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Nominations Open for the Meat Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2026

The Meat Industry Hall of Fame has announced a call for nominations for its Class of 2026. Anyone interested in nominating a candidate for the Hall must submit their form by Friday, October 16, 2026. The next Meat Industry Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place Jan. 26, 2027, during the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta.

The nomination form and a complete rundown of eligibility requirements is available at [Meat Industry Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

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.

The Meat Industry Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to honor leaders and legends whose contributions have shaped the meat and poultry industry. It is jointly owned and governed by the Meat Institute, the American Association of Meat Processors, and the American Meat Science Association.

The Meat Institute (www.meatinstitute.org) supports the businesses processing meat and poultry, as well as their supplier partners.



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The American Association of Meat Processors (www.aamp.com) provides service, knowledge through education, regulatory representation and networking opportunities for its processor and supplier members.

The American Meat Science Association (www.meatscience.org) connects a global community of professionals and students to discover, apply and communicate meat science and technology.