

AMERICAN Agriculturist®

MID-ATLANTIC MASTER FARMER NOMINATION FORM

The Mid-Atlantic Master Farmer Award is sponsored by *American Agriculturist* magazine in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension offices of the Cooperative Extension Offices of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Submitting a nomination

If you are filing an application on behalf of a nominee or if you are nominating yourself, please fill out the application in its entirety and mail it to:

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P.O. Box 734
Richland, PA 17087

You can also email your completed application to chris.torres@farmprogress.com. For more information or if you have any questions, contact editor Chris Torres at the above email or call (717) 679-2677.

The nomination process

Completed nomination forms are due no later than **February 1**. A four-person judging committee will evaluate the nominations and judge each candidate by the middle of March. Winning candidates will be contacted in late March or early April.

The requirements

Along with a completed application, each nominee should provide a minimum of four letters of recommendation. These letters can come from other farmers, bankers, veterinarians, nutritionists, Extension personnel, community leaders or others who can attest to the nominee's qualifications for the award. News clippings and photos can also strengthen the application.

The award

The Master Farmer Award is the most prestigious honor bestowed to a farmer. Less than 1% of all farmers in the Mid-Atlantic region have been recognized as Master Farmers. Winners of the Master Farmer Award will receive a plaque and will be invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Master Farmers banquet this summer.

Information provided on this form will be used only in the selection of Master Farmers of the Mid-Atlantic. It will be held in strictest confidence and will not be made public without the candidate's permission. Only our judges see the financial information.

Nominee's Name(s)

Application Type: Individual Husband/Wife Partnership Siblings

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail _____

I affirm the accuracy of the information provided in this worksheet.

Signature _____

A: Candidate Overview

1. Please give a brief biography of yourself (co-applicants, please provide separate biography). Don't include farm history here:

2. Please provide level of education in the box below.

Education	Course of Study/Degree	Circle Last Year
H.S.:		8 9 10 11 12
College:		1 2 3 4
Trade School/Other:		1 2 3 4

Co-applicant

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H.S.:		8 9 10 11 12
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3. Describe members of the family who are involved in the operation. If married, please include spouse's name:

4. How many years have you been farming and how did you get started in the business:

5. What are your personal goals for the next 5 to 10 years:

B: THE FARM

1. Farm Name:

2. Farm is operated as a: Sole Proprietorship Corporation
Partnership Combination

Name of partner(s) or major shareholder(s): % Interest

3. Please detail your farmland uses: Acres Owned Acres Rented

Cropland

Pasture

Woodland

4. Please check any of the following agronomic practices being used:

- Soil testing
- Contour strips/terraces
- Nutrient management plan
- Conservation plan
- Forage testing
- No-till
- Integrated pest management
- Reduced tillage
- Sod waterways
- Other Please specify:

5. CROP PRODUCTION:

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Crops	Present Acreage	Farm Yield Average		Innovative Technologies and/or Management Strategies
		5-year Average	Best Yield Ever	
Forages				
Grains				

Vegetables				
Fruits				
Other crops				

6. Briefly describe your cropping program. Include crop rotations,

6. LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

Type of animal	Numbers	Breed	Annual Production/Performance

7. Briefly describe your animal production practices. Include animal health measures, pasture management, breeding, record keeping, and how and where you market the animals:

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11. Describe your livestock production facilities, enterprise records and markets.
Note innovative or exemplary aspects of the enterprise(s):

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23. If you do custom work or hire custom services, please explain:

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Describe the technological and management advances employed in the last 5 years, plus how they have helped you meet your goals. Examples: Specifics on crop production, livestock production, conservation (of energy, soil, etc.), machinery innovations, safety, finance, marketing. (Attach more sheets if necessary.)

Major challenges and/or disasters you have overcome during your years of farming:

Major challenges you must face in the future: _____

THE FAMILY

If married, spouse's name: _____

Children's names and status regarding the farm and family:

THE PERSON

Sources of Current Affairs (List by name):

Farm Publications	News Magazines/Papers	Electronic Sources

Past and present memberships: (Please note current leadership positions with an *.)

Memberships	Office Held (check)				
	Pres.	V. P.	Sec.	Treas.	Other
Farm Organizations					
Community Organizations					
Religious Organizations					
Fraternal Organizations					
Service Clubs					

Public offices held: _____

Honors or awards bestowed on you: _____

Your hobbies: _____

INSURANCE/RETIREMENT PROTECTION

I have:	Life Insurance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Health Insurance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Farm Insurance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Crop Insurance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have a written farm business transfer plan? If so, please explain: _____

THE FARM

THE MANAGEMENT

The year you began farming: _____

How was your farm acquired? _____

Type of farm record keeping system do you use and who keeps the records? _____

What arrangements have you made for transfer of ownership/control in event of your death or disability?

What efficiency improvements have you made in your business in the last 5 years?

Please provide any additional comments (or documents) demonstrating your financial progress over your career?

What percent of your income is derived from off-farm sources? _____

CREDIT REFERENCE 1

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

CREDIT REFERENCE 1

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

PERSONAL REFERENCE

Name _____ Occupation _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

YOUR TOP 5 BUSINESS/FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

Contact person _____ Institution _____

Location _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Contact person _____ Institution _____

Location _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____

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