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Michigan Agri-Business Association awards industry leaders at annual event

LANSING – The **Michigan Agri-Business Association** (MABA) recognized the achievements and leadership of its members during its annual Winter Conference and Trade Show.

MABA presented the Leaders and Legends award to **Ted Leipprandt**, former CEO of the **Cooperative Elevator Company** headquartered in Pigeon where he spent almost four decades advancing Michigan's agricultural industry. The Leaders and Legends award acknowledges an individual who has made a profound difference in Michigan agriculture and is awarded twice a year to the state's most elite agri-business entrepreneurs and leaders.

MABA presented its 2013 Outstanding Manufacturer/Supplier award to **The Andersons, Inc.** The Andersons is an agribusiness and retail firm that specializes in the operation of grain elevators, distribution of fertilizer and the management of rail cars. The company is headquartered in Ohio, but has facilities throughout Michigan.

“The Anderson's lend their people, expertise and resources to help the association prosper and the industry grow, and don't shy away from tough issues,” said **Jennifer Vincent**, editor of the **Michigan Farmer Magazine** who presented the award on behalf of MABA.

MABA presented its 2013 Outstanding MABA Member award to **Brian Brink** of **Brink Farms Inc.** headquartered in Hamilton. Brink is a member of the MABA Board of Directors and his business specializes in the transportation of agricultural products.

MABA's Winter Conference and Trade show takes place annually at the Lansing Center in Lansing. This is the 81st year of the event.

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