

Past Winners

“Potato Man of the Year”

1976 – Clarence Parr
1977 – James Twomey
1978 – Merle Anderson
1979 – Basil Fox
1981 – Bernard Shaw
1982 – Robert Mercer
1984 – Gene Shaver
1985 – Gary Ball
1986 – Tom Ford
1987 – Robert Sanders
1988 – David Long
1989 – Dell Raybould
1990 – Ronald Walker
1992 – Richard Watt
1993 – Robert Walther
1994 – Lynn Olsen
1996 – Nick Somers
1997 – Jeff Raybould
1999 – Chuck Gunnerson
2000 – Allen Olberding
2004 – Keith Masser
2005 – Albert Wada
2010 – Chris Voigt
2011 – Justin Dagen

“Potato Man or Woman for All Seasons”

1980 – Winslow Whiteley
1983 – Claude Auger
and Vernon James 1
1984 – Louis Wysocki
1990 – Keith Masser
1991 – Howard Brooks
1992 – Doug Michael
1994 – C. Kelly Hicks
1995 – Richard Chase
and John Schutter 1
1996 – Nate Churchill
1997 – Ron Mack
1998 – Jerry Larson
and Henry Michael
2001 – Alan “Bud”
Middaugh
2002 – Larry Young
2003 – Duane Preston
2004 – Gary Ball
2006 – Larry Olsen
2007 – Roger Knutsen
2008 – Dave Smith
2009 – Allen Floyd
2013 – Ben Kudwa
2014 – Richard Pavelski
2015 – Neil Gudmestad
2016 – Dan Moss
2017 – Melanie Wickham
2018 – John Keeling

Who will be the next ‘Potato Man’ of the Year?

Share your nominations for the Potato Industry Awards



Dear Potato Industry leaders,

Here's your chance to create some good news about the potato industry by honoring a well-deserving colleague. Nominations are being taken for the 2019 “Potato Man of the Year” and the 2019 “Potato Man for All Seasons” awards.

Nominee's Name: _____ Your Name: _____
Firm: _____ Firm: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Phone: _____

My nominee should be named 2019:

“Potato Man of the Year” “Potato Man for All Seasons” because: _____

Your nomination and this information will be kept confidential. You may use up to two additional sheets of paper to describe your nominee's accomplishments.

Your nomination should be returned to *The Packer* by Dec. 10. You may mail it to:

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Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Tom Karst

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