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## WPHA Member Les Lyman wins 'Outstanding Retailer of the Year' Award

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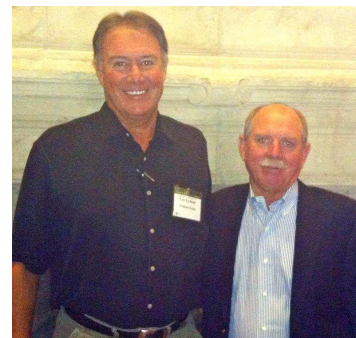
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 30, 2011 - The Western Plant Health Association (WPHA) is pleased to announce that Les Lyman, president of The Lyman/Tremont Group based in Walnut Grove, has won the "Outstanding Retailer of the Year" award.

Lyman was presented the award today during the annual meeting of the Agricultural Retailer Association (ARA) held in Boca Raton, Fla. The annual award is sponsored by ARA, Monsanto and *AgProfessional* magazine and honors retailers who consistently exceed their customers' expectations and serve as a positive example for other retailers through their outstanding and innovative business practices.

"Mr. Lyman and his organization are outstanding examples of today's modern agricultural retail businesses, combining progressive workforce programs, environmentally sensitive products and practices, and effective community outreach," said WPHA CEO/President Renee Pinel.

Lyman and his companies are longtime WPHA members, and strongly support local community outreach programs and agricultural education efforts such as those offered by the California Fertilizer Foundation and California Agriculture in the Classroom. Lyman companies also engage in educational outreach with local and state policy officials, both legislative and regulatory, by sponsoring tours of their facilities and local growers to help educate officials about the importance of California agriculture and the safe practices that agriculture utilizes to protect workers and the environment.

WPHA congratulates Les Lyman and The Lyman/Tremont family of employees for this well deserved honor. The Lyman/Tremont Groups have locations throughout Northern California.



**Outstanding Retailer of the Year Award recipient Les Lyman, left, is shown with WPHA Board Chairman Ron Naven of Yara North America, Inc., during an award ceremony Wednesday.**

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