

**SOUTH CAROLINA YOUNG FARMER AND AGRIBUSINESS
FARMER OF THE YEAR**

PURPOSE:

The South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness "Farmer of the Year" award is designed to recognize members throughout the state who have made outstanding progress towards becoming successfully established in farming and/or agricultural occupations. Also considered is the progress that has been made in the establishment of a home, participation in Young Farmer activities, and in leadership.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Contest open to all Young Farmer members in good standing with the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association.
2. The winner of any award is only eligible to receive a higher award in the future.
3. Each Young Farmer competing in the contest must submit an entry along with supporting evidence to the consultant before July 31st.
4. A committee selected by the State Young Farmer Executive Committee will select the Region and state winners.
5. All awards will be presented at the State Young Farmers Convention.

Scoring:

Growth and Progress	50 points
Leadership in Young Farmer	30 points
Other Leadership	10 points
Overall Appearance of Farm	10 points

Awards:

\$250 cash and a certificate to each region winner

\$550 cash and an engraved plaque to State winner

Revised: 9/15/2010

Nominee: _____ (sign and date)

Chapter Advisor: _____ (sign and date)

I. Personal Background

Young Farmer Chapter _____ County _____
Nominee's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____
Spouse (if married) _____
Names and Ages of Children _____
Hobbies and Recreation _____
Education _____
Short Courses or Specialized Study _____
Briefly Describe Your Operation _____

II. Farming Status (60 Points)

1. Nominee's Farming Program – (Subtotal 0-40 Points) _____

Present Status:

- Owner
- Partner
- Manager
- Renter

Type of Farming:

- Crops
- Livestock
- General
- Other

Crops or Enterprise	# of Acres	# of Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. Explanation of Farming Operation

- A. How did you get started in farming? Please indicate, in narrative (sentence) form, what portion of your operation was purchased or personally earned; acquired through inheritance; acquired through partnership conversion or rental, contract or management arrangement. If family operation, partnership and/or corporation, please explain fully your responsibilities.
- B. Briefly describe changes, expansion or improvement in management practices in your operation since you began your farming program. (for example: marketing, bookkeeping improvements, conservation, computer skills, etc.)
- C. What innovations in agricultural machinery and equipment have you built or devised? What types of farm buildings or other related structures have you built, devised or remodeled during the years you have been farming as covered in this report?

III. Evidence of Sound Management Practices

- A. List goals or objectives for production efficiency developed by you to improve the quality of your farming operation such as: The weight of pigs at 56 days, increasing the efficiency of pounds of feed to pounds of gain, or cost per 100 lbs. of gain, pounds of butterfat per cow, yield per acre, efficient land use, acreage increases.

** (Suggested format)

SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS GAINED		
Beginning Goals	Current Achievement	Current Goals

- B. Describe ways in which you measure and evaluate the management of your farming operation. All farmers, consciously or unconsciously, evaluate and measure the management practices of their operation. Briefly describe how you decide which crop to plant, how to determine if you have been successful for a given year on your whole operation, etc.
- C. Indicate major problems connected with your operation, which you have overcome or solved since you started farming and describe some which you are currently trying to solve.
- D. Please indicate plans for improvements, future expansions or changes in your farming operations.

IV. Leadership Experience

- A. List leadership roles you and your spouse have fulfilled in the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association indicating services on committees, boards or as officers. Indicate county, state, etc.
- B. List other agricultural related leadership positions held by you such as Farm Bureau, PCA, Federal Land Bank, Soil Conservation, REC, ASC or other farm cooperatives.
- C. List community and service programs participated in by you. (Civic and service clubs, church, school, etc.)
- D. List youth organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Scouts, etc. participated in by you and offices held or awards achieved.
- E. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?