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## Michigan Agri-Business Association recognizes member contributions

### GreenStone Farm Credit Services

The Michigan Agri-Business Association handed out three special awards during the second day of its annual winter conference, Jan. 12

GreenStone Farm Credit Services was named MABA's Outstanding Manufacturer/Supplier Award, Don Seidl was honored as its Outstanding Member and Ron Restum, General Manager at Agrium in Saginaw, was presented a plaque of appreciation for his past service as Chair of the Board or Directors for MABA.

GreenStone Farm Credit Services currently serves more than 64% of commercial farmers in Michigan and finances more dairy operations, hog farms, turkey production facilities and egg operations, as well as traditional cash crop operations, than all other lenders doing business with farmers in Michigan combined.

"They have become such a dominant force that at no time in the history of Michigan agriculture has one company commanded the market share they possess, the volume of credit they provide or the level of service they deliver to their customers," said Jennifer Vincent, editor of *Michigan Farmer* magazine, who presented the award.



**OUTSTANDING MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER** - Pictured are (l. to r.) Pete Lemmer, GreenStone Chief Legal Counsel; Jack Kelly, GreenStone Executive Vice President; Jennifer Vincent, editor of Michigan Farmer magazine; Dave Armstrong, GreenStone President/CEO; Jim Byrum, president of MABA, and Travis Jones, GreenStone Chief Financial Officer



### Don Seidl

Seidl was described as a "fixture in Michigan agriculture," by Annette Weston, Michigan Farm Radio Network's Agri-News Reporter, who presented the award.

Seidl has served as Chair of MABA's Grain Committee for several years, has been on the Board of Directors for two rotations and was also Chair of the Board 25 years ago.

Seidl has been with Mueller's, MAC, ADM, VeraSun, and now runs the Farmers Co-Operative Grain Company in Kinde, less than 20 miles from where he grew up.

"Don has always been a great sounding board for ideas, excellent source for history and is well regarded in the grain industry, not just in Michigan, but across the country," Weston said. "He was the spearhead in developing Michigan's groundbreaking Grain Dealer's Act, which has since been used as a model in other states, and helped bring together the five different organizations that are now the Michigan Agri-Business Association."

**OUTSTANDING MEMBER** - Don Seidl was honored as the 2009 MABA Outstanding Member. The award was sponsored and presented by Annette Weston, Michigan Farm Radio Network's Agri-News Reporter.

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