

BIF Pioneer Award Recipients

| Name | | Year |
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| Jon Beaver | University of Tennessee | 2024 |
| Darrh Bullock | University of Kentucky | 2024 |
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| Stewart Bauck | Lincoln, Nebraska | 2023 |
| David Bolduc | Stavely, Alberta, Canada | 2023 |
| Warren Snelling | Lawrence, Nebraska | 2023 |
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| Bob Hough | Lone Tree, Colorado | 2022 |
| Bobby Rankin | Las Cruces, New Mexico | 2022 |
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| Alison Van Eenennaam | Davis, California | 2021 |
| Gene Rouse | Huxley, Iowa | 2021 |
| Doyle Wilson | Boone, Iowa | 2021 |
| Galen Fink | Randolph, Kansas | 2021 |
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| Paul Bennett | Red House, Virginia | 2020 |
| Craig Ludwig (posthumously) | Prairie Village, Kansas | 2020 |
| Charles McPeake | Arnoldsville, Georgia | 2020 |
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| Jim Gibb | Louisville, Colorado | 2019 |
| Jerry Wulf | Morris, Minnesota | 2019 |
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| Tim Holt | Fort Collins, Colorado | 2018 |
| Craig Huffhines | Amarillo, Texas | 2018 |
| Mark Thallman | US Meat Animal Research Center | 2018 |
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| Harvey Lemmon (posthumously) | Lemmon Angus | 2017 |
| Dorian Garrick | Iowa State University | 2017 |
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| Doug Hixon | University of Wyoming | 2016 |
| Ronnie Green | University of Nebraska | 2016 |
| Bill Rishel | Rishel Angus | 2016 |
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| Paul Genho | Florida | 2015 |
| Tom Woodward | Texas | 2015 |
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| Merlyn Nielsen | Nebraska | 2014 |
| Gary Bennett | Nebraska | 2014 |
| Steve Radakovich | Iowa | 2014 |
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| Keith Bertrand | Georgia | 2013 |
| Ignacy Misztal | Georgia | 2013 |
| Glenn Selk | Oklahoma | 2013 |

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| Sally Buxkemper | Texas | 2012 |
| Donald Franke | Louisiana | 2012 |
| Leo McDonnell | Montana | 2012 |
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| Mike Tess | Montana | 2011 |
| Mike MacNeil | Montana | 2011 |
| Jerry Lipsey | Montana | 2011 |
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| Richard McClung | Virginia | 2010 |
| John and Bettie Rotert | Missouri | 2010 |
| Daryl Strohbahn | Iowa | 2010 |
| Glen Klippenstein | Missouri | 2010 |
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| Bruce Golden | California | 2009 |
| Bruce Orvis | California | 2009 |
| Roy McPhee (posthumously) | California | 2009 |
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| Donald Vaniman | Montana | 2008 |
| Louis Latimer | Canada | 2008 |
| Harry Haney | Canada | 2008 |
| Bob Church | Canada | 2008 |
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| Rob Brown | Texas | 2007 |
| David and Emma Danciger | Colorado | 2007 |
| Jim Gosey | Nebraska | 2007 |
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| John Brethour | Kansas | 2006 |
| Harlan & Dorotheann Rogers | Mississippi | 2006 |
| Dave Pingrey | Mississippi | 2006 |
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| Jack and Gini Chase | Wyoming | 2005 |
| Jack Cooper | Montana | 2005 |
| Dale Davis | Montana | 2005 |
| Les Holden | Montana | 2005 |
| Don Kress | Montana | 2005 |
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| Frank Felton | Missouri | 2004 |
| Tom Jenkins | Nebraska | 2004 |
| Joe Minyard | South Dakota | 2004 |
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| George Chiga | Oklahoma | 2003 |
| Burke Healey | Oklahoma | 2003 |
| Keith Zoellner | Kansas | 2003 |
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| H.H. "Hop" Dickenson | Kansas | 2002 |
| Martin & Mary Jorgensen | South Dakota | 2002 |

