

TENNESSEE FARMER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If different from mailing address, what is your farm (navigation) address: _____

Phone Number (Mobile): _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Which grand division of the state is your farm headquarters located? West Middle East

As of March 1, 2026, are you 21 years of age or older? Yes No

Are you a full-time farmer? Yes No If no, explain:

Is farm income a majority of your individual annual income? Yes No If no, explain:

Is farm income a majority of your annual family income? Yes No If no, explain:

Are you currently receiving non-farm retirement income? Yes No

Is any part of your farming operation a partnership? Yes No
If yes, explain: please describe the partnership arrangement(s):

(*) Are you willing to serve as a statewide spokesperson for the Tennessee Agriculture Industry and complete the tour of duty for the Tennessee Farmer of the Year? Yes No

(*) Are you prepared to participate in media, public speaking and publicity training? Yes No

Yes, I may have a conflict of interest in serving as the Tennessee Farmer of the Year.

If you feel that you have any sort of conflict of interest in serving as the Tennessee Farmer of the Year, please indicate so and provide description and explanation here: (1,000 character limit)

No, I am not aware of any conflict of interest regarding my serving as the Tennessee Farmer the Year.

Provide a brief introduction of yourself. Include relevant information you want to share about family, education, personal interests, etc. (information about how you started farming will be recorded later in the application):

List any significant awards and recognitions you have received (bulleted list with year):

(2,000 character limit)

Scope of Farming Operation

Please provide a general overview and description of your farm operation (Production: enterprises, acres, livestock, forestry/timber, specialty crops, forages; Family/Heritage; Labor; Management; Marketing...)

(2,500 character limit)

As of January 1,2026, what is your total number of acres owned:_____

As of January 1,2026, what is your total number of acres rented/leased:_____

As of January 1, 2026, describe the number of head of livestock in your farm operation:_____

Describe timber/forestry resources involved in your farm operation: (2,000 character limit)

Please list the income-generating farm enterprises (including timber) and their portion/percent of annual farm income for 2025: (2,000 character limit)

List of income-generating farm enterprises

Portion/percent of annual farm income

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As a catch-all of sorts, please use the space below to provide any additional details about crops, livestock, diversification and timber enterprises involved in your farm operation: (2,000 character limit)

As the Farmer of the Year applicant, have you had other non-farm income in the past 5 years? Yes No
If yes, please describe your non-farm income or off-farm enterprises: (2,000 character limit)

Does your spouse have off-farm income? Yes No If yes, explain: (2,000 character limit)

In the space below, please describe your farm marketing efforts: (2,000 character limit)

Please list and describe any other farm or farm-related enterprises that you manage:

(2,000 character limit)

List examples and/or evidence of your sound management practices over the years: (2,000 character limit)

Please provide a list of any farm sustainability and environmental practices that you have implemented over the years: (2,000 character limit)

In the space below, please describe the labor force involved with your farming operation (bulleted list is acceptable): (2,000 character limit)

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Farm Financial Information (for the 2025 calendar year or as of 1-1-2026, as appropriate)

| Value of Total Farm Assets: | |
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| Value of Land: | |
| Value of machinery and equipment: | |
| Value of Livestock: | |
| Value of crops in storage: | |
| Value of crops in field: | |
| Value of other farm assets: | |

| YEAR | Value of Total Farm Liabilities: | Estimate of Farm Net Worth: | Annual Gross Farm Income each year for the past 5 years: |
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| Last Year: | | | |
| 2 years ago: | | | |
| 3 years ago: | | | |
| 4 years ago: | | | |
| 5 years ago: | | | |

| Annual Operating Expenses each year for the past 5 years: | |
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| Last year: | |
| 2 years ago: | |
| 3 years ago: | |
| 4 years ago: | |
| 5 years ago: | |

In the space below, please describe how your farm operation has grown over the years – a bulleted list is acceptable (be sure to include the year and brief description of your first year of farming):

(2,000 character limit)

In the space below, please provide information about what makes your farming operation unique:

(2,500 character limit)

Please discuss your future farming plans, goals, and succession strategies. (bulleted list is acceptable):

(2,500 character limit)

Please list the names (and relation) of folks who have been influential in your farming career:
(1,000 character limit)

In the space below, please provide a summary or bulleted list of your farming philosophy including what you believe to be primary attributes a successful farmer (bulleted list is acceptable): (1,000 character limit)

Describe or list any on-going education, programs or resources you have utilized over the years to help manage, grow and/or advance your farm operation: (1,000 character limit)

Leadership and Community Involvement

Please list your membership and roles in farm organizations (where possible, indicate year(s):

(2,000 character limit)

Describe or list your leadership roles and contributions over the years – include both farm and non-farm roles (where possible, indicate year(s): (2,000 character limit)

Describe, list or highlight examples of your community involvement over the years (include farm and non-farm): (2,000 character limit)

Describe or list how you have influenced policy and/or connected with lawmakers over the years to advance agriculture: (2,000 character limit)

As a catch-all of sorts, please use the space below to provide any additional information about your leadership and community involvement over the years: (2,000 character limit)

OTHER INFORMATION

Please list the names of people you would like to recognize for their assistance, influence or encouragement with this application: (1,000 character limit)

Please provide any quips, quotes, advice or words to live by (as appropriate, indicate whether these are attributed to you or someone else who has influenced your farming career): (1,000 character limit)

What are some things that you attribute to your farming success (bulleted list is acceptable)? (2,000 character limit)

FINAL COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Use the space below to provide any additional or final comments and remarks about your farming operation: (2,500 character limit)