

## AGCO Announces Finalists for 13th Annual Operator of the Year

### Operator of the Year Celebrates Application Professionals for Their Work and Personal Accomplishments

DULUTH, Ga. - [AGCO Corporation](#) (NYSE: AGCO), a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment and solutions, announces the four finalists for AGCO Application Equipment's 13th Annual Operator of the Year. The award recognizes the value of the hard work professional applicators do caring for crops and customers across the country, as well as their involvement in their communities.

Professional applicators spend long hours in the field every season, using technologically advanced application machinery like a RoGator® or a TerraGator®, to accurately and efficiently apply fertilizer and crop protection products on millions of farm acres, helping farmers achieve their best possible yield. These four application professionals exemplify the best of the application community:

(In alphabetical order)

- Jerry Born, Farmers Union Oil of Southern Valley, Fairmount, North Dakota
- Layne Heward, Agri-Service, Heyburn, Idaho
- Jason Lane, United Prairie, Tolono, Illinois
- David Zelhart, Donovan Farmers CO-OP Elevator, Donovan, Illinois

"We are always excited to see the applications come in each year, and read about the amazing application professionals out in the field and all the wonderful ways they serve not just farmers, but their communities as a whole," said David Webster, director of Application Marketing North America, AGCO. "It is truly an honor for AGCO to sponsor this award."

Another unique aspect of the Operator of the Year program is that it is open to all ag retailers and custom applicators in the United States, regardless of the equipment brands used in their application fleets.\* A panel of judges from AGCO will evaluate finalists based on their performance both in the field and in the community, including criteria such as skill, dedication and customer service, as well as community involvement.

The four finalists will be guests of AGCO at the 2018 Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) Conference & Expo, Nov. 27-29, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Boca Raton, Florida. The 13th Annual Operator of the Year winner will be announced Nov. 28 at the conference and presented the grand prize, a new Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

###

©2018 AGCO Corporation. TerraGator and RoGator are registered trademarks of AGCO Corporation. Harley-Davidson is a registered trademark of H-D U.S.A., LLC. H-D U.S.A. is not a participating partner in or sponsor of this contest.

\*Open to U.S. retailers that provide agricultural chemical application services.

#### About AGCO

AGCO (NYSE: AGCO) is a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of agriculture equipment and solutions and supports more productive farming through its full line of equipment and related services. AGCO products are sold through five core brands, Challenger®, Fendt®, GSI®, Massey Ferguson® and Valtra®, supported by Fuse® precision technologies and farm optimization services. Founded in 1990, AGCO is headquartered in Duluth, GA, USA. In 2017, AGCO had net sales of \$8.3 billion. For more information, visit <http://www.AGCOcorp.com>. For company news, information and events, please follow us on Twitter: @AGCOCorp. For financial news on Twitter, please follow the hashtag #AGCOIR.

#### Media Contacts:

Kelli Cook, [kelli.cook@agcocorp.com](mailto:kelli.cook@agcocorp.com), 404-353-3607

#### Contact

Kelli Cook  
AGCO North America  
404-353-3607  
[devsaduser1624@ipressroom.com](mailto:devsaduser1624@ipressroom.com)