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Dr. Bernie Beckman Announced as Iowa Poultry Association Hall of Fame Award Recipient

Urbandale, Iowa (August 20, 2020) - Iowa Poultry Association announced this year's recipient of the Hall of Fame Award. This award comes before the 50th annual Fall Festival, to be held virtually in September. The Hall of Fame Award honoree for 2020 is Dr. Bernie Beckman, the Director of Technical Services for Hy-Line North America. This year, Dr. Beckman will be recognized virtually, on Thursday, September 24th, at 11:30 AM, during the IPA Fall Festival and Annual Meeting Awards Celebration.

A graduate of Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1992, Dr. Beckman has spent time traveling domestically and previously internationally to visit with consumers, breeders, and other operations within the poultry industry. He serves on the Iowa Poultry Association Board of Directors, International Poultry Welfare Alliance Board of Directors, and is involved in an advisory group for local county 4-H and Ag programs. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Lamplighter Award in 2019 from the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association.

“Bernie has been a tremendous asset and resource for the Iowa Poultry Association and the poultry and egg industry,” said Kevin Stiles, CEO and Executive Director of the Iowa Poultry Association. “He has been core to our NPIP and layer flock disease preparedness efforts and a critical advisor in our IPA member education initiatives.”

Dr. Beckman spent his childhood on a small poultry and beef farm in Indiana. He currently resides in Earlham, Iowa with his wife, Kim, and his two children, Heath and Meghan.

The Iowa Poultry Association Hall of Fame Award is given annually to recognize individuals who have made great impacts on the Iowa Poultry Association and the Iowa poultry industry. Contributions to the poultry industry by Hall of Fame nominees benefit the poultry community directly, or in a way that can enhance industry programs. The Hall of Fame Award recipient is recognized at the annual Iowa Poultry Association Fall Festival.

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