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### **Ron Rabou Honored as 2019 Top Producer of the Year Finalist**

Lenexa, Kan. (Jan. 28, 2019) – Ron Rabou, president and manager of Rabou Farms in Albin, Wyo., was honored in Chicago as a finalist for Farm Journal's annual Top Producer of the Year award.

Sponsored by BASF, Rabo AgriFinance and Case IH, the Top Producer of the Year contest is in its 20th year and represents the best in the business of farming. Three finalists are chosen from numerous applications by a panel of judges based on entrepreneurial originality; financial and business progress; and industry and community leadership.

In the past 14 years, Rabou Farms has grown from 800 acres to nearly 8,000 acres of organic wheat, lentils, millet, chick peas and yellow peas. Rabou builds his business model and crop mix around the consumer. The family has jumped into organic production and continues to build relationships with grain buyers. They have built competitive advantages with their production systems, all with the goal of becoming price makers, rather than price takers.

The fifth-generation operation also includes 100 cow-calf pairs, as well as real estate and private big game hunts. Ron's wife, Julie, one full-time employee and three part-time employees round out the team. The couple's sons—Carson, Spencer and Mason—are the operation's bright future.

That next generation is Ron's biggest priority for the future. His goals don't revolve around more crops, land or equipment. Instead, his focus is his family, faith, freedom and the time to enjoy them all.

As a 2019 Top Producer of the Year finalist, Rabou received a trip to Chicago for the 2019 Top Producer Seminar. He also will receive in-person and phone consultations with a CEO coach, courtesy of BASF.

Watch a video about Ron Rabou at <https://www.agweb.com/article/rabou-farms-named-2019-top-producer-of-the-year-finalist/>

More than 1,000 participants attended this year's Top Producer Summit in Chicago. For the first time ever, Farm Journal combined Top Producer Seminar, Tomorrow's Top Producer, Executive Women in Agriculture (EWA) and the Legacy Project Conference for a week of networking and education for the nation's executive farmers. Producers representing 4 million acres from 33 states, Canada and Australia attended the Summit. Learn more at [www.TPSummit.com](http://www.TPSummit.com).



Photo by Tina Smothers, Top Producer

Top Producer Editor Sara Schafer, right, congratulates Ron Rabou of Rabou Farms, Albin, Wyo., for being named a 2019 Top Producer of the Year finalist.

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