

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION COOPERATOR AWARD

AWARD PROGRAM: Through this program, KACD intends to honor and recognize farmers who are taking the initiative to implement sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation techniques and best management practices. The state winner(s) are selected on the basis of accomplishments in soil and water resource management and pollution prevention. The state winner and runner-up will each receive an award certificate and a \$500 cash award for first place and \$250 for second. In addition, conservation districts with first or second place winners would receive a plaque.

PARTICIPATION: Nominee must be a "Master Conservationist" and the application submitted by their local conservation district. The district shall describe how the farmer has integrated sound, cost-effective and innovative conservation practices into their total farming operation. The entire operation, including livestock and property that is owned, rented, or operated by the nominee, must be considered in the application. Also, the district shall describe how the farmer has demonstrated to others how to better use and protect our soil and water resources. State winners from the four previous year's award programs are not eligible for consideration in this year's award program.

A State Selection Committee will be named by the Board of Directors of KACD composed of public and private conservation agencies and organizations. **The nomination application must be submitted to KACD by May 1, 2023.**

PLEASE ANSWER EACH QUESTION IN THE SPACE PROVIDED AND SUBMIT TO KACD - ONLY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED. PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION IS ALLOWED.

CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES: (30 POINTS)

1. Identify the soil and water resource management problems found on the nominee's farm and describe the innovative and traditional conservation techniques applied to address them.

COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION TREATMENTS: (30 POINTS)

2. Describe the ways in which the nominee has combined multiple conservation treatments into a comprehensive resource management strategy on the nominee's farm.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND DEMONSTRATION: (20 POINTS)

3. To what extent has the nominee's farm operation been used to demonstrate to other members of the community the problems and solutions associated with soil and water conservation?

INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES: (20 POINTS)

4. Describe areas where the nominee has used their own initiative to develop other resources such as wildlife, woodland or techniques developed by the nominee to implement conservation practices.

DESCRIBE WHY THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN NOMINATED:

SUMMARY AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

MR.

First M.I. Last

MRS.

First M.I. Last

ADDRESS

Street, R.R. & Box City

COUNTY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Name or names to appear on award certificate

AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD AND OTHER HONORS RECEIVED BY NOMINEE

ACRES FARMED BY NOMINEE:

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

Crops _____
Pasture _____
Woodland _____
Other _____
TOTAL _____

Dairy _____
Beef _____
Swine _____
Poultry _____
Other _____

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES APPLIED

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE NOMINEE WAS AWARDED MASTER CONSERVATIONIST _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE _____

Did your Conservation District pay KACD Dues for the 2023-2024 Year? Y or N

Did your Conservation District pay a portion of NACD Dues for the '23-'24 year? Y or N

What did your county score of their latest DIGS Report? _____