

Ohio Conservation Farm Family Awards

Co-sponsored by Ohio Farmer magazine and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

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 Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Resources** 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, C/O Ohio Department of Agriculture 8995 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43608**

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Mrs.

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Address

Street #, RR #, Box	City	County
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State _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

E-mail _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Name or names to appear on awards certificate

Commodity Information:

Acres

Livestock Information:

Major Crop(s) _____	

Pasture	
Woodland/Forest	
Other	
Total	

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)

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? _____ yes _____ no On how much acreage? _____. What types of cover crops?

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:

Nominator's Signature _____

Date _____

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