



## 2025 Honoree Dave Case

Dave Case grew up in a somewhat non-traditional agricultural setting, gaining his background working summers as a teenager on his aunt and uncle's vegetable farm in southern Michigan. They raised sweet corn, and a variety of vegetables and soybeans. From that time on, he knew he wanted to be involved in agriculture.

He attended the University of Kentucky, majoring in Agronomy with an emphasis in Weed Science and a minor in Agricultural Economics. He proudly recalls being around when glyphosate was still an experimental product—MON2139! At UK, he was a member of the UK Soil Judging Team, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, and Alpha Zeta Agricultural Honorary.

After graduating in 1979, Dave moved to Urbana and began his career with Champaign Landmark in agronomy sales. He credits this time with providing his real education and foundation in agriculture. He then spent six years with Crow's Hybrid Corn Company as a District Sales Manager.

In 1989, Dave joined Mobay Chemical as a Territory Sales Manager. He remained through two name changes—Miles, then Bayer—and retired from Bayer CropScience in 2018 as a National Key Account Manager. Over nearly 30 years, he worked across three states and at Bayer's Raleigh, NC headquarters.

Dave became involved with OABA in 1992 as Mobay's representative on the Golf Committee, serving 30 years until 2022. He served two terms on the OABA Board of Directors (2007–2013), is a past and future Chair of the OABA Educational Trust Board and has served on the OABA Seed and Ohio Agro Expo Committees.

Today, he runs Case Ag Consulting, working with mid- and small-tier chemical and seed companies nationwide. He also serves



on the Champaign Family YMCA Board, Ohio State University Campaign Advisory Committee, and Urbana United Methodist Church Leadership Board. He is also a Champaign County Farm Bureau Trustee, Treasurer of the Urbana High School FFA Alumni and Advisory Boards, Urbana Rotary Club member, 26 Gallon Red Cross Blood Donor, and in his third term on the Agribusiness Association of Kentucky Board. He also writes a monthly agricultural column for the Urbana Daily Citizen.

Dave and his wife, Dorothy, have been married 42 years. In his free time, he enjoys golf, tennis, cycling, pickleball, and woodworking. Their farm (Case "Critters and Blooms") profits support pancreatic cancer research at the James Cancer Hospital in memory of his sister-in-law, Shirley—channeling their agricultural success into meaningful contributions to medical advancement.

Dave's long-time association with OABA remains a highlight of his career, and he wishes to thank the many people along this wonderful journey, from the OABA staff to the BOD members he worked with on the OABA and Educational Trust Boards, to all the Golf for Scholarship Committee members.

## For more than 50 years, the OABA Educational Trust

has provided scholarships annually to students enrolled in an agriculture-related field attending The Ohio State University and OSU Agricultural Technical Institute, Central State University, Clark State College and Wilmington College.