

2019 Conservation Legacy Awards Application

Application Deadline: September 7, 2018 (by 11:59 p.m.)

For more information about the Conservation Legacy Awards Program, contact Michelle Hummel at 314-754-1328 or email mhummel@soy.org.

1. Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: *

First Last

Farm Name: *

Address: *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

What is the phone number where you prefer to be reached? *

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Which type of phone is your preferred number given above? *

- Cell Phone
- Home Phone
- Office Phone

Please provide an alternate number where you may be reached. *

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Which type of phone is your alternate number? *

- Cell Phone
- Home Phone
- Office Phone

Email Address: *

Number of Years Farming *

Type of Farming Operation *

- Sole Owner
- Family Farm
- Partnership

How did you hear about the Conservation Legacy Awards Program?

2. Farm Description

Total Farm Acres

What percent of acres do you own and what percent do you rent?

Fill in # of acres for all major crops grown

Soybean # of acres

Corn # of acres

Wheat # of acres

Cotton # of acres

List other crops and acres

What is your crop rotation order?

Fill in number of livestock owned

Cattle

Hogs

Chickens

List other livestock and number owned

Describe the nature, farm history and production history of your farm operation.

Please explain any farming challenges that may be unique to your area or region. This may be related to the location of your operation, soil type, climate, topography or other unique characteristic.

3. Cropland Management

Fill in only the practices you employ on your farmstead.

A. Soil management

No-till (% of acres)

Strip-till (% of acres)

Minimum-till (% of acres)

How often does each field get soil tested?

How often does each field get a manure application?

Do you use cover crops in your operation? If you do, please describe how they are incorporated. In your description, please explain on what percent of your acres you plant cover crops, the subsequent crop and benefits you may have discovered from using cover crops.

Do you use any conservation practices on your farm such as contour farming, strip cropping or terracing? Please describe which practice you use and explain why it is beneficial to use on your farm.

Please describe any future changes you plan to make to your operation in terms of tillage practices, cover crops, erosion control and soil health.

B. Water management

Drainage tile on (% of acres)

Buffer strips on (% of stream banks)

Waterways on (% of fields)

Please describe any nutrient (nitrate, phosphorus, etc.) reduction practices you are implementing on your farming operation to reduce concentrations in surface runoff and tile outlets. (i.e. cover crops, wetlands, drainage water management, bioreactors and saturated buffers.)

Describe any future changes you expect in your water management.

C. Input management

Do you spray fields yourself? (% of acres)

Calibrate sprayer how often?

Use auto boom section control?

- Yes
 No

Variable rate of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium for planted crops (% of acres)

Apply inputs by grid or management zones (% of acres)

Use prescription seeding rates (% of acres)

Describe how you are practicing Integrated Pest Management on your operation and on what percent of fields. (i.e. scouting, crop and chemical pest control, pesticide rotations, etc.)

Describe your weed resistance management strategy. (For example, herbicide rotation, application changes, tillage changes, more scouting, etc.)

How do you currently make your crop input decisions? What crop input management changes do you plan to make in the future?

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4. Conservation, Environmental Management and Sustainability

Check which practices you employ to protect and enhance environmental quality.

- Windbreak/Shelterbelts
- Wildlife Food Plots
- Wetland Protection/Enhancement
- Hazardous Waste Management
- Pollinator and/or Monarch habitat plots
- Wind/solar energy

Describe the practices on your farm that promote wildlife, energy conservation, and/or farm aesthetics.

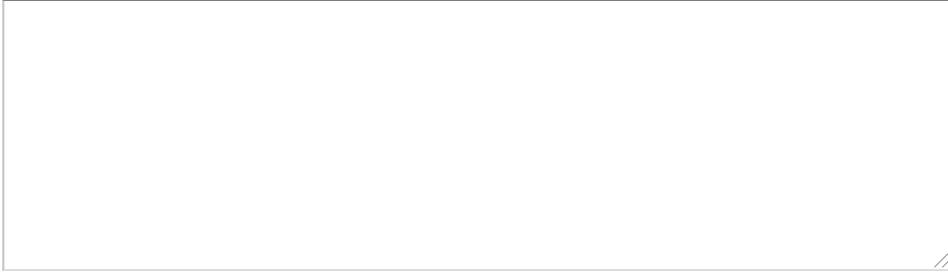
Describe any sustainability efforts or practices that you currently implement on your operation. On what percent of total acres are these practices implemented?

5. Your Conservation Legacy

Describe your family farm conservation philosophy.



What are a few specific efforts you are taking to build solid relationships with your neighbors and/or landlord? (Examples may include traited crop alerts, buffer areas, spraying alerts, garden gifts, snow plowing, mowing, etc.)



Are you doing any activities to share a positive message about your conservation efforts and modern agriculture practices with consumers and others who do not have an agriculture background? (Examples may include social media activity, farm tours, media interviews, speaking engagements, community programs, etc.)



If you received \$5,000 – \$10,000, what are some investments you would make to improve the overall conservation and sustainability outcomes of your operation?



List your memberships in any conservation groups or initiatives and list any conservation or agricultural honors or awards received.

6. Reference Letter

Please attach one outside signed reference letter for your operation. The letter should help describe your farm practices. (for example: from the local conservationist or someone who can speak to your farm stewardship practices.)

Reference Letter – Attach a File

No file chosen

7. Photos

Attach 4 to 6 photos showing your farm and conservation efforts.

Photo 1 – Attach a File

No file chosen

Photo 2 – Attach a File

No file chosen

Photo 3 – Attach a File

No file chosen

Photo 4 – Attach a File

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Photo 5 – Attach a File

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Photo 6 – Attach a File

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