

# **Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association**

Nomination for Mid-Columbia Ag Hall of Fame:

**Alan Mehlenbacher, KAL Farms**

*“Develop high quality products and good people through irrigated agriculture.”*

## **Nomination By:**

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## **Nomination For:**

- Mr. Alan Mehlenbacher  
KAL Farms (1991-2018)  
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## **Why Nominated:**

- Alan Mehlenbacher has been a praise-worthy advocate for the Irrigated Agriculture Industry and community. When he speaks, you want to listen to what he says—a man offering honesty, a man of wisdom.

## **Family:**

- Brenda, wife.
- Leon and Jeanne Mehlenbacher, parents.
- And immediate family, Brian and Michelle, Erik, Shanda and Brian Riele.

## **Farming/Agricultural Background:**

- B.S. WSU-Ag, Mechanization. (1980).
- Cargill Inc., Nebraska, Grain Elevator Management.
- Mehlenbacher Farms, Franklin County, 1966-72; Walla Walla County, 1972-2018.
- Private direct pumper on Lower-Snake River/McNary Pool River system.
- Farming potatoes and rotation crops hay (Timothy), sweet corn, peas, carrots.
- Approximately 3,000 acres., owned and lease ground.

### Community/Civic Activities:

- CSRIA Active Member and Board Member, 1992-Present.
- Supporter of the Irrigation Technology Program, Walla Walla Community College.
- Young Farmer of the Year Award, Jaycees Club.
- WA State Farm Bureau Member.
- Field of Grace Supporter, Tri-Cities, WA. — DIRECTOR (ON BOARD)
- Volunteer Fire Fighter and Dist. Commissioner, 1982-Present, Burbank, WA.
- Active with Columbia REA member outreach activities.
- National Rifle Association Member.
- Living Room Church Member and Walk with Christ Program-Past Director.

### Action/Vision of the Future for Mid-Columbia Ag:

- Develop high quality products and good people through irrigated agriculture.
- Keep farming stable and viable; be innovative with new products, crop opportunities, and changing farming technologies.
- Engage in effective civic and political activities that contribute to the well-being of Irrigated Agriculture and the people working in it.





