

Gold Medal Award

John Deere Gold Medal Award



In 1837, John Deere forged a piece of saw blade into a plow, creating the world's first all-steel moldboard. A century later, his descendants established the John Deere Award to recognize "Distinguished Achievement in the Application of Science and Art to the Soil."

The likeness of John Deere appears on one side of the medal. The other side displays a scene symbolic of America's trek westward, its agricultural heritage and burgeoning industry. In the forefront, a homesteader guides a covered wagon carrying his family, their precious plow and other possessions through the wilderness. Behind the wagon, familiar symbols of industrialization are portrayed against the rays of a dawning sun, evoking the image of America's development of the highest standard of living the world had yet known.

Previous John Deere Gold Medal Winners

1938	Samuel H. McCrory	1966	Harry F. Blaney	1994	Howard P. Johnson
1939	Harry B. Walker	1967	Ernest F. Blackwelder	1995	William E. Splinter
1940	Walter W. McLaughlin	1968	Dwight D. Smith	1996	No Recipient
1941	Robert W. Trullinger	1969	Arthur W. Cooper	1997	C. Thomas Haan
1942	David P. Davies	1970	Wayne D. Criddle	1998	William M. Lyle
1943	William Boss	1971	G. Wallace Giles	1999	John C. Siemens
1944	Charles E. Ramser	1972	John T. Phillips, Jr.	2000	Dale F. Heermann
1945	C. Harold White	1973	John W. Borden	2001	Billy J. Barfield
1946	Edgar V. Collins	1974	Lawrence H. Skromme	2002	Radhey Lal Kushwaha
1947	Frank Adams	1975	John H. Zich	2003	Alvin C. Bailey
1948	Dalton G. Miller	1976	John C. Stephens	2004	William J. Chancellor
1949	Hugh H. Bennett	1977	Jan van Schilfgaarde	2005	Richard J. Godwin
1950	Roy B. Gray	1978	Lloyd L. Harrold	2006	James L. Fouss
1951	Charles N. Stone	1979	Fiepko Coolman	2007	John M. Laflen
1952	Ivan D. Wood	1980	Lambert H. Wilkes	2008	Terry A. Howell
1953	Orson W. Israelson	1981	Claude H. Pair	2009	Ramesh Kanwar
1954	Raymond Olney	1982	Marvin E. Jensen	2010	Clarence E. Johnson
1955	Walter W. Weir	1983	Carl A. Reaves	2011	Ronald L. Elliott
1956	Arthur W. Clyde	1984	Henry D. Bowen	2012	James W. Jones
1957	Archie A. Stone	1985	Neil F. Bogner	2013	Shrinivasa K. Upadhyaya
1958	Wallace Ashby	1986	C. Glenn E. Downing	2014	Suat Irmak
1959	Fred R. Jone	1987	Glenn O. Schwab	2015	Thomas Trout
1960	William V. Hukill	1988	Robert Lamar Green	2016	Michael D. Dukes
1961	Virgil Overholt	1989	No Recipient	2017	Qin Zhang
1962	Samuel P. Lyle	1990	William R. Gill	2018	Thomas Marek
1963	Edwin W. Tanquary	1991	Edward A. Hiller	2019	Kenneth A. Sudduth
1964	Mortimer R. Lewis	1992	No recipient		
1965	Emil W. Lehmann	1993	R. Wayne Skaggs		