
2026 Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Award

Official Rules and Entry

The Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame award's committee recognizes Surry County citizens for superior contributions and outstanding leadership in agriculture. Recognition will be given to recipients whose work has benefited the agricultural community while improving the quality of life for Surry County. The recipient's work in agriculture or an agriculture related field may be but not limited to education, policy making, technical assistance, invention, agri-business or demonstrated effective agricultural practices.

Persons selected for recognition will be honored and formally inducted into the Hall of Fame during the annual Surry County Farm City event held in November. If the honoree is unable to attend the recognition event, a family or friend may be appointed to accept the award on their behalf.

Program Guidelines:

- Nominees who have exemplary records of accomplishment in leading agriculture in Surry County will be accepted.
- Anyone may nominate a person of good character and reputation for induction into the Hall of Fame. Self-nominating is not permissible.
- There is no requirement that an induction be made in any year if the nomination committee so decides.
- Nominees not selected may resubmit in any subsequent year.
- No more than one (1) award may be given to a living or deceased individual in any year from the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee.
- The nominator may be notified and asked to submit additional information for clarification on nomination application.
- Any person who has performed his or her main work relating to agriculture while a resident of Surry County is eligible.
- The person may be living or deceased.
- Individuals nominated for the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame must have made a significant contribution to the Surry County's agricultural industry and have been involved for a minimum of 10 years in agriculture to be considered.
- Must be a citizen of Surry County during their contribution and have been involved for at least 10 years in agriculture to be considered.

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Nomination Procedures:

- Nomination must be made using the approved format provided with these rules and guidelines.
- Nominations must address each of the evaluation factors listed on this form.
- Nominations must be postmarked, emailed, or hand delivered by October 1 to be eligible for consideration.
- Nominations must be sent to the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee. The address is shown below.
- Supporting material, if any, offered as part of the nomination packet must be limited to items that connect specifically to one or more of the factors listed above. If additional space is required, please attach an additional sheet. If supporting material is offered, it can be used in promotional materials, such as the newspaper, social media, etc. Supporting material will become the property of the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame. Any original supporting material will not be returned, so please attach copies of all documentation.
- If nominator has questions, please contact Lisa Sherman, Vice Chairperson of the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame committee at lisa@hidden-vineyard.com
- No present member of the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee will be considered for the Hall of Fame award.

Submission of the Nomination:

The completed nomination package shall be submitted no later than October 1 to the following address:

N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center
Attention: Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Committee
915 E. Atkins Street
Post Office Box 324
Dobson, North Carolina 27017
Telephone: 336-401-8025

An application can also be received and/or submitted by:

E-mail: lisa.johnson@ncsu.edu or joanna_radford@ncsu.edu

Online: surry.ces.ncsu.edu / 2026 Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame Award Application

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**Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame
Nomination Application**

Name of Nominee _____

Is the Nominee: ☐ *Living ☐ *Deceased Date of Death _____

Total Years of Service Contributing to County Agriculture _____

Nominee's Date of Birth _____

Nominee's Birthplace _____

Nominee's Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominee's Home Phone (Required) _____

Nominee's Work Phone _____

Nominee's Cell Phone _____

Nominee's E-mail Address _____

Closest Living Relative or Point of Contact to Candidate (Required)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Nominated by

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

I certify that all information provided in this nomination form is complete, correct, and accurate.

Nominator Signature

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**Please answer the following on separate paper or electronically by e-mail.
(This does not count as your 3 additional supporting documents.)**

Be concise, attach additional information if needed. Answers may repeat in different questions.

Introduction of Nominee (Biography)

1. State briefly in two paragraphs, why you think the nominee should be recognized in the Surry County Agricultural Hall of Fame. Limited to 250 words, double spaced. (12 points)

2. Outline nominee's major contribution(s) and or advancement(s) to agriculture in Surry County. List, as bullet points, the beginning and/or ending dates and total length of service of the nominee to the advancement of agriculture in Surry County. Example – from start to present or from start to retirement or death. Be specific. (35 points)

3. List, in bullet points, civic affiliations that promote agriculture in Surry County. Example – Grange, 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, etc. (15 points)

4. List, in bullet points, nominee's service and/or leadership in support of agriculture in Surry County. (25 points)

5. List and describe, in bullet points, other activities, leadership, and accomplishments of the nominee not shown elsewhere in this nomination that should be considered by the selection committee. (10 points)

6. A limit of three (3) additional pages of supporting information can be attached in addition to your response to the questions. Supporting information may include but is not limited to magazine articles, newspaper articles, and letters of recommendation.

Nomination Applications are due by October 1, 2026.

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