

2018 American Oat Workers Conference
Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement



A. Bruce Roskens

A native of northwest Iowa, Bruce Roskens grew up on a family farm and graduated from South Dakota State University, majoring in Agronomy, Crop Sciences, and Agricultural Education. Bruce is the Director of Crop Sciences for Grain Millers, Inc. Bruce joined Grain Millers in June of 2012, after over 36 years of significant contributions to oat improvement with The Quaker Oats Company/PepsiCo/Frito Lay organization.

Bruce is an effective advocate for oat production, oat utilization, and oat research. Bruce has unique knowledge of all aspects of the oat industry and can relate to oat researchers, oat producers, oat end users, and government agencies that may affect any aspect of the oat industry. His broad-based business experience includes purchasing of commodities and ingredients, crop research and development, mill feed sales, hybrid and varietal breeding program administration, grain milling, and grain quality education and development programs.

Bruce has traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, and over 20 other countries, working with oat and corn researchers, grain suppliers, and farmers to advocate for improvement of crop and grain quality for human food production. Due to his extensive oat experience, Bruce is often the first person requested to provide advice regarding important oat issues.

Bruce is a Certified Crop Advisor, Certified Professional Agronomist, a Certified Purchasing Manager, Associate Plant Breeder (Canada), and is an active member of many professional and trade organizations as well as having served on several boards for youth organizations (Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, PAS), church groups, and community organizations.