



Charles E. Sukup, PE

Charles E. Sukup, PE, ASABE Fellow, is the 2022 recipient of the Henry Giese Structures and Environment award for serving as a world leader in design, marketing, and service focused on agricultural structures and the environment.

Sukup is Chairman of the Board and treasurer of Sukup Manufacturing Co. Sukup is also a professor of practice in agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State University. Sukup Manufacturing Co. is the world's largest family-owned manufacturer of grain storage and drying equipment, producing grain handling, storage and drying equipment. Sukup Manufacturing Co. is one of the top producers of grain bins in the world. Sukup was CEO and President at Sukup Manufacturing Co. for 25 years. During his time as president, Sukup oversaw the addition of a full line of portable grain dryers, grain bins for farm and commercial storage, material handling equipment including bucket elevators, legs and conveyors, tower supports and catwalks, Safe T Homes, as well as pre-engineered steel buildings. These additions increased the company size tenfold.

Sukup gives his time freely to various education, professional, and community organizations. The Safe T Home was developed from a small grain bin for secure housing in third-world countries. As a philanthropist, he has made significant impacts in many aspects of agricultural and biological engineering. The Sukup Family Foundation provided a lead gift to the Iowa State University Biorenewables

and Engineering Laboratory Complex, which now includes the eponymous Sukup Hall and Atrium. In 2016, he established the Sukup Global Food Security Award at ASABE.

A 43-year member of ASABE, Sukup was inducted as an ASABE Fellow in 2010. In addition to his extensive career, Sukup provides valuable leadership at ASABE, notably serving as society president from 2006 to 2007. He was formerly on the Society Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Trustees. He also provided leadership in the Processing Systems Crop and Feed Processing committee and the Plant, Animal, and Facilities System Structures Group and the executive and steering committee of the Food and Process Engineering Institute. Sukup maintains memberships with the Iowa Association of Business and Industry where he formerly was chair and now serves on the Peer Committee for the National Academy of Engineering.

Sukup holds 14 patents. Sukup received the Iowa Outstanding 4H Alumni award, the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Legends in Manufacturing award, and he was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame. Sukup received the 2016 ASABE Cyrus Hall McCormick Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal.

