

VERMONT FARM BUREAU, INC.
2018
FARM WOMAN OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vermont Farm Bureau annually conducts an Outstanding Farm Woman Award program. Selection of the winning farm woman 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 **WILL NOT** be considered.

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.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State and ZIP _____

Town of Residence _____ **County** _____

Farm Bureau Number _____

I. **INDIVIDUAL PROFILE**

Please describe: Your family situation. Date of birth. Did you grow up on a farm? Do you currently work off the farm? How long have you been farming the farm you are currently on?

Have you had off-the-farm jobs in the past? YES NO

If yes above, please list and describe:

<u>From-To (dates)</u>	<u>Job</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please describe your educational background.

Please describe your hobbies and personal interests.

II. FARMING PROFILE

A. Please describe your farm (i.e. the setting, acreage, animals, crops, maple sugar bush, etc.)

B. Please describe your current farm duties and involvement.

C. How have your current farm duties changed from past involvements?

D. Tell us how the work on the farm is done, by whom, such as hired help, family help, etc. Include the farm structure, such as, is it a generational farm? Do you farm in partnership, etc.? Please elaborate on the above.

III. **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

What is your current involvement with your County Farm Bureau and the Vermont Farm Bureau?

Have you been involved in Farm Bureau in the past? Please list by years, committees, offices, etc.

Have you been involved in other agricultural organizations in the past? Please list the organizations, committees, offices, number of years, etc.

Please list how you have been involved with community and volunteer activities in the past.

IV. **PERSONAL INSIGHT**

Looking ahead five to ten years, what do you see as your future as a farm woman?

What do you feel the role of farm women should be (at the present time) in their community?
If this “position” is not being attained, how can farm women achieve this role?

If there is any additional information which you can add to help us better understand you as an individual, a farm woman and a community member, please include it here.

V. **NOMINATION**

On this page, the County Farm Bureau member nominating the applicant should write a letter of support, indicating why he/she recommends this woman as Vermont's FARM WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

Name and address of FB member submitting nomination:

Signature _____

Date _____

Application must be received by **October 1, 2018**. Entries should be mailed to

Vermont Farm Bureau Awards Committee
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