

## Asgrow expert chosen as Agronomy Society Fellow

### DICKEY-john celebrates 20th birthday

AUBURN, IL — DICKEY-john Corporation, Auburn, Illinois, introduced its first product twenty years ago. The company was formed to build and market the first successful planter monitor, invented by a farmer, Bob Dickey and his brother-in-law, Jack Littlejohn. (Hence the spelling of the company name with the john always in "little" letters and the DICKEY in all caps.)

The first planter monitor has been followed, over the years, by many other firsts: the first digital readout battery-operated portable hand-held moisture tester for grain; the first universal area based grain loss monitor for combines; the first electronic control system for agricultural sprayers; the first radar ground speed sensor for true measurements of ground speed for farm tractors — and many others. In all, the company's innovative and aggressive research and development programs have earned over seventy patents.

Today, DICKEY-john is the world leader in agrionics® — agricultural electronics combined into a term coined and registered by the company. In addition to marketing a full line of products under its own name, DICKEY-john is also the leading supplier of instrumentation to the major farm equipment manufacturers.

DICKEY-john is also involved in designing and manufacturing instrumentation for grain elevators, flour mills, oil seed processors, food processors, the meat and dairy industries, public works departments, and the medical field.

DICKEY-john products are marketed world-wide with offices in Canada and Europe. Corporate headquarters are located in Auburn, Illinois, a farming community fifteen miles south of the Illinois capital, Springfield.

KALAMAZOO, MI. — Dr. John A. Schillinger, Director of International Agronomic Research for the Asgrow Seed Company, has been selected as a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, 1985. He is being recognized for his accomplishments in soybean cultivar development, his leadership in directing research programs and his contributions to the seed industry.

The award was presented to Dr. Schillinger at the Society's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Schillinger has rendered invaluable service to agriculture, as noted by his peers, with the development of superior soybean cultivars during portions of his

career at the University of Maryland and with the Asgrow Seed Company. These soybean cultivars are currently grown on more than six million acres in the United States (10 percent of the soybean acreage) and in over 10 percent of the soybean acreage in Argentina.

Schillinger's talents at leadership have been apparent throughout his career, but most especially at Asgrow Seed Company, where he rose from Soybean Research Project Leader to Director of Worldwide Agronomic Research in just eight years. In the process, he received the coveted Upjohn Award, The Upjohn Company's highest recognition for

service and achievement for research personnel.

Dr. Schillinger also played a major role in the origin of the Commercial Soybean Breeders Association. He has served as Chairman of this group for three of its nine years of existence, and has served on the executive committee six of the nine years. The Commercial Soybean Breeders group consists of approximately 60 members, representing 23 companies.

Other contributions to agriculture include research, course development, teaching duties and extension work while at Michigan State University and the University of Maryland.

Between the years 1965 until 1967, he held a joint appointment as research entomologist with the USDA and Michigan State University. During that time, he conducted research in host plant resistance to the Cereal Leaf Beetle and instructed graduate-level students.

A native of Severn, Maryland, Schillinger was raised on a vegetable and tobacco farm. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1960 and 1962, respectively, and earned a doctorate degree in Crop Science from Michigan State University in 1965.

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