King Agassiz is the official ambassador for the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Each year, the supporting counties are invited to nominate a County King Agassiz for recognition at the Winter Shows. He will be a farmer or anyone who services farming, and he is to be between the ages of 25 years and 40 years. He is a person who is coming up the ladder of opportunity in agriculture and who has developed his business soundly and serves his community well. He possesses personal qualities that will be valuable in carrying out his duties should he be chosen as King Agassiz for one year.

1961 King Agassiz Nominees

Merle Anderson, Climax
Polk County
Marvin Dauner, Hawley
Clay County
Richard Fitzsimmons, Argyle
Marshall County
George Helmstetter, Roosevelt
Lake of the Woods County
Wayne John, Greenbush
Roseau County
Lloyd Ouse, Rothsay
Wilkin County
Willard Purath, Red Lake Falls
Red Lake County
Andrew Skaar, Thief River Falls
Pennington County
John Swiers, Jr., Bejou
Mahnomen County
Mac Tobkin, Perham
E. Otter Tail County

Chronological List of King Agassiz’s, 1961 - 1984

King Agassiz I - (1961-1962) - Richard Fitzsimmons, Argyle
King Agassiz II - (1962-1963) - Herman Natzwick, Ada
King Agassiz III - (1963-1964) - George P. Nornes, Climax
King Agassiz IV - (1964-1965) - Leonard Yutzenka, Argyle
King Agassiz V - (1965-1966) - Erman O. Ueland, Fertile
King Agassiz VI - (1966-1967) - Robert H. Schafer, Mahnomen
King Agassiz VII - (1967-1968) - Charles Brantner, Jr., Moorhead
King Agassiz VIII - (1968-1969) - Edgar L. Olson, Fosston
King Agassiz IX - (1969-1970) - Sheldon Erickson, Badger
King Agassiz X - (1970-1971) - Wallace Sparby, Thief River Falls
King Agassiz XII - (1972-1973) - Ronald A. Ulven, Hawley
King Agassiz XIII - (1973-1974) - Duane Ekman, Argyle
King Agassiz XIV - (1974-1975) - Karol Berglind, Ada
King Agassiz XV - (1975-1976) - Art Brandli, Warroad
King Agassiz XVI - (1976-1977) - Lowell Anderson, Hallock
King Agassiz XVII - (1977-1978) - Charles Swanson, Fergus Falls
King Agassiz XVIII - (1978-1979) - Sherwood Peterson, Baker
King Agassiz IX - (1979-1980) - Bruce Hein, Frazee
King Agassiz XX - (1980-1981) - George Flaskerud, Fosston
King Agassiz XXI - (1981-1982) - Donald Sargeant, Crookston
King Agassiz XXII - (1982-1983) - Charles Swanson, Hallock
King Agassiz XXIII - (1983-1984) - Marvin B. Hanson, Hallock
King Agassiz XXIV - (1984-1985) - Donald Martodam, Hawley