



# NOPBNRCSE

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## THE LLOYD WRIGHT SMALL FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016 Nomination Form

**To be eligible for this award, the nominee must meet the NRCS definition for Small Farmer/Rancher, but they do not have to be currently enrolled in an NRCS program. Nominations must be post marked no later than October 7, 2016.**

State Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Small Farmer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres in farming operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres rented: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Farming Enterprise (i.e. specify crops and/or livestock raised): \_\_\_\_\_

Please address the following questions on a separate sheet(s):

- In 300 word or less, explain why this individual should be recognized as the NOPBNRCSE National Small Farmer of the Year Award recipient.
- Does the individual have a Natural Resource Conservation/Ag Water Quality/Forest Stewardship Plan? If yes, which one(s)?
- Has the individual participated in USDA Programs/State Agency Programs/Local Programs? If yes, which one(s)?
- List the conservation practices, both structural and management systems, installed on this agricultural operation in the last five years:

Develop a video presentation which highlights the nominee's farm and its activities as they relate to the 'Judging Criteria' listed below.

Please return completed form, supporting documentation and the DVD or web address of viewable or downloadable file to: **Ayana Brown** at the address listed below.

**Send nomination to: Ayana Brown, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 950, Columbia, SC 29201**



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**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Points will be awarded in the following categories, with a focus on the points noted (however, unique circumstances will be given appropriate consideration.) This criterion has been provided for your information and reference in developing the video. You do not need to mark on this sheet.

## MAXIMUM POINTS

- **Quality of presentation (video, DVD, etc.)..... 20 points**
  - a) Does the production provide good audio, transitions, color and clarity?
  - b) Are proper credits shown?
  - c) Is it useful for transferring ideas to other farmers?
  - d) Has the presentation been edited with interesting scenes, not just a "talking head"?
  - e) Maximum allowable time for presentation is 5 minutes.
- **Conservation on the farm..... 30 points**
  - a) Does the landowner have a whole farm plan?
    - i. If not, what percentage is planned?
  - b) Are planned and/or applied conservation practices consistent with a complete resource management system?
  - c) Is whole farm management as well as operation and maintenance carried out on a regular basis?
- **Impact on the community..... 20 points**
  - a) Do planned and/or applied practices prevent soil and/or chemical runoff from leaving the farm?
  - b) Are streams and other water courses adequately buffered?
  - c) Is adequate consideration given to farming operation's impact on air quality?
  - d) Does the operation provide produce/products for local use?
- **Conservation Involving Agricultural Leadership..... 20 points**
  - a) Address any participation in: field days, demonstrations and other educational events
  - b) Address service on boards, committees, and other leadership positions
  - c) Address individual effort to stay current with technology
- **Economic Viability..... 10 points**
  - a) Does the operation have a specialized niche focus or is it diversified?
  - b) What marketing techniques are used (remember to include any unique techniques)?
  - c) How does the operation contribute financially to the quality of life on the farm?

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