

## **Granger of the Year Named**

Wayne Campbell, a past president of the Pennsylvania State Grange, was named Granger of the Year on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the 151<sup>st</sup> State Grange Session in Morgantown.

The award is given each year to the Granger who most exemplifies the spirit of the Grange.

“Wayne has been a mentor to me during my first year as president of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I appreciate his continued hard work to further the goals and message of the Grange,” Grange President Matt Espenshade said.

Many leaders in Pennsylvania agriculture also sent well wishes to Campbell.

“It has been a privilege to work with and support Wayne Campbell, who is a real leader in Pennsylvania agriculture as well as a friend,” said U.S. Rep. G.T. Thompson, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

“Wayne was an excellent master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and I enjoyed working with him during his tenure. It is my pleasure to join in honoring Wayne Campbell for his dedication to Pennsylvania’s agricultural community.” “Wayne Campbell’s leadership of the Grange galvanized efforts to build strong, resilient rural communities, promote the growth of agriculture, and educate the next generation of leaders in this industry,” Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding said.

“He has been steadfast on the issues like health care and broadband, understanding that equitable access and opportunity are critical for all Pennsylvanians. Wayne’s recognition as Granger of the Year is testament to his exceptional contributions and serves as an inspiration to all who aspire to make a difference in this Commonwealth.”

Campbell is a lifelong Perry County resident who served as State Grange president from 2017 to 2022.

He led the agriculture and rural advocacy organization through the pandemic and elevated the organization’s work on issues from rural health care to broadband development and, most recently, solar development.