

**2018 Fulton County
Agricultural Hall of
Fame Inductees**



2018

Richard Gallup

Chesterfield Township

Farmer

2018

RICHARD L. GALLUP

Richard L. Gallup contributes to Fulton County and its agricultural community in many ways. He is a self-taught man who grew up and has lived his entire life in a two-mile radius of Lyons, Ohio. A graduate of Lyons High School he believes in education and his many degrees that come from the school of experience.

Richard's (Dick's) agriculture experience is extensive. He began his career as a teen raising cattle and the basic row crops: corn, soybeans, and wheat. Throughout the years, Dick has grown State Line Farms to over several thousand acres in Ohio and Michigan and a team of employees. He has grown processing tomatoes, seed wheat, seed beans, corn and cabbage all while raising hay for neighboring dairies and finishing market hogs. Dick's experience has developed the skills required to plant when the soil is 'just right' or irrigate crops before they become stressed. His meticulous daily accounting and financial analysis has helped him jump at opportunities and transition from less profitable ventures. As an agricultural innovator, Dick was one of the first in the area to understand the benefits of tile and irrigation. He appreciates flexibility and independence. Dick saw early in his career the value of semis, grain-handling systems, greenhouses, maintenance shops and technology such as global positioning systems (GPS).

Dick is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church where he has served on the finance committee. He is a calm, God-fearing family man, honest in his dealings, with family at the forefront. He believes there is a right way to conduct your life and run your business: Do unto others, and help those in need.



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Richard Martin

Gorham Township

Farmer

2018
RICHARD MARTIN

Richard Martin started farming while growing up on his family's farm in Fayette. While attending Fayette High School, he was involved in the FFA Program where he received his State and American Degree. He took over the family farm and he and his wife Linda started the dairy farm, Martinline, LLC. They raised three children and now enjoy their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As times were changing, Richard was one of the first producers in the area to incorporate no-till practices into his grain farming around 1987. This only sparked the relationship with the Fulton Soil and Water Conservation District by teaming up with them to install waterways and filter strips where needed. Richard was named Cooperator of the Year by the Fulton SWCD.

Richard continues to be involved in the day-to-day operation of Martinline, LLC and farms close to 500 acres in crop production. He has worked with local producers throughout the years, contracting feeder pigs and after the dairy cows sold in 1998, Richard contract-fed and raised beef calves for local producers.

Richard is involved in the Fulton County Farm Bureau and was active with the Fayette Christian Church of Disciples Church, the Pleasant View Cemetery Board and The Fayette Lions Club. He was also a 4-H advisor for Fayette Favorites and later the Dandy Dairyman for 20 years.



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Ed Miller

Clinton Township

Agribusiness

2018
ED MILLER

Ed Miller grew up being in 4-H and FFA showing steers at the Fulton County Fair and Lugbill Livestock Show. He won champion showman at the fair and champion pen of 5 fat steers at the Lugbill livestock show. He was recipient of Ohio FFA State Farmer Award in 1964.

Farming began for Ed by feeding steers and hauling livestock for his father's trucking company. Then in 1970 Ed along with his father and brother-in-law began M.E. Miller Tire Company specializing in agricultural tires including 'hard' to find' agricultural tires for persons restoring antique farm equipment. Ed became president of the tire company in 1985 and continues in this role today.

Ed was an original member of the Fulton County Fair Foundation and served several years as president of the Foundation. He has also served as chairperson of the fundraising committee for the Spangler Show Arena. He and his wife Lila has served as foster parents for several years. They also are serving their tenth year as co-chairpersons of the Grandstand Diner at the Fulton County Fair benefitting community programs. Ed is a charter member of the North Clinton Church and has served on several committees and still enjoys being involved helping in numerous capacities.



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Dennis Wyse

York Township

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