

2015 MGFA Community Service Award Recipient – Harvey Van Eps

Each year since 2008, the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association has recognized an individual association member, who has demonstrated an unselfish commitment to community service. Harvey Van Eps, General Manager of the Prinsburg Farmers Co-op, was presented with the 2015 MGFA Community Service Award at a ceremony held on April 20, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Co-op.



Harvey started working for the co-op, which was established in 1927, in 1963 and became General Manager in 1977. Other key employees that work for the co-op have been with the co-op for an average of 33 years, which says a lot about Harry's exceptional leadership and his leadership style as General Manager.

Under Harvey's leadership, the co-op has grown and prospered, now handling around 16 million bushels annually and posting annual sales exceeding \$140 million.

Harvey was elected to the Prinsburg City Council in 1994 and was appointed Mayor in 1996. Harvey has been re-elected ever since, now approaching 20 years as the town Mayor. He is known for being very fair, kind and considerate in his role as Mayor and has proven a strong commitment to the welfare of its citizens and to the strength of this community. He has served 3 years as deacon and 12 years as elder in the 1st Christian Reformed Church in Prinsburg. He has been very active with his children and grandchildren in both church and school as well as on vacations at the lake. Harvey has been married to his wife Glennis for 53 years and they have four children, 12 grandchildren (10 boys and 2 girls) and one great granddaughter.

On behalf of the Board and members of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association, congratulations to Harvey for being selected to receive the 2015 MGFA Community Service Award.

Pictured above (L-R): David Estrem, MGFA President; Glennis & Harvey Van Eps and Ben Hedtke, MGFA Treasurer.