

Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award Nomination

Must be received no later than June 15th of year submitting

Please Print or Type. *Information submitted on this form is considered public information.*

Nominator (Name and/or Group):

Nominator Contact info: E-mail

Phone

Nominee (Farm Owners):

Farm Contact Information:

Point of Contact Person (Name):

Phone No. :

E-mail:

Address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Farm Location(s)

County 1

Township

County 2

Township

County 3

Township

What are the farm's crops or products?

Total size of farming operation (acres, livestock, etc.)

Have portions of this farm been operated by previous generations of the same family, if yes how many generations (2nd, 3rd, etc...) :

Number of years farm(s) has been in operation:

Has farm received Century or Heritage Farm recognition? If so indicate which:

Awardees will be presented a certificate at the Iowa State Fair in August. How should name(s) be listed on this certificate? (Family members/Farm name)

Please give pronunciation of name(s)

Nominee Information

1. Describe privately implemented (non cost-shared) best management practices the nominee has incorporated into their farm operation that provide water quality and soil sustainability benefits. See reference list (on next page) for practice examples.

2. Describe cost-shared best management practices the nominee has incorporated into their farm operation that provide water quality and soil sustainability benefits. See reference list (on next page) for practice examples.

3. How long has nominee been implementing best management practices with water quality and soil sustainability benefits as part of their farm operation?

4. What were the reasons for incorporating these practices?

5. Please describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture and conservation.

Please submit nominations by June 15th using one of the following options: E-mail: award@iowaagriculture.gov
Fax: 515-281-6170 **Mail:** Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Attn: Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award 502 East 9th Street Des Moines, IA 50319

Best Management Practice Examples:

- Conservation tillage
- No-till
- Strip-till
- Ridge-till
- Minimum till
- Precision/variable rate fertilizer application
- Soil testing
- N application rates based on MRTN calculator (ISU recommended rates)
- Sidedress spring/summer applied N fertilizer (or in-season N application)
- Nitrification inhibitor with fall applied N
- Timing of fertilizer application
- Extended crop rotations
- P application based on soil test optimum levels
- Incorporation of P fertilizer into soil
- Energy efficiency measures
- Water use efficiency measures
- Contour farming
- Conservation cover (steep slopes or other sensitive areas in grass or other permanent cover)
- Cover crops
- Drainage water management
- Grassed field border
- Filter strips or riparian buffers along streams
- Grassed waterway
- Nutrient/Manure management plan
- Contour buffer strips
- Livestock fencing/access control
- Controlled/Rotational grazing
- Stream crossing
- Livestock watering facility
- Livestock waste storage/treatment facilities (including covered feedlots, lagoons, composting, etc)
- Streambank/Shoreline protection
- Grade stabilization structure
- Denitrifying woodchip bioreactor
- Wetland
- Terrace
- Water/Sediment control basin
- Pond
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt

*This is not an all-inclusive list of practices and we strongly encourage you to include anything not listed here that you have incorporated into your operation for soil conservation and water quality benefits. When filling out the nomination form, please be sure to include practices that you received cost-share assistance for under question number 2 and include practices that you implemented on your own without cost-share assistance under question number 1. Thank You!