

# 2018 FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARD HANDBOOK

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# Franklin County Conservation Stewardship Award

The Franklin County Conservation Stewardship Award recognizes farmers/farm families who are taking the initiative to implement sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation techniques, and are actively involved in conservation education.

## **Award Category:**

Franklin County Conservation Stewardship Award

## **Participant Eligibility:**

Nominate one individual or group of individuals involved in a single farming operation. This program is open to all farmers. Nominees must derive a substantial portion of their income from their farm business.

## **Procedures:**

Entries for this award recognition will be judged by a local committee made up of one representative from each of the following: Sound Rivers, Novozymes North America Inc., and NC Forest Service.

Judging Criteria: The program emphasizes new and innovative conservation techniques as well as the application of sound traditional conservation practices. Another important focus of the program is conservation education. Selection is based upon.

- Conservation Activities----- (60 points)
- Stewardship----- (15 points)
- Community Leadership----- (10 points)
- Education----- (10 points)
- Conservation Knowledge----- (5 points)

Factual evidence of effective conservation techniques must be available for review and fall within the following categories - soil resource management, water resource management, pollution impact management.

The entire operation, including livestock and property that is owned, rented, or operated by the nominee must be considered in the application.

Winners are not eligible to compete again for five years.

## **Awards:**

The winner will receive their award at the local Farm City Week Celebration hosted by Cooperative Extension. Their name will then be submitted for the Soil and Water Area IV Farm Family competition.

**Application:****I. Conservation Activities**

- A. Farm Plan-- How complete is the farm conservation plan, date the plan was developed and/or revised. Familiarity of the plan by the farmer. Is the plan current?
- B. Number and complexity of Practices--The number and complexity of soil and water conservation practices planned. Do the practices work together as a system approach to solve the problems?
- C. Application of Soil & Water Conservation Practices--knowledge of resource problems by farmer and why the practices solve the resource problems. This is the implementation of the farm plan.
- D. Woodland and wildlife habitat plans--dates of woodland and wildlife plans. The forest management practices that are planned and carried out. How does wildlife habitat improvement complement the total conservation program?

**II. Education**

- A. Educational use-- Use of farm for education by school groups, tours, presentations to outside groups, Ag classes, legislative delegations, use of farm to influence neighbors. How is the farm being used for education of others or getting the conservation message out?

**III. Conservation Knowledge**

- A. General knowledge-- Knowledge of District and other Ag agencies and organizations. Use of/or knowledge of these agencies/organizations as well as conservation programs and activities.

**IV. Stewardship**

- A. Stewardship--Judges will consider-- general appearance of farmstead, sheds and fences in accordance with current conservation practices. The use of chemicals including handling, storage, applications, and the recycling of containers. The storage of fuels and fuel products, use of alternative fuels, solar energy or new energy sources, conservation easements, and special farmland protection programs.

**V. Community Leadership Role**

- A. Community participation--leadership activities at community, county, state and national level will be considered. This will include activities in church, farm organizations, civic organizations, and community development groups.

(Farmer's Name)

Mr.

Mrs.

Address:

YEAR

name or names as it should appear on certificate

Affiliations in organizations, offices held and honors received:

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Commodity Information:

Livestock Information:

Major Crops

Acres

Type

# Head



Hogs.....	
Dairy.....	
Beef Cattle.....	
Cow/calf.....	
Sheep.....	
Horses.....	
Others.....	

Rangeland/pasture

Woodland/forest

Other:

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Total # Acres.....

Total # Head.....

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**SCORE CARD**

**I. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES**

(10 Pts.)      **A. Farm Plan---**Completeness; date  
the plan was made or revised and  
knowledge of plan by farmer will be considered.

Judges Score

(10 Pts.)      **B. Number and Complexity of Practices---** The number and complexity of soil  
and water conservation practices planned.

Judges Score

(30 pts.)      **C. Application of Soil and Water Conservation Practices---**Give a brief  
explanation for each practice put in place on this farm.

Judges Score

(10 pts.)

**D. Woodland and Wildlife habitat plans**---Dates of plans and the forest management and wildlife conservation practices used.

Judges Score

## II. EDUCATION

(10 pts.)

**A. Educational Use**---Use of farm for education by school groups, presentations to outside groups, farm tours, Ag classes, legislative delegations, and use of farm to influence neighbors.

Judges Score

## III. CONSERVATION KNOWLEDGE

(5 pts.)

**A. General knowledge**---Knowledge of Districts, other Ag agencies and organizations and conservation activities.

Judges Score

## IV. STEWARDSHIP

(15 pts.)

**A. Stewardship**---Judges will consider general appearance of the farmstead in accordance with current conservation practices. To include recycling, easements, solar use, special farmland protection programs and handling/use of chemicals. Also Use of alternative fuels and fuel storage.

Judges Score

**V. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLE**

(10 pts.)

**A. Community Participation---**Leadership activities at community, county, state and national level will be considered. This will include activities in church, farm organizations, civic organizations, community development groups, etc.

Judges Score

Total Score