

# Grain producers honor Jamison with 2009 Miller Award

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Dickerson resident Charles "Jamie" Jamison, a longtime advocate of the grain industry, was presented the prestigious Dr. James R. Miller award by the Maryland Grain Producers Association at the Maryland Commodity Classic on July 23.

Established in 1988, the award recognizes outstanding contributions to the grain industry. A grain farmer and director for the National Corn Growers Association Board, Jamison has been a strong voice for agriculture at the local and national levels.

"Jamie is passionate about the future of agriculture," said Chip Bowling, president of MGPA. "His willingness to share his extensive agricultural knowledge, experience and time serving in roles with state and national organizations has positively shaped the future of agriculture, and it is why we honor him today with the Miller award."

Bowling presented Jamison the award, noting that his name will be added to a plaque housed at the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

"Jamie has made a major contribution to the grain industry at the national level, serving in several capacities with the association and always being available to us to represent grain farmers in Washington," said Sam Willett, MGPA's senior director of public policy.

"This award means a lot to me, particularly since I knew and worked with Dr. Miller," Jamison said. "What I have done is because of what you producers are doing. I am deeply honored and want to thank all of you for your help as none of this would have been possible without you."

Jamison grew up on his family's farm in Poolesville. He began farming on his own in 1969 after returning from service in Vietnam. His operation has grown every year and now farms about 4,000 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans and sod.

Jamison is a member of the Frederick County and Montgomery County farm bureaus and the Montgomery County Board of Realtors. He was a founding member of the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board and served as treasurer from 1994 until 2004.

Jamison served on the National Corn Growers Association's market development committee from 1995 to 1997 and the production and stewardship action team from 1998 to 2005, where he was vice chairman, chairman and board liaison. Since 2005, he has served on the finance committee as member and chairman and as a member of the Association Relations Committee.

Living close to the nation's capital, the corn growers association frequently calls on Jamison to provide testimony and input into policy decisions. He promotes understanding and supports farmers' issues throughout the country,

Jamison attended Montgomery College and American University. He is married to Kathy and has three sons who are involved in the business.