

2009 ENTRY FORM
IOWA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
YOUNG FARMER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Eligibility

Contestants must meet the following criteria to compete.

- The ideal candidate(s) for the Achievement Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks.
- Members in good standing with their county Farm Bureau.
- Contestants shall be voting Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 years of age. Individual or spouse shall not have reached their 36th birthday by January 31st after the AFBF Annual Convention at which the contest is held. If spouse is over 35 years of age, the applicant must apply as an individual.
- Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmer & Rancher Committee or their spouses are not eligible to compete. Current members of the IFBF Young Farmer Advisory Committee are ineligible.
- Contestants must be actively engaged in farming with the majority of income coming from production agriculture.
- Past state YF&R Achievement Award winners, and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- County, State and Farm Bureau employees are not eligible.
- **Individuals may compete in either the Achievement Award or Excellence in Agriculture Award Program contest, but not both in the same year.**
- The Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Achievement Award recognizes both husband and wife in this contest. This is derived from the names on the applicant line. If the applicant is married, but only one of the partners is eligible, do not include any details concerning the spouse. Each county may submit one entry to be considered for state recognition. Applications of each state winner must be submitted using the AFBF entry form and application.

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- Do not use your name, name of your state, your county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of your state beyond the entry form (page 3).
- The entry form and application must be in 10-point type with the universal font Times New Roman.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms.
- Recreating the application on a computer/word processor is not allowed.
- Application is properly signed with no additional pages used.
- Letter of recommendation, scrapbooks or other visual additions will be terms for disqualification.

Judging

- A panel of qualified judges will select the state winner.
- The application and entry form of each state winner will be coded upon receipt at the IFBF office.

- The Top 3 contestants will be asked to complete the American Farm Bureau Achievement Award application that includes a more extensive financial statement, operational goals/achievements and leadership goals. Additionally, the top three finalists will be featured in a video that will be aired during the IFBF Annual Meeting. IFBF Marketing & Communications staff will make arrangements to visit their farm (weather permitting, it will take one full day). Participants will be interviewed on camera about their farm operation. Additionally, they will need additional video of the family and the finalist doing chores, etc. A family portrait will also be taken.
- Values used in judging the applications will be:

Farm Operation & Growth	35 points
Financial Progress of Operation	30 points
Farm Bureau Leadership	20 points
Other Leadership	15 points
TOTAL	100 points
- Information contained in the entry form and application is considered confidential.
- Judges scores will not be shared with the contestants due to the confidentiality of the applications.

Deadline

Applications must be received by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation **on or before 4:30 p.m. May 15, 2009.**

Prizes

State:

First Place:

- Use of an AGCO tractor for 150 hours or 90 days.
- General Motors provides a \$500 cash award.
- IFBF Young Farmer program provides an expense-paid trip to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington, January 9-13, 2010. The winner(s) will represent Iowa in the national contest held during the convention.
- 2010 Young Farmer Leadership Conference - 1st place winner(s) are invited to attend as guests of the IFBF Young Farmer Advisory Committee. To encourage participation and understanding of the Achievement Award program, they will have time on the program to briefly discuss their experiences as county and state winners (and maybe AFBF winners!).

Second Place:

- Iowa Farm Bureau provides a \$1000 Granger gift certificate.
- GROWMARK provides a \$500 FAST STOP gift certificate.

Third Place:

- Farm Bureau Financial Services provides a portable GPS unit.
- Iowa Farm Bureau provides \$200.

**2009 APPLICATION
IOWA YOUNG FARMER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

NOTE: This application should reflect the operations of your immediate past tax accounting year.

I. PERSONAL BACKGROUND (family, education and personal interest)

II. AGRICULTURAL STATUS – *Check all that apply*

A. Owner Renter Manager

Please explain if:

Partnership Corporation Joint Venture Other _____

Explanation:

B. Please indicate your percent of contribution in the operation in the following areas.

% personal capital involved

% management/decision making

C. Please list your specific responsibilities:

D. Total acres operated ____ **Acres owned** _____

E. Number of years farming _____

III. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION

A. List major crops

<u>First Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>
<u># of Acres</u>	<u># of Acres</u> <u>Yield Per Acre</u>

B. Under volume of production, indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measurement.

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Volume of Production</u>
<u>First Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>

C. List other agricultural or related business enterprises. Describe size and relate importance to total operation.

D. How was your agricultural operation acquired? Indicate, in narrative form, what portion of your operation was purchased or personally earned, acquired through inheritance, through partnership conversion, rental, contract or management arrangement.

E. Describe changes, expansion or improvements in management and marketing practices in your operation since you began.

IV. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current market value of just your share of:

A. Assets	Year Started Full-Time Farming	2008
1. Value of land, buildings and other improvement	\$	\$
2. Value of machinery & equipment	\$	\$
3. Value of livestock & poultry	\$	\$
4. Value of crops & supplies on hand	\$	\$
5. Value of non-farm real estate assets	\$	\$
6. Value of cash, stocks, bonds, other personal assets	\$	\$
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	\$
B. Liabilities		
1. Current liabilities (less than one year)	\$	\$
2. Intermediate liabilities (1-7 years)	\$	\$
3. Long-term liabilities (8 years & up)	\$	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	\$
NET WORTH	\$	\$

Banker, Loan Officer/or Tax Accountant Signature

IV. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)

C. Indicate other sources of income and property acquisition during the years you have been farming, such as off-farm employment, SPOUSE'S INCOME, gifts, prizes and inheritances.

D. Discuss any unusual situations, such as urban development, public highways, public works construction, discovery of mineral rights, etc., that may have affected your operation.

V. MANAGEMENT AND PROGRESS OF OPERATION

A. Describe ways in which you measure and evaluate the management of your farming operation (i.e., increase/decrease in cost per acre; increase/decrease in net farm income per acre; debt/income ratio/debt/equity ratio).

B. Indicate major problems connected with your operation that you have overcome or solved. Indicate plans for the future expansion, improvement or changes in your agricultural operation.

VI. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

NOTE: This applies to both husband and wife, if married. Please indicate (H) for husband and (W) for wife, or (B) for both. Also indicate all levels of participation (L) for local, (S) for state or (N) for national.

A. List leadership roles you and/or your spouse have fulfilled in Farm Bureau indicating service on committee, boards or officers.

H/W/B

ACTIVITY/EXPERIENCE

L/S/N

VI. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued)

B. Other agricultural leadership positions held by you and/or your spouse such as Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, REC, FSA or other farm cooperative. This includes ag related activities and non-ag as well.

H/W/B	ORGANIZATION	LEADERSHIP/ACTIVITY	L/S/N
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