

Kansas Farm Family of the Year 2016 Official Entry Form

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding Farm Bureau families who have distinguished themselves through participation in Farm Bureau programs and leadership, family activities, community and civic service, as well as displaying good farm operation management.

ELIGIBILITY:

The award is an opportunity to recognize 105 farm families (single or extended) at the county level and 10 (one per KFB district) farm families (single or extended) at the state level. Applicants must be actively participating in production agriculture. All applications will be judged on a 100 point scale with the most weight being given to the Farm Bureau Participation and Current Ag Operation sections of the application. Any applications that don't meet a minimum standard set by the selection committee will not be selected on the state level. In the event there is no application from a district or application requirements are not met, a winner will not be selected from that district. Current KFB Board members, their families and KFB staff members are not eligible.

Starting with applications from 2012, those that were within a few points of the selected applications will be entered into a pool of applicants that may be considered for the following two years. Families in the pool may choose to re-submit their application, or their previous application may be used. Counties with a family already included in the pool are welcome to submit an additional application for the selection process. Counties may submit the same family in consecutive years even if they are not in the pool.

HOW TO ENTER:

Each county Farm Bureau is encouraged to annually select a deserving family and honor them at the county annual meeting or similar event. Each county Farm Bureau may submit their winning family application for one of the 10 Kansas Farm Family of the Year awards to Kansas Farm Bureau by **Friday, May 13, 2016, at 5pm.** Should the family elect NOT to participate in the district-level selection process, we ask that the county Farm Bureau still submit their name for our records so that we may provide a yard sign for that family.

Applications may be submitted by the deadline to:

Post mail to: Jacqui Folks Douglas Co. Farm Bureau 808 W. 24th Street, Ste C Lawrence, KS 66046	Email to: douglasfb@kfb.org
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Entry forms are available at county Farm Bureau offices, on the KFB Intranet or by calling KFB Member Services at (785) 587-6160. Additional pages may be added to the questionnaire if needed.

AWARD:

Each county will receive a Farm Family of the Year yard sign to be presented to the winning family at the county annual meeting or similar event. Counties may also choose to give other recognition items at their discretion.

Ten Kansas Farm Family of the Year Awards (one per KFB district) may be presented at the 2015 Kansas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Manhattan during the banquet. Honorees will be recognized on-stage at the banquet and receive a commemorative gift.

The ten families selected on the state level may have the opportunity to participate in a one-of-a-kind educational experience out of state. In past years, the Farm Families have traveled to California for several days to tour ag operations and learn about the issues facing farmers on the West Coast.

2016 Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year Information

Name(s):

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Address:

Email:

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Phone:

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Cell Phone:

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County:

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District:

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Children:

Age:

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Number of years in agriculture production: _____

Pictures may be attached to applications.

FARMING HISTORY: (10 points)

Describe your farming operation including what year you began, type of operation, was it owned or rented, and your role. Use additional space as needed.

CURRENT AG OPERATION: (30 points)

Provide a detailed description of you and your spouse's current operation including type of production, acres farmed and livestock numbers, conservation practices, business plan, etc. Use additional space as needed.

FARM BUREAU PARTICIPATION: (30 points)

Describe you and your spouse's participation in Farm Bureau. Please highlight the last 3-5 years of activity. Use additional space as needed.

FAMILY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: (20 points)

Detail you and your spouse's participation in community, school, church, civic and association activities. Use additional space as needed.

YOUR VISION OF THE FUTURE OF FARM BUREAU'S ROLE: (10 points)

Describe your vision of the future of agriculture and your beliefs of the role Farm Bureau should take. Use additional space as needed.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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(unless coming directly from applicant's email account which assumes acknowledgement)

Signature of county Farm Bureau president or vice president:

Date:

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(separate faxed copies or email confirmation from county president is acceptable)