

# Master Farmer Nomination

Please complete the form as fully and accurately as you can. On the computer format, take as much space as needed. In printed form, feel free to attach separate sheets. Please include supporting letters from candidate's neighbors, business associates, pastor, county extension director, and other agricultural or civic leaders. If you have any questions, call 636-932-4664 or email: [mward@farmprogress.com](mailto:mward@farmprogress.com) **Nominations are due Aug.1.**

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Farm address (including zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years as farmer \_\_\_\_\_ Years on present farm \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education \_\_\_\_\_ College studies \_\_\_\_\_

Farming enterprises \_\_\_\_\_

Acres owned \_\_\_\_\_ Acres rented \_\_\_\_\_ Total acres operated \_\_\_\_\_

Tillable acres \_\_\_\_\_ Grazing or nontillable acres \_\_\_\_\_

Percent total annual income from farming \_\_\_\_\_ Days per year in off-farm job \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of off-farm employment \_\_\_\_\_

Farm operating credit source, with contact name, phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(all financial information remains confidential)

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## **Farming Activities**

2.a - When and how did candidate get started farming?

2.b - Describe the candidate's operational growth since starting farming. What steps has the candidate taken to grow the farm business?

2.c - What type of farming innovations or machinery modifications has candidate used or developed, if any. Which new technologies have been adopted, and why?

2.d - Describe any erosion control practices, such as terraces, waterways, control structures and soil conservation tillage.

2.e- Describe crop or livestock marketing strategy.

2.f. - Describe any nontraditional farming practices, if applicable (i.e. horticultural crops, organic methods, specialty crops, etc.).

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## Production

Describe the candidate's cropping practices

Crop	Acres	typical yield
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

2g. - Briefly describe row width, harvest population, soil tests, soil types, herbicides and insecticides used, tillage and any other applicable crop strategy. Describe niche, specialty or value-added crops

Describe the candidate's livestock enterprises

Enterprise (i.e. feeder pigs, feeder cattle, etc.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

2h. - Briefly describe livestock breeding, feeding, plus waste and health management systems or innovations. Describe value-added enterprises, if any.

## **Leadership and Community Service**

3.a - Has the candidate been active in local school affairs, township or county government, civic or community organizations, or Church? List any activities and offices held. What impact did your involvement have on the local community?

## **Agricultural leadership**

4.a - Has the candidate participated in farm organizations (i.e. Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union, commodity organizations, REA, elevator, co-op, SCS district)? Has the candidate helped organize local farm groups, committees, delegations, etc? List offices held and activities. What impact did your involvement have on organization?

4.b - List any awards or honors bestowed on candidate from farm or civic groups.

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## Family

Spouse's occupation\_\_\_\_\_

5.a - Is spouse active in farm business? Describe and explain\_\_\_\_\_

5.b - Does candidate farm in partnership with relatives? Explain\_\_\_\_\_

5.c - List names and occupations of children (include spouses, if married).

Name(s)_____	age _____	education _____	Occupation _____
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## Summary

6. Describe three key strengths of this operation.

## Nominator's statement

The Master Farmer Award symbolizes excellence in farming and community activities. Please describe why you feel this candidate should be honored with this recognition.

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## Optional

Candidate may attach his or her own additional remarks, which may be helpful to the judges.

Signature, address, and daytime telephone  
Number of nominator

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Deadline: **AUGUST 1, 2013**

*Return nomination, letters of  
recommendation and all  
other qualifying statements to*

**Missouri Ruralist  
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