

Wallaces Farmer®



Iowa Master Farmer Award Nomination Form

In March 1926, Wallaces Farmer started a program to honor a few farmers each year who assume leading roles in agriculture, citizenship and good family living. Those chosen for the award have been recognized for their achievements in “Good Farming, Clear Thinking and Right Living.” The Iowa Master Farmer award is a sincere effort to honor top Iowa farmers who have devoted generously of their time and energy in building stronger communities and a better agriculture.

The awards are presented in March of each year. Applications for the current year’s awards must be received by October 1 or earlier of the previous calendar year.

Supporting letters from the nominee(s)’ banker, county Extension agent, pastor or other agricultural or civic leaders will strengthen the nomination. These letters are forwarded to the judges for viewing.

Send completed nomination form and supporting letters to Master Farmer Editor, Wallaces Farmer, 6200 Aurora Ave. Suite 203E, Urbandale, Iowa, 50322-2838. If you need further assistance, please call 515-505-1540.

Personal Information

Nominee(s):

Address:

Best Phone Number:

County of Residence:

Age(s):

Highest Degree(s) Earned:

Years farming:

Years on present farm:

Please answer if you are nominating only one person:

Is nominee married?

Spouse's name:

Is spouse living?

List the names of children, education/employment and place of residence. Include first and last names for married daughters.

Why are you nominating this person(s) for the Iowa Master Farmer Award?

General Farm Operation Information

When and how did the nominee(s) get started in farming?

Percent of annual earned income from agricultural operation:

Amount of time employed away from agricultural operation:

Describe the off-farm employment:

Describe the operation's labor situation. Is there full-time or part-time help? List each separately.

What types of farm records are kept?

What type of farming innovations has the nominee(s) used?

Describe any innovative marketing and/or distribution methods for this operation.

What seems to be the strongest point in this operation?

What seems to be the weakest point?

Credit source with contact name:

Crop Information

Tillable acres:

Non-tillable acres:

Describe cropping program. Include any pertinent information about tillage, row-width, harvest population, herbicide and pesticide, innovations, etc.

| Crops | Acres | Best average yield | Best yield last 3 years |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>(If drought, disease or other conditions affected yield, please note.)</i> | | | |

Describe any uses of non-tillable acres:

What type of soil conservation does nominee(s) practice?

Livestock Information

Describe the livestock program (cattle, hogs, sheep, dairy, poultry, etc.) Describe the production facilities (confinement, pasture, combination).

| Livestock | Number | Production per unit |
|---|--------|---------------------|
| <i>(Under production per unit, provide appropriate statistics such as gallons per cow, calf percentage and average weaning weight, feed efficiency and daily gain, egg/broiler production, pigs weaned per sow, etc.)</i> | | |

Community Involvement Information

How is the nominee(s) active in local government and school affairs? List offices held, other responsibilities, and any recognition.

How is the nominee(s) active in farm and commodity organizations? List offices held, other responsibilities, and any recognition.

How is the nominee(s) active in Extension, Farm Service Agency, civic and/or service organizations? List offices held, other responsibilities, and any recognition.

Describe the nominee(s) other positions of responsibility in the community.

List how others in this operation are involved in the community.

Person making this nomination:

Address:

Best telephone number:

Relation to nominee: