

2018
VERMONT FARM BUREAU, INC.
FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES
(over 35 years of age)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vermont Farm Bureau annually conducts an Outstanding Farmer Award program. Selection of the winning farmer (farm family) is based on efforts in both the chosen occupation and leadership achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

CONTESTANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO COMPETE:

1. Member(s) in good standing with their County Farm Bureau
2. Actively engaged in farming, with the majority of income coming from production agriculture.

Each county may submit one entry to be considered for state recognition.

Additional space, other than that available on the entry form, may be used. Scrapbook or other visual additions and letters of recommendation may be submitted for consideration in judging. We will attempt to return all materials, but do not take responsibility for photos, etc. lost in the mail. We recommend sending only copies of photos and mementos.

JUDGING

A panel of qualified judges will select the state winners. The application and entry form of each county winner will be coded upon receipt by the VFB office. Applicants' names and counties will not be revealed to the judges until after the final selection has been determined.

Complete applications must be received by the Vermont Farm Bureau office by October 1, 2018.

**Vermont Farm Bureau
117 West Main Street
Richmond, VT 05477**

2018 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION NUMBER _____

BASIC INFORMATION

A. **FAMILY** (ages only)

Husband _____ Wife _____

Children _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

B. **FARM**

1. Number of years in farming _____
2. Size (in acres) Total _____ Tillable _____
3. Major Commodity (dairy, beef, maple, forestry, etc.) _____
4. Describe operation (i.e. number of livestock, mature and young, types of commodities produced)

FARM & HOME ACTIVITIES (100 points)

Production management practices (includes breeding, feeding program, herd average, conservation, land stewardship, harvesting, marketing, selling, promotion, crop management, etc.)

HOME & FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENTS (includes buildings, landscaping, equipment maintenance, etc.)

FAMILY & FARM ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

ON THE FARM ACTIVITIES OF THE FAMILY (i.e. family food supply from your own farm, beef, chicken, vegetables, fruit, etc., list duties of each family member. DO NOT refer to family members by name.)

OTHER INFORMATION (include photos of farm and home, improvements, etc.)

FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN FARM BUREAU (100 points) List all offices held, committee assignments and the number of years served in each capacity, attendance at state and county annual Farm Bureau meetings and number of years of Farm Bureau membership, etc.

COMMUNITY, COUNTY AND STATE ACTIVITIES (100 points) Family, church and school activities (offices held and year, sports participation, class officers, parish council, town offices or organizations, fire department, rescue squad, zoning committee, etc.)

ACTIVITIES IN RURAL ORGANIZATIONS (offices held and year, Grange, Farm Bureau, FFA, 4-H, Jaycees, etc.)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, WOULD SINGLE YOUR FARM OR FAMILY OUT AS SPECIAL OR OUTSTANDING TO AGRICULTURE IN VERMONT?

WHAT IS YOUR AGRICULTURAL GOAL?

IF THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU CAN ADD TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR FAMILY AND FARM OPERATION, PLEASE INCLUDE HERE

Please mail completed application back to Vermont Farm Bureau, 117 West Main Street, Richmond, VT 05477 by **October 1, 2014**. Thank you!