American Meat Science Association

2026 Meat Industry Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nomination Questionnaire

Purpose of the Award

The Meat Industry Hall of Fame Award recognizes visionary leaders whose influence has permanently advanced the meat and poultry industry through innovation, stewardship, and measurable contributions that strengthened the sector for future generations. This honor celebrates individuals whose careers have transcended operational excellence to create lasting industry-wide impact, elevate professional standards, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

Unlike awards that recognize annual achievements, Hall of Fame induction acknowledges a lifetime of leadership distinguished by transformative accomplishments, ethical business practices, workforce development, community engagement, and meaningful contributions to the long-term vitality of the industry.

Induction represents one of the industry's highest honors and is reserved for individuals whose contributions have materially shaped the meat and poultry sector beyond the boundaries of their own organization.

Eligibility & Submission Requirements

- Hall of Fame membership is determined by a Selection Committee under the oversight of the Managing Partners of the Meat Industry Hall of Fame.
- Induction is based on merit, not quota. The Selection Committee is under no obligation to select an inductee in any given year.
- There are no categories of membership. Eligible candidates may be active, retired, or posthumous.
- The managing board reserves the right to reject a nominee based on material conduct or circumstances that could undermine the credibility of the Hall of Fame.
- Nominees may be nominated by industry peers, professional organizations, or current Hall of Fame members. Self-nominations are also allowed.
- Nominees should be well into their career, typically with at least 25 years of significant contribution to the meat and poultry industry.
- Nominees must meet all requirements and possess a reputation for integrity, professionalism, and ethical leadership.
- The completed submission should provide a concise career chronology, specific accomplishments and outcomes, examples of leadership or innovation, and 2–3 supporting references where possible.
- All portions of the nomination form must be complete. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

Candidate Information

1. Name of Candidate for Hall of Fame * _____

2. Is this nomination a self-nomination? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Candidate Headshot Attach candidate headshot with submission.

4. How many years has the nominee been involved in the meat or poultry industry? * _____ years

5. Has the candidate given you permission to recommend them? * ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Did not contact

6. Describe their Transformational Industry Impact *

Word limit: 500 words

Examples to consider:

- Led initiatives, innovations, or business strategies that produced substantial and lasting industry advancement.
- Influenced industry practices, standards, technologies, or market development beyond their own organization.
- Created measurable improvements in operational performance, sustainability, product quality, or consumer trust.

Response:

7. Provide Information on their Leadership Legacy *

Word limit: 500 words

Examples to consider:

- Demonstrated exceptional leadership over an extended career.
- Built organizations, programs, or systems that continue to create value and influence over time.
- Developed future leaders through mentoring, coaching, and talent development.

Response:

8. Provide Examples of their Innovation and Vision *

Word limit: 500 words

Examples to consider:

- Championed breakthrough ideas, technologies, or business models.
- Anticipated emerging opportunities and challenges while positioning the industry for future success.
- Fostered a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.

Response:

9. Have they been involved in Industry Stewardship? *

Word limit: 500 words

Examples to consider:

- Advanced the reputation, integrity, and long-term sustainability of the meat and poultry industry.
- Contributed to industry associations, educational initiatives, research efforts, or public advocacy.
- Demonstrated commitment to responsible business practices and stakeholder engagement.

Response:

10. Community and Workforce Impact *

Word limit: 500 words

Examples to consider:

- Made meaningful contributions to communities, employees, and industry partners.
- Supported workforce development and education initiatives.
- Exhibited a record of service that extends beyond business performance.

Response:

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator * _____

Nominator's Email * _____

Nominator's Phone Number * _____

Please submit all required information and supporting materials with the completed nomination.