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2017 CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose

To promote total farm conservation accomplishments by recognizing farmers performing outstanding conservation work, including community involvement and conservation education.

Eligibility

Nominees must be farmers whose income is primarily derived from the use of land for agricultural purposes. Length of time participating in programs with their county land conservation committee and department is less important than the quality and leadership exhibited by the conservation work.

Guidelines

Leadership and effectiveness of the nominee's efforts to demonstrate a commitment to conservation shall be important factors in judging this award. Conservation accomplishments should be continuing and maintained, but need not be limited to work performed recently, as such accomplishments are the result of progressive action.

Nominations may be made by either a land conservation department staff or land conservation committee supervisor. Nominations received without proper support/paperwork may not be eligible for an award.

Procedure

Entries should be submitted before **December 31, 2016** to WI Land+Water, 131 West Wilson Street, Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703 or emailed to chris@wisconsinlandwater.org. The WI Land+Water Professional Improvement Committee will review submittals and announce the winner(s) by January 25, 2017. Recognition of the State Award will be provided at the annual WI Land+Water Conference held March 15-17, 2017. The sponsoring county is responsible for travel and lodging expenses for the State Award Recipient; awards dinner banquet meal for the winner and one guest (if applicable) will be provided by WI Land+Water (two maximum).

The state winner will be asked to host Conservation Observance Day on a date convenient to all parties during 2017. For hosting they will receive reimbursement up to \$3000 from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection after proper paperwork is complete.

**WISCONSIN LAND+WATER
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NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Please provide the following information:

- **Name, address and contact information (phone and email address, if available) of the nominee.**
- **Name, address and contact information of the nominator.**

Please answer the following questions. Each answer must be clearly numbered and limited to 1,000 words and typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Entries must be supported by no less than four or more than eight photos that are no larger than 4” x 6” in color. Applications can also include supporting material such as news articles, letters of support or other resources (no DVDs or video clips please).

- 1) Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee(s). Include their conservation accomplishments, community involvement, commitment to conservation and other relevant information.

- 2) Describe the nominee’s projects and approaches to land and resource management. Include the impact on conservation and/or management of natural resources.

- 3) List any other specific factors why the nominee should be given this award. Include any other activities, capabilities, innovative techniques or outreach efforts where they have demonstrated leadership.