



## California State Fair Seeks Nominees for the 2018 Agriculturalist of the Year Award

Since 1854, the California State Fair has showcased the progress and advancement of the State's agricultural industry. In celebration of those individuals who have substantially contributed to that success, the California State Fair is seeking nominations for the 2018 Agriculturalist of the Year.

The Agriculturalist of the Year award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership and contributed extensively to the agricultural industry in a professional manner. Individuals nominated must have clearly represented the industry over a number of years in one or more of the following areas: finance, government, production agriculture, education, labor, research, communications, trade and public service, regardless of contributions to the California State Fair.

The California State Fair first began presenting this award in 1980. Most recent awardees include Tom Nassif (2017), Sarbjit "Sarbj" Johl (2016), Charles D. "Chuck" Ahlem (2015), Craig McNamara (2014), Edward H. Nishio (2013), A.G. Kawamura (2012), Robert "Bob" Gilbert (2011), Bill Lyons, Jr. (2010).

The [2018 Agriculturalist of the Year nomination form](#) can be found on the California State Fair website under Agricultural Advisory Council (<http://www.castatefair.org/agricultural-advisory-council/>). Nominations can be made from within the industry and the general public. Nomination forms must be emailed, faxed, postmarked or hand delivered by **Friday, January 19, 2018** to:

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The winner of the 2018 Agriculturalist of the Year will be presented at the Friends of the California State Fair Gala on June 21, 2018.

### **About the California State Fair**

Established in 1854, the California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate California's achievements, industries, agriculture, and diversity of its people, traditions and trends that shape the Golden State's future. We invite you to join us for the 165th California State Fair July 13 - 29, 2018.

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