

PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION

OVER/UNDER 30 AWARD

Due by: January 15th
Submit to: Britney Marsh
3360 Spring Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

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 Chairman of Awards Committee **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. **Only slides on disk in a Power Point Presentation will be accepted.**
- Submit a 5-minute descriptive script that corresponds with the slides. Scripts longer than 5 minutes will be edited.
- A paper copy of the slides on disk must be submitted. Copy can be either black and white or colored.

An interview will be conducted at the Conference.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST:

- Contest open to singles or couples. Applicant must be a member; 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 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.
- Publicity Release Information page must be completed.

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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)

- A. Please calculate the 5 key measures of business performance for the last 3 years and enter the results in the table below. Important Please use the enclosed worksheet to help you calculate the results for your farm. It will help to ensure that all applicants will be calculating these results in the same manner.

1. Return on Assets			
2. Term Debt and Lease Coverage Ratio			
3. Percent Equity			
4. Operating Expense Ratio			
5. Asset Turnover Rate			

- B. Applicant please indicate other sources of income and property during the years you have been farming, such as off-farm employment, gifts, foundation awards, prizes and inheritances.

SLIDE PRESENTATION AND SCRIPT

This is worth 15 points.

Interview

A15 minute interview will be conducted Tuesday morning and is worth 15 points.

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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

<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.

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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.

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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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: