

# 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 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. For questions about the application contact Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6682 or [dswc@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:dswc@agri.ohio.gov)

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 25.*

Nominations are to be sent to:

**Conservation Farm Family Award, C/O Ohio Department of Agriculture  
8995 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43608 or by email to [dswc@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:dswc@agri.ohio.gov)**

**Applicant(s):**

**First** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last** \_\_\_\_\_

**First** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name or names to appear on awards certificate**

**Commodity Information:**

**Acres**

**Livestock Information:**

MajorCrop(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_ # Head \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dairy..... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hogs..... \_\_\_\_\_

Pasture .....

Cattle..... \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland/Forest .....

Cow/calf..... \_\_\_\_\_

Other .....

Sheep..... \_\_\_\_\_

Total .....

Other..... \_\_\_\_\_

## Judging Criteria

The program emphasizes new and innovative conservation techniques as well as the application of sound traditional conservation practices and a focus on conservation education. Selection is based upon:

- Conservation Activities.....60 points
- Outreach and Education..... 20 points
- Community Leadership..... 10 points
- Stewardship/Awards..... 5 points
- SWCD Cooperator..... 5 points

### Conservation Activities (60 points)

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

	Acres or Number of Structures	Year installed or number of years practiced
<b>Cover Crops</b>		
<b>Crop Rotation</b>		
<b>Waterways</b>		
<b>Filter Strips</b>		
<b>Wetland Restoration/Development</b>		
<b>Livestock Exclusion Fencing</b>		
<b>Nutrient Management Plan</b>		
<b>Grazing Management Plan</b>		
<b>Rotational Grazing</b>		
<b>Wildlife Habitat</b>		
<b>Drainage Water Management</b>		
<b>Conservation Tillage</b>		

If nominee has a woodlot, is it managed? If yes, list management techniques:

List other conservation measures nominee has installed on property:

### **Outreach and Education (20 Points)**

Tell how the nominee's farm has been used to demonstrate conservation to others in the community. Explain other ways the nominee helps promote conservation and natural resources management. (Limit response to 100 words or less; attach another sheet if necessary).

Has the farm been used for education by school groups, tours, presentation to groups or legislative delegates?

### **Community Leadership Role (10 points)**

Leadership activities at community, county, state and national level will be considered. This will include activities in church, farm organizations, civic organizations, community development groups, etc.

### **Stewardship/Awards (5 points)**

List other conservation practices beyond the ones listed above. Example: Farmland Preservation, farmland protection programs and use of alternative fuels.

Has the nominee received any awards/honors for conservation work on the farm? (i.e. Cooperator of the Year)

## Soil and Water Cooperator (5 points)

How long has the nominee been a cooperator with the local SWCD?

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ or since (year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the nominee's conservation philosophy in 25 words or less** (May be used for news purposes)

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

**Nominator's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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