

YOUNG/BEGINNING PRODUCER AWARD

The Young/Beginning Producer Award is sponsored by the Alleghany Agriculture Advisory Board in cooperation with the Alleghany County, NC.

PLEASE COMPLETE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO ALLEGHANY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE BY DECEMBER 6th.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Young/Beginning Producer Award is to encourage young men and women who are in the beginning or developmental stages of their agricultural careers or endeavors. The goal is to provide recognition to those who are showing signs of growth and knowledge both professionally and personally in the field of agriculture.

Eligibility:

All applicants must be citizens of Alleghany County, NC or born in Alleghany County. Applicants must be between 18 and 40 years of age. Individuals may be part time or full time farmers/producers.

Awards:

The winner will be recognized and awarded \$1000.00 and a plaque.

The nominee or the sponsor of the nominee must submit the attached application outlining as completely as possible the work of the candidate and evidence of their effect on the agricultural life of the county. The statement should also cover the biography of the person including:

- Agricultural Activities (successes and accomplishments) (40 points)
- Obstacles overcome..... (15 points)
- Stewardship and Conservation Practices..... (15 points)
- Knowledge of Agriculture and Education..... (15 points)
- Community Leadership..... (10 points)
- Personality (include any additional information on biography) (5 points)

Nominations reviewed by the Awards Committee and not awarded this year, may be resubmitted next year by simply updating the original nomination. Additional support material may be submitted.

For questions about the Young/Beginning Producer entry, please contact: NC Cooperative Extension @ 336-372-5597 or Alleghany Soil & Water Conservation District @ 336-372-7777

All nominations must be submitted to the Alleghany Agriculture Committee by December 6th.

Nominations may be mailed or emailed to:

Alleghany SWCD
PO Box 1095
Sparta, NC 28675

OR

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PO Box 7
Sparta, NC 28675

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OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

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Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Work/Cell #: _____

Email: _____

1. List nominee's successes and accomplishments in agricultural activities:

2. List any obstacles nominee has had to overcome:

3. Describe Stewardship activities of nominee. Include participation in Voluntary Agricultural District program or other preservation programs. List conservation practices implemented by nominee:

4. Describe nominee's knowledge of Agriculture. List participation in activities such as agricultural test plots, forestry or conservation plans or state and federal cost share programs to improve the environment. Include educational background or any innovative training nominee may have had:

5. List all Community Leadership activities of nominee. Include church, local boards and organizations or any other activities that show support for the community.

6. Describe the nominee's Personality. Include any additional biographical information not listed above,

(Additional page may be added to complete any questions you do not have room for.)

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