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## **Baker brothers honored with the Secretary's Award for meritorious service to Delaware Agriculture**

On Thursday, January 21, 2010, at the annual Agricultural Industry Dinner, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Kee, presented the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service to David, Ed, and Robert Baker, from Middletown. The award was given in recognition of meritorious service to Delaware agriculture.

Kee said, "Tonight, I am recognizing three people, who individually have been recognized with awards and accolades through the years. They are successful farmers and successful business men, and as such, a reflection of their parents, Warren and Kay Baker, who were very active in Delaware agriculture. The Baker brothers were chosen because, collectively, they have dedicated more than 90 years of meritorious service to Delaware agriculture. They exemplify the best of Delaware Agriculture."

Kee continued, "In the past 30 years there has rarely been an agricultural issue or program in which at least one of the Baker brothers was not involved. Whatever the need, they have always stepped up to the plate when asked."

The Baker brothers are longstanding members of the Delaware farming community who, together, operate a very successful farm in the Middletown area. They are tireless public servants, dedicated to their families, their faith, and Delaware agriculture. To say that they are leaders is an understatement. They have been:

- At the forefront of our nutrient management, water quality, and land-use efforts
- Taken leadership positions in the Council of Farm Organizations, commodity organizations, and county, state, and American farm bureaus.
- Been a voice for agriculture on committees, boards, and councils such as the Delaware Coastal Zone Regulatory Advisory Committee, WILMAPCO, Delaware River Basin Commission Watershed Advisory Council, and government taskforces and committees such as DEDO's Industries of the Future Committee, the Governor's Energy Advisory Council
- Been active in civic and community organizations
- All three brothers are graduates of the University of Delaware and have been avid supporters of the University since their graduation.

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