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| L. Dale Van Vleck | Nebraska | 2002 |
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| Larry Benyshek | Georgia | 2001 |
| Minnie Lou Bradley | Texas | 2001 |
| Tom Cartwright | Texas | 2001 |
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| J. David Nichols | Iowa | 2000 |
| Harlan Ritchie | Michigan | 2000 |
| Robert R. Schalles | Kansas | 2000 |
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| Joseph Graham | Virginia | 1999 |
| John Pollak | New York | 1999 |
| Richard Quaas | New York | 1999 |
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| John Crouch | Missouri | 1998 |
| Bob Dickinson | Kansas | 1998 |
| Douglas MacKenzie Fraser | Canada | 1998 |
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| Larry V. Cundiff | Nebraska | 1997 |
| Henry Gardiner | Kansas | 1997 |
| Jim Leachman | Montana | 1997 |
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| A.L. "Ike" Eller | Virginia | 1996 |
| Glynn Debter | Alabama | 1996 |
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| James S. Brinks | Colorado | 1995 |
| Robert E. Taylor | Colorado | 1995 |
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| Tom Chrystal | Iowa | 1994 |
| Robert C. DeBaca | Iowa | 1994 |
| Roy A. Wallace | Ohio | 1994 |
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| James D. Bennett | Virginia | 1993 |
| M.K. "Curly" Cook | Georgia | 1993 |
| O'Dell G. Daniel | Georgia | 1993 |
| Hayes Gregory | North Carolina | 1993 |
| Dixon Hubbard | Virginia | 1993 |
| James W. "Pete" Patterson | North Dakota | 1993 |
| Richard Willham | Iowa | 1993 |
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| Frank Baker | Arkansas | 1992 |
| Ron Baker | Oregon | 1992 |
| Bill Borrer | California | 1992 |
| Walter Rowden | Arkansas | 1992 |
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| Robert A. "Bob" Long | Texas | 1991 |
| Bill Turner | Texas | 1991 |

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| Donn & Sylvia Mitchell | Canada | 1990 |
| Hoon Song | Canada | 1990 |
| Jim Wilton | Canada | 1990 |
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| Roy Beeby | Oklahoma | 1989 |
| Will Butts | Tennessee | 1989 |
| John W. Massey | Missouri | 1989 |
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| Christian A. Dinkle | South Dakota | 1988 |
| George F. & Mattie Ellis | New Mexico | 1988 |
| A.F. "Frankie" Flint | New Mexico | 1988 |
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| Glenn Burrows | New Mexico | 1987 |
| Carlton Corbin | Oklahoma | 1987 |
| Murray Corbin | Oklahoma | 1987 |
| Max Deets | Kansas | 1987 |
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| Charles R. Henderson | New York | 1986 |
| Everett J. Warwick | Maryland | 1986 |
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| Mick Crandell | South Dakota | 1985 |
| Mel Kirkiede | North Dakota | 1985 |
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| Bill Graham | Georgia | 1984 |
| Max Hammond | Florida | 1984 |
| Thomas J. Marlowe | Virginia | 1984 |
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| Jim Elings | California | 1983 |
| W. Dean Frischknecht | Oregon | 1983 |
| Ben Kettle | Colorado | 1983 |
| Jim Sanders | Nevada | 1983 |
| Carroll O. Schoonover | Wyoming | 1983 |
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| Gordon Dickerson | Nebraska | 1982 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Percy Powers | Texas | 1982 |
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| F.R. "Ferry" Carpenter | Colorado | 1981 |
| Otha Grimes | Oklahoma | 1981 |
| Milton England | Texas | 1981 |
| L.A. Maddox, Jr. | Texas | 1981 |
| Charles Pratt | Oklahoma | 1981 |
| Clyde Reed | Oklahoma | 1981 |
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| Richard T. "Scotty" Clark | Colorado | 1980 |
| Bryon L. Southwell | Georgia | 1980 |
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| Robert Koch | Nebraska | 1979 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Carl Roubicek | Arizona | 1979 |
| Joseph J. Urick | Montana | 1979 |
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| James B. Lingle | Maryland | 1978 |
| R. Henry Mathiessen | Virginia | 1978 |
| Bob Priode | Virginia | 1978 |
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| Ralph Bogart | Oregon | 1977 |
| Henry Holsman | South Dakota | 1977 |
| Marvin Koger | Florida | 1977 |
| John Lasley | Missouri | 1977 |
| W. L. McCormick | Georgia | 1977 |
| Paul Orcutt | Montana | 1977 |
| J.P. Smith | Missouri | 1977 |
| H.H. Stonaker | Colorado | 1977 |
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| Forrest Bassford | Colorado | 1976 |
| Doyle Chambers | Louisiana | 1976 |
| Mrs. Waldo Emerson Forbes | Wyoming | 1976 |
| C. Curtis Mast | Virginia | 1976 |
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| Glenn Butts | Missouri | 1975 |
| Keith Gregory | Nebraska | 1975 |
| Braford Knapp, Jr. | Montana | 1975 |
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| Reuben Albaugh | California | 1974 |
| Charles E. Bell, Jr. | Virginia | 1974 |
| John H. Knox | New Mexico | 1974 |
| Paul Pattengale | Colorado | 1974 |
| Fred Wilson | Montana | 1974 |
| Ray Woodward | Montana | 1974 |
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| Jay L. Lush | Iowa | 1973 |
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