

PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION

OVER/UNDER 30 AWARD

Due by: January 15th
Submit to: Britney Marsh
6404 Salem Park Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
BMarsh216@comcast.net

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:

- ___ Send completed application to Britney Marsh **by January 15th**. A chapter may submit only one application in each category.
- ___ A series of **no more than 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 and script can be e-mailed.
- ___ Submit a 5-minute descriptive script that corresponds with the slides. Scripts longer than 5 minutes will be edited.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST:

- ___ Contest is open to singles or couples. Applicant must be a member. Their spouse may or may not be a member.
- ___ Majority of income must be from production agriculture.
- ___ State dues must be paid on or before April 1st 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.
- ___ Publicity Release Information page must be completed.

AWARDS:

- Chapter winners will compete for state honors.
- The state winning individual or couple will receive a plaque, a PYFA jacket and \$250.00
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BASIS OF SELECTION:

Selection will be considered in judging nominees from each of the six regions of the PA Young Farmer's Association based on the points noted in each category.

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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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APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL PROGRESS (15 points)

Applicants will fill out the Farm Business Performance Worksheet on the computer and e-mail the completed sheet to Britney Marsh along with the rest of this application and the PowerPoint. The worksheet has automatic formula calculations. If the cell has a formula in it DO NOT overwrite it because the rest of the formulas will be incorrect.

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AG MECHANICS PRACTICES (15 points)

A. Briefly describe your agriculture 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 agriculture 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

<u>BEGINNING GOALS</u>	<u>CURRENT ACHIEVEMENT</u>	<u>FUTURE GOALS</u>

- 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.

Management Practices Continued

- 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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CONSERVATION PRACTICES (15 points)

A. Use this space to briefly describe your conservation practices.

B. Briefly describe your future plans for conservation improvements.

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (10 points)

A. List below your participation in other community activities such as agricultural, church, cooperatives, or other organizations to which you belong or are associated. Indicate the extent of leadership or activity for the last five years. (List the most important.)

NAME OR ORGANIZATION	RESPONSIBILITY

I hereby certify that the information presented in this application is true and correct. If I am selected to receive an award, I will be present at the State Winter Institute to accept it.

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date

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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

Date

Signature of Chapter President

Do you want your application forwarded to the National YF for their contest? Yes ___ No ___ You do not need to be present to win.

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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: