

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