

# Ohio Conservation Farm Family Awards

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The **Ohio Conservation Farm Family Awards** program recognizes farmers who are doing an outstanding job of protecting and conserving soil, water and related natural resources on the land they farm. Coordinated by the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation** and co-sponsored by **Ohio Farmer** magazine and the **Ohio Farm Bureau Federation**, the program emphasizes the application of technically sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation practices and encourages the sharing of this information with other farmers and the general public.

Five area finalists are selected from around Ohio. All five finalists will be recognized as winners of the Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award at a ceremony during the Farm Science Review in September and will be featured in the September issue of Ohio Farmer magazine. The winners will also receive a \$400 check courtesy of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

## *Entry Deadline is May 1.*

Nominations are to be sent to the **Ohio Farmer magazine, 117 W. Main St., Suite 202, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.**

**Mr.**

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**Mrs.**

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**Address**

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Street #, RR #, Box

City

County

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (    )** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name or names to appear on awards certificate

**Commodity Information:**

**Acres**

**Livestock Information:**

|                       |         |       |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| Major                 | Crop(s) | _____ |
| _____                 |         | _____ |
| _____                 |         | _____ |
| _____                 |         | _____ |
| _____                 |         | _____ |
| Pasture .....         |         | _____ |
| Woodland/Forest ..... |         | _____ |
| Other .....           |         | _____ |
| Total .....           |         | _____ |

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|---------------|--------|
| Type          | # Head |
| Dairy.....    | _____  |
| Hogs.....     | _____  |
| Cattle.....   | _____  |
| Cow/calf..... | _____  |
| Sheep.....    | _____  |
| Other.....    | _____  |

## **Conservation Techniques**

- 1) Identify the soil and water resource management problems found on nominee's farm. Describe the innovative as well as traditional conservation techniques you have used to address these problems. (Limit response to 100 words or less; attach another sheet if necessary).

## **Environmental Education**

- 2) Tell how nominee's farm has been used to demonstrate to others in the community the problems and solutions in pollution abatement and environmental enhancement. Explain other ways that nominee helps publicize conservation and natural resources management. (Limit response to 100 words or less-attach another sheet if necessary).

- 3) **Describe The Nominee's Conservation Philosophy In 25 Words Or Less** (May be used for news purposes)

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#### 4) Conservation Practices

How long have you been a cooperator with your SWCD? Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ or since (year) \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of corn do you plant using conservation tillage (including no-till)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of soybeans do you plant using conservation tillage (including no-till)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of small grains do you plant using conservation tillage (including no-till)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use cover crops? What type? \_\_\_\_\_. On how much acreage? \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you rotate crops? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Have you installed grassed waterways? How many acres \_\_\_\_\_ or linear feet \_\_\_\_\_

Have you installed filter strips? Grass \_\_\_\_\_ or forested \_\_\_\_\_ How many acres \_\_\_\_\_ or linear feet \_\_\_\_\_

Have you installed contour strips? How many acres \_\_\_\_\_ or linear feet \_\_\_\_\_

Have you restored a wetland or developed a new wetland on your farm? \_\_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_no How many acres \_\_\_\_\_

Have you installed a windbreak for farmland erosion control \_\_\_\_\_, feedlot windbreak \_\_\_\_\_, or a farmstead windbreak? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you installed fencing to prevent livestock from entering streams \_\_\_\_\_ woodlots \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a woodlot, is it managed? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no. If yes, list management techniques

\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ .

If you have livestock, do you have a manure nutrient management plan? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Do you manage acreage for wildlife benefits? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no. If yes, what techniques

\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ .

List other conservation measures you have installed on property you farm:

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\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ;

\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ;

**Nominator's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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