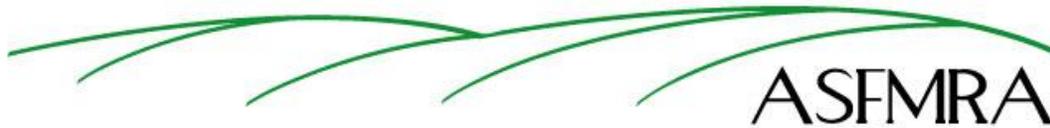


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### Early Career Award Recipient Recognized

DENVER, Colo., November 23, 2016 – The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers® (ASFMRA®) recognized Eric Wilkinson, AFM with the 2016 Early Career Award during the 2016 ASFMRA Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, California held November 7 - 11, 2016.

The prestigious Early Career Award was presented to Eric Wilkinson, AFM and recognizes “early career” members who are making outstanding contributions to their local chapter, the ASFMRA, and their local communities during their first 10 years of ASFMRA membership.

Wilkinson, grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm in Grundy County near Mazon, IL. He currently resides in Grundy County with his wife and three children. Wilkinson began working for Hertz Farm Management, Inc. in 2008 as a Farm Manager and Real Estate Salesperson. In 2010, he opened a new office in Kankakee, IL and currently serves as the office manager and managing broker managing over 14,000 acres of farmland.

Wilkinson has been an active member of ASFMRA holding various leadership positions. He currently serves as the president-elect of the Illinois Chapter and was the national co-chairman of the Young Professional Network (YPN) of ASFMRA for the past several years. Wilkinson joined ASFMRA in 2008 and earned his Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) designation in 2012.

Founded in 1929, the [American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers®](http://www.asfmra.org) (ASFMRA®) is the largest professional Society for rural property experts in the United States. Members of ASFMRA provide management, consultation and valuation services, as well as real estate services, on rural and agricultural assets. The focus of ASFMRA is to provide education and professional networking opportunities for members to enable them to provide valuable services to the agricultural community. The land experts who hold membership in ASFMRA work under a professional code of ethics, are required to meet continuing education requirements, and are known as *The Most Trusted Rural Property Professionals*.

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