

NPFDA Industry Lifetime Achievement Award

Regarded as the highest honor bestowed by NPFDA, this award recognizes an individual who has profoundly and significantly influenced the protein industry. This person has played a major leadership role and may be involved in the processing, distributing or marketing segments of the industry.

Bob Johnson	House of Raeford Farms	2026
Mike Giles	Georgia Poultry Federation	2025
Jim Perdue	Perdue Farms	2024
Tom Hensley	Fieldale Farms/Springer Mountain Farms	2023
Joe Monroe	Columbia Meats	2022
Ron Joyce	Joyce Farms	2021
Pete Martin	Mar-Jac Poultry	2020
Sammy Franklin	Fieldale Farms	2019
Elton Maddox	Wayne Farms	2018
Joe F. Sanderson Jr.	Sanderson Farms	2017
Earl Ishbia	Sherwood Food Distributors	2016
Kenneth M. Kelly	Kelly's Foods	2015
David Van Hoose	Case Farms	2014
William Roenigk	National Chicken Council	2013
Jim Sumner	USAPEEC	2012
Tom Rueger	Eastern Poultry Distributors	2011
Eric Joiner	AJC International	2010
Terry Tucker	Maple Leaf Farms	2009
Doug Carnes	Mar-Jac Poultry	2008
Marvin Johnson	House of Raeford Farms	2007
Col. Harland Sanders	Kentucky Fried Chicken	2006
S. Truett Cathy	Chick-fil-A	2005
Thomas A. Arrendale, Jr.	Fieldale Farms	2004
Marshall Durbin Jr.	Marshall Durbin Companies	2003
George Watts	National Chicken Council	2002
Abit Massey	Georgia Poultry Federation	2001
J. Douglas Cagle	Cagle's, Inc.	2000
Norman W. Fries	Claxton Poultry Farms	1999
James T. "Red" Hudson	Hudson Foods, Inc.	1998
Albin S. Johnson	Columbia Farms, Inc.	1997
Lonnie" Bo" Pilgrim	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	1996
Joe Hatfield	Farms Corporation	1995
Henry Saglio	Avian Farms	1994
Don Tyson	Tyson Foods	1993
Lloyd Peterson	Peterson Farms	1992
Frank Perdue	Perdue Farms	1991

NPFDA Member of the Year

The Member of the Year is a person who has given exemplary service and beneficial efforts and actions to the association as well as to protein and food distribution overall.

To be determined	Announced 01/28/2026	2025
Mariss Han	Foodlinx, Inc.	2024
Jeff Paschall	Fieldale Farms	2023
Chan Windham	House of Raeford	2022
Laurie Pate	Foodlinx, Inc.	2021
Glennon Monroe	Columbia Meats	2020
Marci Walker	Pilgrims	2019
Kenny Seeger	E & S Marketing	2018
Willis Coonan	Turkey Valley Farms	2017
Jim McGahee	Fieldale Farms	2016
Nick Stams	Stams Family Foods	2015
Bobby Lipson	PMI	2014
Chris Sharp	Kelly's Foods, Inc.	2013
Ted Rueger	Eastern Quality Fods	2012
Lee Wilson	Pilgrim's	2011
Al Acunto	Preferred Freezer Services	2010
Jon Poole	Eastern Quality Foods	2009
Russell Maltbie	Integrity Foods	2008
Walter Cooper	Claxton	2007
Marc Stock	Holly Poultry	2006
Joe Monroe	Columbia Meats	2005
Jeff Highlander	Highlander Poultry and Meats	2004
David Arendt	Badger Poultry Plus	2003
Bill Pruitt, Jr.	U.S. Cold Storage	2002
Keith Mennella	Mennella's Poultry	2001
Fred Imler	Imler's Poultry	2000
C. C. Hill	Claxton Poultry	1999
Tarry Winfrey	Lehar Sales, Inc.	1998
Kenneth M. Kelly	Kelly's Foods, Inc.	1997
Earl Ishbia	Sherwood Food Distributors	1996
Craig Reese	Interstate Transport, Inc.	1995
Dan Teplesky	River Valley Farms Co., Inc.	1994
Alan Gordon	County Distributors	1993
Ablin Johnson	Columbia Farms	1992
Kenny Schaper	The Schaper Company	1991
Edward White	White Poultry & Meat Co.	1990
John Monfredini	Pacific Agri Products	1989
Louis Ellman	Eddy Provision Company	1988
Harvey Lipsman	North Side Produce Company	1987
William Cofel	Loda Poultry	1986
Ronald Joyce	Joyce Foods, Inc.	1985
James Chiappetta	Kenosha Poultry, Inc.	1984
Paul Brogowski	D.B. Brown, Inc.	1983
Morton Kaplan	Dav-N-Rock Poultry	1982

Chester M. Sahn	H & H Poultry Corp. of NY	1981
George Matthews	G&H Poultry & Provisions	1980
Anthony Pastore	Park Foods, Inc.	1979
William Manson	Rock Island Poultry, Inc.	1979
Alvin Holzer	Crain's Poultry, Inc.	1978
Robert Gaddini	Lehar Sales Company	1977
Samuel Gordon	General Product Company	1976
Jack Wilkans	Forrest Foods, Inc.	1975
Julius Katz	City Food Service	1974
Joseph Manaster	J. Manaster Company	1973
Everett A. Evnen	Lincoln Poultry & Egg Co.	1972

