

WHPA Beekeeper Awards 1975 – 2024

Beekeeper of the Year

2024 – Jon & Ingrid Logterman
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 & Karen Buch
2014 – Tracy Malterer
2013 – Don & Cheryl Thill
2012 – Dan & Gina Piechowski
2011 – Tim Fulton
2010 – Jim & Karri Burzynski
2009 – Mark Kohn
2008 – John Piechowski
2007 – Herb & Judy Lapp
2006 – Gary & Ginger Reuter
2005 – Anna Kettlewell
2004 – David Weber
2003 – Oscar Carlson
2002 – John & Lucille Hinkfuss
2001 – Paul & Dorothy Hess
2000 – Keith Rowe
1999 – Derald & Mary Kettlewell
1998 – Leon Metz
1997 – Dave Marcy
1996 – Wally & Lois Nass
1995 – Lee Heine
1994 – Buck & Jane Howery
1993 – Walter Diehnelt
1992 – John & Liz Vaenoski
1991 – Huber & Vera Wheeler
1990 – Butch & Linda Hauri
1989 – Cliff & Bernice Wolterstorff
1988 – Margaret Ahlers
1987 – Charles & Fern Eggen
1986 – Eva Cisek
1985 – Art Kehl
1984 – JoAnne Weber
1983 – Les Philaja
1975 – Henry Piechowski

Pioneer Awards

2024 – Gene & Georgene Hausner
2023 – Clifford Patz
2022 – John Spate
2021 – Tim & Lois Fulton
2020 – Bill & Susan Palmer
2019 – Lee Heine
2018 – Jake & Judy Jakubek
2017 – Gordon Waller
2016 – Wally & Lois Nass
2015 – Carl Christiansen
2014 – Oscar & Marilyn Carlson
2013 – John & Marilyn Piechowski
Bob & Judy Hoffman
2012 – Al Baldwin
Wayne & Ardelle Lemar
2011 – Wally Brown

2010 – Ed & Merle Sjostrom
2009 – Charles & Fern Eggen
Huber and Vera Wheeler
2008 – Cliff & Myrna Sweet/Sandy Marcy
2007 – Paul Ekblad
2006 – Keith Rowe
2005 – Don & Elaine Kohn
2004 – Herb & Judy Lapp
2003 – Margaret Ahlers / Cliff Hendricks
2002 – David Weber
2001 – Walter Diehnelt/Liz Vaenoski
2000 – Bob and Marion Knox
1999 – Herbert & Ruby Gehlar
Ruth Berholtz
1998 – Felix & Evelyn Neck
1997 – Cliff & Bernice Wolterstorff
Augie & Marlene Laechelt
1996 – Henry & Esther Piechowski
1995 – Arthur & Mary Ramsey
1994 – Rae & Florette Kohn
1993 – Derald & Loretta Hanson

Education Award

2024 – Martin Mykisen & William Werning
2022 – Julie Mazzoleni
2021 – Charlie Koenen
2019 – Max Martin
2017 – Gary Reuter & Marla Spivak
2016 – Peter Underwood
2015 – Craig Petros
2014 – David and Leslie Meuer
2012 – Frank Holzman
2011 – Oscar Carlson
2010 – Dean Lapp
2003 – Sharon & Onaka Pufahl
2001 – Elaine Schumann
2000 – John & Lucille Hinkfuss
1999 – Keith Rowe
1998 – William Lueschow

Special Recognition Award

2024 – Dr. Hannah Gaines Day
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 Kottwitz

Promotional Award

2024 – Sadie Goettl
2019 – Hannah Sjostrom
2015 – Kent Pegorsch
2006 – Jolene Hoefs
2005 – Angela Fisher
1996 – Louann Hausner

Youth Award

2024 – Larissa Piechowski
2023 – Naomi Logterman
2022 – Jared Astle & Emily Skala
2021 – Jalyn Piechowski
2019 – Cheney Strobusch / 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 & Jody Hanson /Jordon Bendel

Appreciation Award

2018 – Jeff Budewitz
2016 – Dave & Sandy Marcy
2013 – Illinois State Beekeepers Assn
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

2024 – Jeff Budewitz
2004 – Gene Hausner
2003 – National Honey Board
2006 – Doug and Kim Sjostrom
2005 – Mark Kohn/Gary & Ginger Reuter
2002 - Oscar Carlson
1999 - John & 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