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To: County Farm Bureau Presidents
Selected Faculty Members, Michigan State University

RE: **2020 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE AWARD**

The Distinguished Service to Agriculture award is Michigan Farm Bureau's highest honor. Since 1956, we have presented this award to deserving individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the state's agricultural industry. As you can see from the attached "honor roll" of past recipients, each of these honorees did, indeed, provide "distinguished service" to Michigan agriculture.

We invite you to submit nominations for our 2020 Michigan Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture award. Please review the criteria for the award and use the enclosed form to submit your nomination. To be considered, your nomination must be received no later than July 1, 2020.

Please note that to be eligible for the 2020 Michigan Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture award, your nominee's service to agriculture must be of **statewide or industry-wide importance**.

There are many other appropriate honors and awards, which may be presented by local groups for people who have made important contributions to agriculture at the county and community levels. In fact, your county is encouraged to present a county Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture award at your county Farm Bureau annual meeting, in addition to making nominations for the statewide award.

Persons selected to receive the Michigan Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture award will be honored at our 101st Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting during the banquet program on Wednesday evening, December 2nd, at the Amway Grand and DeVos Convention Center, in Grand Rapids.

Please return your completed nomination form to: Michigan Farm Bureau, DSA Nominations, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, MI 48909.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Bednarski'.

Carl Bednarski, President
Michigan Farm Bureau

cc: County Administrative Managers
MFB Board Members
MFB Staff

**NOMINATIONS FOR MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU'S
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE**

To be given at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Number of years nominee has served agriculture _____

Following is an accounting of outstanding services performed by our nominee, advancing the well-being of farm people (additional material is welcome):

(Nominating Organization)

Date _____

By _____

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2020.

Contact Justin Hein for questions at 517-679-4781 or jhein@michfb.com

Send to: Michigan Farm Bureau
DSA Nominations c/o Justin Hein
P.O. Box 30960
Lansing, MI 48909
E-mail: jhein@michfb.com.

RULES

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE AWARD

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

To honor, in person at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, an individual who has given outstanding leadership and service to Michigan agriculture and to the farm people of this state.

THE AWARD

An appropriately engraved plaque, publicly presented.

ELIGIBILITY

Persons in Michigan whose service to agriculture has been of statewide or industry importance are eligible to receive the award. Employees and directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliate companies are not eligible.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the award must be submitted in time for delivery to the Michigan Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, Michigan 48909, no later than July 1, 2020.

The nomination shall include the name, address and qualifications of the person being nominated.

DETERMINATION OF THE AWARD

Nominations will be considered and acted upon by a committee of judges representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.