



Chad Yagow, Agronomy Lead – See & Spray, Deere & Company is being honored for application of combined practical and advanced agronomic and engineering knowledge to improve agricultural equipment and service in support of ASABE.

As agronomy lead for Deere's See & Spray technology, Yagow is responsible for coordinating efforts amongst agronomy, product engineering, product management, and product marketing to determine the agronomic benefits that can be achieved using See & Spray technology. The global team of employees Yagow supports verifies the agronomic outcomes of See & Spray products and supports communication of those benefits to customers and the agricultural industry.

Yagow's background in practical farm knowledge, his agronomy foundations, and his engineering skills have proven to be a major asset for Deere. He helped to build the agronomy group at a crucial time when Deere was repositioning from a machine-centric approach toward a more solution-based approach with agronomy becoming a larger consideration of the design process. He was instrumental in the development of the agronomic validation and verification process that is the cornerstone of Deere's agronomy efforts. Having grown up on a family farm, Yagow is also proud to continue his involvement in production agriculture outside of his work at Deere.

Yagow is a 28-year member of ASABE. Throughout his career he has served or chaired 11 ASABE committees. He is a founding member and the inaugural chair of the ASABE Young Professional Community. He has contributed to five ASABE AE50 award winning products. He has received several ASABE awards including the Gale Holloway award, AETC MVP, the Quad Cities Section Young Engineer of the Year award, and 5 Presidential Citations. Yagow served as a guest editor as well as the author of a Last Word Article for Resource magazine. Beyond ASABE, the University of Illinois College of ACES has recognized Yagow as an Outstanding Young Alumni. Within Deere, he was part of teams receiving Chairman's and President's awards for See & Spray Ultimate as well as the John Deere Global Marketing and Innovation awards for agronomy implementation within John Deere.

Yagow currently has one patent for a corn head auger stripper and holds membership in the American Society of Agronomy. He has served on the University of Illinois ABE Department External Advisory Committee, the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center Advisory Committee, and the National Council for Agricultural Education AFNR Advisory Committee, as well as representing the Agricultural Engineering profession in the National Academy of Engineering US-Japan Frontiers of Engineering.