

WHPA Beekeeper Awards 1975 – 2023

Beekeeper of the Year

2023 – Elizabeth Renstrom
2022 – Stephanie Slater
2021 – Doug Hauke
2020 – Keith Penney
2019 – Kent Pegorsch
2018 – Al Baldwin
2017 – Matt LaForge
2016 – Nick Thill
2015 – Dan and Karen Buch
2014 – Tracy Malterer
2013 – Don and Cheryl Thill
2012 – Dan and Gina Piechowski
2011 – Tim Fulton
2010 – Jim and Karri Burzynski
2009 – Mark Kohn
2008 – John Piechowski
2007 – Herb and Judy Lapp
2006 – Gary and Ginger Reuter
2005 – Anna Kettlewell
2004 – David Weber
2003 – Oscar Carlson
2002 – John and Lucille Hinkfuss
2001 – Paul and Dorothy Hess
2000 – Keith Rowe
1999 – Derald and Mary Kettlewell
1998 – Leon Metz
1997 – Dave Marcy
1996 – Wally and Lois Nass
1995 – Lee Heine
1994 – Buck and Jane Howery
1993 – Walter Diehnelt
1992 – John and Liz Vaenoski
1991 – Huber and Vera Wheeler
1990 – Butch and Linda Hauri
1989 – Cliff and Bernice Wolterstorff
1988 – Margaret Ahlers
1987 – Charles and Fern Eggen
1986 – Eva Cisek
1985 – Art Kehl
1984 – JoAnne Weber
1983 – Les Philaja
1975 – Henry Piechowski

Pioneer Awards

2023 – Clifford Patz
2022 – John Spate
2021 – Tim & Lois Fulton
2020 – Bill & Susan Palmer
2019 – Lee Heine
2018 – Jake and Judy Jakubek
2017 – Gordon Waller
2016 – Wally & Lois Nass
2015 – Carl Christiansen
2014 – Oscar and Marilyn Carlson
2013 – John and Marilyn Piechowski
Bob and Judy Hoffman
2012 – Al Baldwin
Wayne and Ardelle Lemar
2011 – Wally Brown
2010 – Ed and Merle Sjostrom
2009 – Charles and Fern Eggen

Huber and Vera Wheeler
2008 – Cliff and Myrna Sweet
Sandy Marcy
2007 – Paul Ekblad
2006 – Keith Rowe
2005 – Don and Elaine Kohn
2004 – Herb and Judy Lapp
2003 – Margaret Ahlers / Cliff Hendricks
2002 – David Weber
2001 – Walter Diehnelt / Liz Vaenoski
2000 – Bob and Marion Knox
1999 – Herbert and Ruby Gehlar
Ruth Berholtz
1998 – Felix and Evelyn Neck
1997 – Cliff and Bernice Wolterstorff
Augie and Marlene Laechelt
1996 – Henry and Esther Piechowski
1995 – Arthur and Mary Ramsey
1994 – Rae and Florette Kohn
1993 – Derald and Loretta Hanson

Education Award

2022 – Julie Mazzoleni
2021 – Charlie Koenen
2019 – Max Martin
2017 – Gary Reuter and Marla Spivak
2016 – Peter Underwood
2015 – Craig Petros
2014 – David and Leslie Meuer
2012 – Frank Holzman
2011 – Oscar Carlson
2010 – Dean Lapp
2003 – Sharon and Onaka Pufahl
2001 – Elaine Schumann
2000 – John and Lucille Hinkfuss
1999 – Keith Rowe
1998 – William Lueschow

Special Recognition Award

2023 – Doug Koltermann
2022 – Donna Stine
2021 – Stephanie Slater
2019 – Michael Dick
2018 – Derald & Mary Kettlewell
2017 – Jim & Karri Burzynski
Gene Hausner
2016 – Kimberly Kester
2015 – Nick Thill
2012 – Dan and Karen Buch
2011 – Dennis and Doreen Freeberg
2007 – Bob and Judy Hoffman
2004 – Don and Cheryl Thill
2003 – Ken Balts
2002 – Marla Spivak
2001 – Annette Phibbs
2000 – John Piechowski
1993 – Dadant & Sons, Inc.
Lee Heine
Art Kehl
1992 – Walter Diehnelt
1991 – Garry Oreskovic
Leland “Slick” Kottwitz

Promotional Award

2019 – Hannah Sjostrom
2015 – Kent Pegorsch
2006 – Jolene Hoefs
2005 – Angela Fisher
1996 – Louann Hausner

Youth Award

2023 – Naomi Logterman
2022 – Jared Astle & Emily Skala
2021 – Jalyn Piechowski
2019 – Cheney Strohbush/Kaelyn Sumner
2017 – Gunner Berning
2016 – Natalie Abbott / Katrina Pokorny
2014 – Brandon and Aaron Saeger
Hannah Sjostrom
2012 – Kyle Bomkamp / Dylon Pokorny
2010 – Natalie Abbott
2003 – Keya Pufahl
2002 – Michelle Heram
Carol Wilson
2001 – Carolyn Detmer
2000 – Kayla Marty
1999 – Nick Thill
1998 – Andy Kettlewell
Darren and Jody Hanson
Jordon Bendel

Appreciation Award

2018 – Jeff Budewitz
2016 – Dave & Sandy Marcy
2013 – Illinois State Beekeepers Assoc
2012 – Honey Acres
2012 – Stan Jakubek
2009 – Ronald Wilson
2000 – Linda Hauri
1998 – Phil May
1997 - Walter Diehnelt, Honey Acres
1994 – Rex Bowen / Keith Rowe
1992 – Lee Heine

Above and Beyond Award

2022 - Jim & Karri Burzynski
2010 – Wally and Lois Nass
2000 – Lee Heine

Service Award

2017 – Rock County Beekeepers
2009 – Delaine “Tiny” Kottwitz
1997 – Margaret Ahlers
1992 – Wally Nass

Distinguished Service Award

2004 – Gene Hausner
2003 – National Honey Board
2006 – Doug and Kim Sjostrom
2005 – Mark Kohn
Gary and Ginger Reuter
2002 - Oscar Carlson
1999 - John and Shirley Smith
Marvin Pankratz
1998 – Emmett Harp

Special Award

1996 – Herb and Judy Lapp

1995 – Emmett Harp

1994 – Walt Gojmerac

1993 – Linda Hauri

1992 – John Vaenoski

Achievement Award

1996 – Paul Hess / Dave Marcy

1995 – Eugene Albright / Franklin Borth