.

2018 Andy Markwart Horizon Award

The Andy Markwart Horizon Award, presented by the AAEA Professional Improvement Foundation (PIF) and John Deere in a matching grant partnership, is an annual award given to an AAEA member who embodies the youthful vigor, energy, passion, dedication and creativity shown by Andy in his volunteer work for AAEA for many years. Andy, editor of The Furrow, died in 2006 from heart problems.

David Ekstrom
Senior Producer and Custom Solutions
Meredith Agrimedia (Successful Farming)

David Ekstrom has been with Meredith Corporation since graduating from Buena Vista University in 2013. He works as Senior Producer and Custom Solutions, a role which includes producing advertiser projects, several radio shows and the Successful Farming television show on RFD-TV.

“David is a joy to work with. His multi-talented creative spirit oozes energy, passion, and dedication to his career, and to agriculture. Just like Andy,” wrote one of his references.

In his application for the Andy Markwart Horizon award, Ekstrom wrote “I enjoy being a team player, not only to assist my colleagues and increase my skillset as well as their own, but also to be a part of the creative process of telling agricultural stories to our readers throughout all types of media. I strive to be knowledgeable to create an emotion, present a powerful image, and a piece of art. Being a member of AAEA also provides me with an opportunity to develop my professional networking and continue my growth with this great profession of agriculture.”

Ekstrom currently serves as an AAEA board member and as the AAEA photography committee chair. He has won Several AAEA awards for his photography work.

AAEA/ACT Scholarship Program

The AAEA/ACT Scholarship Program is a joint effort of AAEA and the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and is funded by the AAEA Professional Improvement Foundation.

The Jim Evans Scholarship

The top AAEA/ACT scholarship given each year is “The Jim Evans Scholarship.” Dr. Evans has had a tremendous impact on the establishment and growth of agricultural communications programs, and serves as a mentor for hundreds of former and present students. Anyone who meets and visits with Jim comes away with renewed enthusiasm for our industry and a great appreciation for everything he has done for our profession.
The recipient is recognized for “excellence in academics and leadership, and for exemplifying the dedication and commitment of the outstanding individual for whom this award is named.”

**Alexa Nordwald**  
**University of Missouri – Columbia**

“Alexa’s dedication to the field of agriculture is apparent. The level of involvement she has in agricultural-related activities outside of her school work continues to astound me, says Lauren Jackson, Business Support Specialist, University of Missouri. “She has taken many opportunities to attend meetings around the state focused on agricultural communications to advance her educational experience. Her vast commitments and involvement with these agriculture-centric programs show that she is not someone who sits back and coasts through her schooling – she prefers to lead the way and dedicate her time to advocating for agriculture.”

**2018 AAEA/ACT Past Presidents’ Scholarship Recipients**

Catherine Jones, University of Nebraska- Lincoln  
Corryn LaRue, Utah State University  
Alexa Nordwald, University of Missouri - Columbia  
Jill Seiler, Kansas State University

**2018 AAEA Interns**

Cheyenne Dunn, Purdue University agricultural communications student, served as the editorial communications intern with Successful Farming in Des Moines, Iowa. She also assisted with the 2018 Ag Media Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Alexa Nordwald, science and agricultural journalism major at the University of Missouri-Columbia, served as the marketing communications intern with Padilla in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She also assisted with the 2018 Ag Media Summit in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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**Thank you to our hard-working committees:**

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Faith Smith, Co-Chair

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AAEA Design Awards Committee
Matt Strelecki, Co-Chair
Amy Gohman, Co-Chair

AAEA MarComm Awards Committee
Pam Caraway, Chair

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Josh Flint, Chair

AAEA Photography Awards Committee
David Ekstrom, Chair

AAEA Legacy Committee
Larry Dreiling, Chair

AAEA Future Ag Communicators Committee
Laurie Bedord, Chair

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