
AG LEADERS

2016 Ag Leaders Luncheon honors Ag Leaders & Supporters of the Montgomery Agricultural Center and Fair with a special tribute to Bob Hanson

The 2016 Montgomery County Agriculture Hall of Fame award winner was Bob Hanson. Bob farms in Potomac, MD under the farm name of Mt. Prospect Farm. The farm was bought by Bob Hanson's parents in 1941. Bob has been very active in the community, and has been the recipient of dozens of awards and plaques. As a member of the Rockville Rotary Club, the American Automobile Association, The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, and Future Farmers of America. Bob was one of the 16 original Montgomery County Agricultural Fair committee members. Bob submitted entries in the fair including, baked cookies, pies and chocolate-covered peanuts. Bob has a strong love and dedication to the farm, agriculture, conservation, the animals and his family.



The Ag Leaders Purpose

To provide an opportunity for leaders in the agricultural community to come together during the annual Agricultural Fair to commemorate the importance of agriculture, share ideas, concerns and successes impacting our county.

The Luncheon, held during the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, includes an educational program with important information on current legislation and agricultural land use issues, trends in agricultural production and demographic trends. The Luncheon also serves as an opportunity for interaction and exchange of information among invited guests with the intention of facilitating communication in the future.

The Luncheon is also the occasion in which an Agribusiness Person /Farmer and family is inducted into the Montgomery County Agriculture Hall of Fame. These individuals are honored for their extraordinary contribution to the agricultural community in Montgomery County as well as the State of Maryland. Each year the honoree is also submitted for induction into the Maryland Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Invited guests include agricultural producers of all types in Montgomery County, elected officials from County and State government as well as the following agencies who support the agricultural communities: Agricultural Services- a division of the County Department of Economic Development; USDA Farm Service Agency; USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service; Maryland Department of Agriculture- Soil Conservation District; University of Maryland Extension.

The Ag Leaders Luncheon is sponsored by: Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.

The Montgomery County Fair officially opened in 1949. It was made possible by many volunteers, contributors, families, and government officials who, over the years continue to make the Fair a place for youth and others to gather and show results of their work, to enjoy camaraderie and to educate others about agriculture.