Kenneth Hellevang, ASABE Fellow, P.E., is the recipient of the 2019 Sukup Global Food Security award for his exceptional engineering-based extension educational program that has enhanced drying, storage, and handling of grains, oilseeds, and other food products.

Hellevang is an extension agricultural engineer, professor, and interim department chair of agricultural and biosystems engineering at North Dakota State University in Fargo. There, he provides education and technical assistance on crop post-harvest engineering including grain drying and storage, structures, with a focus on energy efficiency, indoor environmental engineering primarily related to moisture and mold, and flood preparation and recovery.

Hellevang has synthesized information on the design and management of crop post-harvest engineering including grain drying and storage systems and conveyed it internationally. He has conducted research on numerous grain drying and storage topics from which the design concepts have been incorporated in countless systems internationally and in numerous publications. Hellevang developed the recommended guidelines for designing and operating a natural air and low temperature drying system for North Dakota crops which have been disseminated in publications that have become the design and operation standard in the region and nationally.

A 40-year member of ASABE, Hellevang has been extensively involved in ASABE committees including serving as a trustee on the Society Board of Trustees, the Meetings Council, and within the former Food and Processing Engineering division. Hellevang is a member of the North Dakota Council of College Faculty and served as a state president, responsible for providing input to the North Dakota University System and the state board of higher education.

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