



# Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year

*The Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year Program was developed to give recognition and encouragement to farmers who do an outstanding job on their farm, in their county Farm Bureau and in their community. Each year, Kentucky Farm Bureau recognizes a state Farmer of the Year who has demonstrated service and leadership on and off the farm to strengthen Kentucky's agriculture industry.*

## **Eligibility & Guidelines**

- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and be a farmer or the member of a farm family actively involved in the agriculture industry in Kentucky, with farming as the main source of income.
- Applicants must complete the application in its entirety. The applicant must be nominated by their county Farm Bureau President (or designee) and the application should include a letter of support from this individual. A county Farm Bureau may only nominate one individual from their county each year.
- Previous state winners cannot be re-nominated for a period of three years. The Southeastern Farmer of the Year winners cannot be re-nominated for ten years.
- Applicants for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year may not apply for the Outstanding Young Farm Family contest in the same year.
- The top three applicants will be announced in mid-August. The state judges will visit the top three applicant's farms in mid-September. The state winner will be announced at the 2022 Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Louisville on December 2.
- The state winner will then represent Kentucky in the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Contest, October 17-19, 2023, in Moultrie, GA.
- Applications must be received by **July 1, 2022**, to:

*Commodity Division  
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation  
9201 Bunsen Parkway  
PO Box 20700  
Louisville, KY 40250-0700*

## **Awards**

### ***State Winner***

- \$1,000 courtesy of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
- Commemorative Award to be presented at the 2022 Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY
- \$2,500\* courtesy of Swisher International, presented at the 2023 Sunbelt Ag Expo
- \$500 to each state winner's charity of choice from Syngenta

### ***State Finalists***

- \$250 courtesy of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
- \*Subject to change*



**FARM OPERATION**

<b>Major Crops</b>	<b>Number of Acres</b>	<b>Yield Per Acre</b>

<b>Major Livestock/Other Enterprises</b>	<b>Production Units</b> <i>*Indicate number of head, pounds, dozens or other appropriate measure of volume.</i>

**Briefly describe how you market your crops and/or livestock enterprises.**

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**List other farm or related business enterprises and describe size and related importance to your total operation.**

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**List five goals and indicate the degree of accomplishments in improving the quality of the farming operation.**

Goal 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal 5: \_\_\_\_\_  
Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOMINATION FORM

***We certify the information on the attached application is an accurate and true statement to the best of our knowledge.***

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Farm Bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Postal Code

County Farm Bureau President (or designee) Name and Signature\*:

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Print Name

Signature

Date

***\*Be sure to attach a letter of support from the County Farm Bureau President (or designee) to this nomination form.***