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*Jenny Stelmach of Kentucky receives the American Agri-Women’s LEAVEN award from Merlynn Versstuyft and Pam Townsend.*

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Springfield, IL - American Agri-Women presented Jenny Stelmach of Owensboro, KY the LEAVEN award at the recent American Agri-Women’s National Convention held in Springfield, Illinois. The award is the organization’s highest honor for its members.
AAW coined the LEAVEN Award as a means of elevating its members. AAW presents the LEAVEN Award to those members who, to an outstanding degree, have acted as “leaven”. “Leaven” another word for yeast, is a small element that can interact and influence everything around it. It permeates and raises the elements with which it is mixed. Leaven multiplies its effectiveness for good. Nominated by her peers, Stelmach exemplifies the meaning of the words that make up “LEAVEN”: Loyalty, Enthusiasm, Anticipatory, Valiant, Effectiveness and Nurturing.

When presented with the award Stelmach stated, “It is such an honor to receive this award from the members of American Agri-women, some of which are very close friends."

Stelmach was not born and raised in agriculture, but she developed a love for it over years of working in the ag industry. She has served for over a decade on the board of her state affiliate and on many AAW boards as well, currently serving as the Vice President of Communication and on the Foundation Board. Stelmach has boundless enthusiasm for AAW and its cause. She has a positive can-do attitude and is always ready to take care of business. She is always willing to lend a hand whether it is getting a speaker for a meeting, helping with your luggage or volunteering for a project.

American Agri-Women is a national coalition of more than 50,000 farm, ranch, and agribusiness members, part of 60 state and commodity affiliate organizations.

Since the organization’s inception in 1974, AAW have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and profession development opportunities.

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