



When summarizing Allen, one word comes to mind, agriculture! From livestock to corn and soybeans, agriculture has been his passion from the beginning.

Being raised on a small family farm in Middletown, Illinois with his three brothers and one sister, Allen knew at an early age that agriculture was the direction he wanted to go. Once he married Sharon, he spent some time farming on the side with his dad while working for Farm Supply Services, where he spent the next 20 years managing the fertilizer department and the last 15 years in the petroleum department.

After retiring from Farm Supply Services, Allen and his son Jayson formed a farming partnership, J&W Farms. The farm consists of corn and soybeans, along with a commercial cow/calf operation, keeping that passion for cattle abundant!

Having been raised on a cattle farm, Allen started showing at the Illinois State Fair when he was just ten years old. So as he got older, having his own herd of registered Polled

Herefords was a dream that came true, and he took great pride in his operation. He passed on the tradition to his own son, who grew up tagging along with his dad to take care of the cows. The two of them traveled the United States together, showing Polled Herefords. And that tradition is still being carried on, as Allen's grandsons have had many great successes showing pigs!

Serving others in the Agriculture industry is something Allen has always been passionate about. Giving back to the livestock community that has supported him for so long is very important to him. He has served on the 4-H Extension Advisory Board, Illinois Junior Polled Hereford Association, Illinois Beef Association, Lincoln Land Purebred Livestock Association Hall of Fame, Illinois State Fair advisory Board, Sangamon County Farm Bureau and in 2017 was awarded Illinois Master Farmer.

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau is a way Allen has been able to use his talents to give back to the ag community. He has had the privilege to serve three terms as president, as well as serving on the Governmental Affairs Committee.

From his roots as a child on his father's farm, to passing on his love to agriculture to his family, he is truly passionate about Illinois Agriculture and works tirelessly promoting programs and gathering supporters of all ages!

**2018 Recipient**  
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