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### **The Andersons, Inc. Chairman Mike Anderson receives MABA ‘Leaders & Legends’ Award** *Anderson led company to expand across Michigan*

LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA)** opened its 2016 Winter Conference and Trade Show with keynote remarks from **Mike Anderson**, Chairman of **The Andersons, Inc.** and presented Anderson with the 2016 MABA Leaders & Legends Award for his leadership and work to spark growth across Michigan agriculture.

“During Mike’s leadership of The Andersons, the company grew its Michigan presence substantially – helping fuel the growth of our agriculture sector, provide good jobs and strengthen rural communities across the state,” said **Jim Byrum**, president of **MABA**. “The Andersons is well-known for its commitment to ethics, community involvement and industry professionalism, and Mike has led by example – ensuring those traditions always stayed at the heart of the company. Many in Michigan look up to Mike and we appreciate his efforts to grow our industry.”

Anderson began his career with The Andersons in 1978, and held various positions within the agriculture group including grain buyer, grain purchasing manager, grain division manager and Vice President and General Manager of the Grain Division. Between 1994 and 1996 he served as Vice President and General Manager of the Retail Group. In September 1996, he became the President and Chief Operating Officer. Anderson served as CEO of The Andersons from 1999 to 2015. He became Chairman of the Board in 2009.

During Anderson’s two decades leading the business, **The Andersons, Inc.** saw its first \$1 billion sales year, and entered the ethanol business, including in Albion, Michigan. In 2014, The Andersons reported \$4.5 billion in revenue.

“Mike Anderson’s leadership has resulted in tremendous benefits for Michigan’s agribusiness community, and we look to Mike as an excellent example for the future,” said **Byrum**.

MABA presented its first [Leaders and Legends Award](#) in January 2013. The program honors individuals who have provided the entrepreneurial spark and taken risks to lead the growth of Michigan’s agricultural industry.

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