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Ray Brownfield, Managing Broker and Owner of Land Pro LLC in Oswego Illinois, recently received the Illinois State University (ISU) 2017 Alumni Achievement Award at the annual Founders Day event. Ray graduated from ISU in 1965, majoring in Education. Upon graduation, he became a farm manager at The First National Bank of Peoria, and progressed to Department Head. This position paved the way for rapid progression in his industry to Department Head at Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company and Northern Trust Agricultural Services, leading to his position as President of Capital Agricultural Property Services (CAPS), a subsidiary of Prudential.



During his twenty years at CAPS, Ray helped build the company into one of the largest of its kind in the United States. After retirement from CAPS, Ray formed and is Managing Broker and President of Land Pro LLC, an agriculture real estate brokerage and farm management company located in Oswego. He is an Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) and an Accredited Land Consultant (ALC).

Ray has received numerous awards including the Hall of Fame award from the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ISPFMRA) and the D. Howard Doane Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA). Ray served as national President of ASFMRA and the REALTORS® Land Institute. To date he is the only person to serve as President of both organizations. Ray received the prestigious Hobart Award from the ISU Agriculture Department and the highly-coveted Hall of Fame Award from the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Ray served in the Illinois Army National Guard rising to the rank of CW-5, as the State Food Service Officer. He retired as a decorated thirty-five-year veteran in 2001.

Ray and his family still enjoy coming to the family farm in Thawville. He and his wife Patty live in Naperville.

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