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Local agribusiness leader receives Michigan Agri-Business Association “Leaders and Legends” award

LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association** (MABA) presented **Herman Geers**, chairman of the board of **Michigan Agricultural Commodities** (MAC), with the “Leaders and Legends” award for his lifetime of leadership in agriculture at the Association’s 2013 Outlook Conference this weekend.

Geers, who founded MAC in 1976, grew the company from a three person trading office into Michigan’s largest grain handler with 8 locations, 43 million bushels of storage capacity and 110 employees. He also founded London Agricultural Commodities (LAC) in Canada in 1986.

“Herman Geers has been a longtime leader in Michigan’s agriculture industry and in his community,” said **Jim Byrum**, president of MABA. “His creativity, vision and leadership will continue to have a lasting positive impact on our industry. We are proud to honor him for his years of service and dedication with the Leaders and Legends award.”

Throughout his career, Geers has received many awards, including the Michigan “Agri-Businessman of the Year” award, the MABA Chairman of the Board award, the Distinguished Service Award from Michigan State University’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Honorary State FFA Degree Award from the Future Farmers of America Agricultural Education Organization.

He is a leader in his community, is active in local church communities and tutoring programs, and helps deliver weekly meals to the local elderly community.

MABA presented its first Leaders and Legends Award in January. The program honors individuals who have led the growth of Michigan’s agricultural industry and acted as spark plugs for innovation and creativity.

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