Mr. Joseph Rowland  
BS CALS '73

Joseph Rowland’s grandmother’s maiden name was Cornell; like his distant cousin, Ezra, he grew up on a farm. He remembers visiting Cornell farms as a young member of the County Livestock judging team. After enrolling in engineering, he transferred to agriculture and studied wildlife management and ecology. It was a natural segue to take up beekeeping as a career, combining his love of nature, entrepreneurship, and an independent streak common to farmers. He is now semi-retired, with his life seasoned by public service, two million pounds of honey production, and a desire to address climate change individually and as an alumni trustee.