



## THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

### 2008 Annual Small Farms Week Awards Application Requirements

Award Name	Description
<b>Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer-of-the-Year</b>	<p>A special honor given to a North Carolina small farmer who is an inspiration to other small farmers. The Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer-of-the-Year award recognizes a NC small farmer who is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A creative innovator in his or her production (livestock and/or crop) and marketing strategies;</li> <li>2) A leader, involved in contributing time and other resources to build their communities;</li> <li>3) An environmental steward who protects and enhances the earth's resources; and</li> <li>4) A savvy and wise businessman or woman who runs their farm business in an entrepreneurial and enterprising manner.</li> </ol>

#### Applicant eligibility requirements:

The award is given to a North Carolina small farmer who meets the following eligibility criteria:

- Generates 50 percent or more of his or her gross income from farming.
- Earned an average (over the last three years) annual gross farm income of less than \$100,000.
- Operates a farm wherein a family member provides general management for the business.
- Has never been a past recipient of the "Small Farmer of the Year" award.

#### Nomination requirements:

- The nominee must be nominated by a NC Cooperative Extension (NCCE) county based employee.
- The nominee must have a positive working relationship with the local NCCE county center.
- The nominee will work with the local planning committee and NCCE county center to plan Small Farms Week educational event the following year.
- The nomination form must be signed by the nominator, nominee and NCCE County Director.
- All information provided will remain confidential and will not be returned to sender. If a nominee is chosen as the small farmer of the year, select information may be used for educational and promotional purposes.

#### Application and supporting materials details:

- All nominations and supporting materials must be received or post marked by December 14, 2007.
- Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please make copies of your completed application and supporting materials. The awards committee will not be held responsible for lost applications or supporting materials. No documentation submitted will be returned to sender.
- Send completed applications and supporting materials to:

#### Regular Mail

**Must be post marked by Dec 14**

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**To confirm receipt of application packet, please call:  
Ms. Linda McCain at 336-334-7956, ext 2107  
on or before 5:00 pm, December 14, 2007.**