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# PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION

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## OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

Due by: January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Submit to: Jennifer Balmer  
125 Old Jonestown Road  
Lebanon, PA 17046  
[jam5019@gmail.com](mailto:jam5019@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_ PFYA Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacket sizes: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- \_\_\_ E-mail completed application to Jennifer Balmer by January 10th. A chapter may submit only one application in each category.
- \_\_\_ A series of twelve (12) slides must be submitted with this application. These slides should include pictures of the family, farmstead, major enterprises, equipment, activities, innovations, items of interest, and others. Slides should be copied to a disc and mailed.
- \_\_\_ Write 2-3 sentence description of each slide and write a 1-2 paragraph biography. The slide description and bio should be e-mailed to Jennifer.

### ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST:

- \_\_\_ Contest is open to singles or couples. Primary applicant must be a member, but the spouse does not have to be a member.
- \_\_\_ Majority of income must be from production agriculture.
- \_\_\_ State dues must be paid on or before April 1 of the year application is submitted.
- \_\_\_ Age at convention date will determine the group in which the application will be judged. Under 30 is defined as the applicant not having arrived at his 30th birthday by the opening day of the annual convention.
- \_\_\_ Applicant was not a prior state winner in this category.
- \_\_\_ Interview with judges Wednesday afternoon during the PYFA Winter Conference (may be in person or by electronic means.)

### AWARDS:

- »» Chapter winners will compete for state honors.
- »» The state winning individual or couple will receive \$250 and registration for the PYFA Winter Conference. If the winner attends the banquet Wednesday evening he/she will receive a PYFA jacket. The state runner-up will receive \$100 and conference registration.

### BASIS OF SELECTION:

Winner will be chosen based on highest accumulative score.



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## AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION OPERATION (15 points)

Describe in detail your actual production operation.

### FARMING OPERATION

A. List major crops/ Enterprises	Three years ago acres / size / scope	Current year Acres / size / scope	Yield <u>per unit</u>
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B. Under volume of production, indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume.

Enterprises	Volume of Production	
	Three Years Ago	Current Year

C. Describe your production practices and how you maximize use of your investment and resources.

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## AG MECHANICS PRACTICES (15 points)

- A. Briefly describe your ag. production mechanics practices and laborsaving devices. Include such items as housing facilities, materials and products handling, selection of machinery, operation, maintenance storage, etc.
1. Mechanics practices:
  2. Laborsaving practices:
- B. Briefly describe your future plans for ag. mechanics improvement.

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## MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (15 points)

- A. List of goals or objectives for production efficiency developed by the applicant to improve the quality of the production program such as: weight of pigs at 56 days, ratio of pounds of feed to pounds of gain, cost per 100 pounds of gain, pounds of protein per cow or yield per acre, efficient land use, acreage increases.

### SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENT GAINED

BEGINNING GOALS	CURRENT ACHIEVEMENT	FUTURE GOALS

- B. Describe ways in which you measure and evaluate the management of your farming operation (i.e., decrease in cost per acre; debt/income ratio; debt/equity ratio; return per \$100 feed fed; milk sold per man).

- C. Indicate major problems, connected with your operation, which you have overcome or solved.

- D. Use this space to briefly describe changes, expansion, or improvement in management practices in your operation since you began your production program.



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## PURCHASING, FINANCING AND MARKETING PRACTICES (15 points)

- A. Briefly describe your purchasing and financing practices. How are machinery, feed, fertilizer, seed and other supplies purchased?
  
- B. Briefly describe your marketing practices.

## YOUNG ADULT FARMER LEADERSHIP (15 points)

- A. List below your leadership in the Young Adult Farmers Association such as offices held or committees of which you were chairman during the last five years. (List the most important.)

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	YEAR	
		Local	State





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YOUNG-ADULT COORDINATOR/ADVISOR USE ONLY

1. Why does this farmer merit this recognition? Be specific please. (5 points)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Young Adult Farmer Coordinator/Advisor

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Date

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Signature of Chapter President

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PYFA AWARDS PROGRAM

Publicity Release Information

Contest:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Chapter:

Advisor:

Newspapers to be notified:

School District Information:

PYFA Newsletter

Lancaster Farming  
P.O. Box 609 Main St.  
Ephrata, PA 17522

Local Newspaper Information:

Comments/Things to include in publicity release: