



## News Release

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### **NIAA Presents Three Members with Distinguished Awards**

BOWLING GREEN, KY— The National Institute for Animal Agriculture honored three outstanding individuals at its annual meeting and banquet on Tuesday, April 1, in Indianapolis, Ind. These individuals were handpicked from among NIAA's membership, which is comprised of 232 animal agriculture organizations and individuals from the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. Membership includes national and state livestock, poultry and equine organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry businesses and organizations.

Dr. Rick Sibbel, Director of Technical Services, Global Ruminant, Schering-Plough Animal Health, was presented the NIAA's highly regarded Meritorious Service Award, which is given in recognition of leadership, dedication and contributions to the organization and animal agriculture.

Presented the organization's coveted President's Award, which recognizes an NIAA committee chairman for exemplary leadership and dedication to NIAA was Dr. Jerome Geiger, U.S. Health Assurance Veterinarian with PIC North America.

The Chairman's Award, the organization's volunteer of the year award given in recognition of unselfish dedication and tireless devotion to the advancement of NIAA, was given to Dr. Rafael Seneriz, Senior Research Scientist for Elanco Animal Health.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) mission is to provide forums for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture and to provide continuing education and communication linkages to animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of animal diseases that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well being. NIAA members represent producers, veterinarians, scientists, state and federal officials, and business executives. More information is available at [www.animalagriculture.org](http://www.animalagriculture.org).

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