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Clay has received numerous honors including the Oklahoma Farmers Union Legislative Leadership award, the NRCS Oklahoma Conservationist of the Year award, the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts President's Award, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legislative Meritorious Service Award and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Representative of the Year award. In 1999, Clay was named Agriculture Man of the Year for Oklahoma by Progressive Farmer magazine and a 'Graduate of Distinction' from the College of Agriculture at Oklahoma State University in 2005. In 2013 he was recognized by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences with a regional Emmy Award for his outreach and educational work in conjunction with the Ken Burns documentary *The Dust Bowl*.

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