

2009 OFBF Excellence in Crop Advising Award

(Winner to be nominated for ICCA of the Year Award)

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) and the Ohio Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program are sponsoring one state award titled “**Excellence in Crop Advising**”. The award program is designed to recognize an individual who is highly motivated, delivers exceptional customer service for farmer clients in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management and crop production, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of ideas and the transfer of agronomic knowledge within the agricultural industry in Ohio.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to increase the awareness that both farmers and their service people strive to do their best in making cropping decisions that are economically and environmentally sound. A CCA must meet the standards set by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) and maintain the certification through continuing education. They also sign a code of ethics pledging to do their best and operate in the best interests of their client. Together, a farmer and a CCA, make a team that is working to manage an economically viable business while practicing responsible stewardship. This is a win/win approach for both farmers and CCAs.

Eligibility

1. Nominee must hold a current Ohio CCA certification and be in good standing.
2. Nominees will be evaluated solely on the basis of the information provided in the nomination.
3. Individual must be nominated by a current Farm Bureau member or county Farm Bureau that has first hand experience or knowledge of the quality of work that the CCA has performed. Joint nominations by multiple individuals are permitted as long as at least one nominator is a Farm Bureau member.
4. Former recipients of the OFBF Excellence in Crop Advising Award are not eligible.

Nomination Process

5. OFBF will notify County Farm Bureaus, County OSU Extension offices and County Soil and Water Districts of the request for nominations. County Farm Bureaus will notify members of the request for nominations via newsletters and/or other appropriate means. Each county is allowed to submit more than one name to OFBF for consideration for the state award.
 - A. FB members/nominators submit nominations to the Ohio Farm Bureau by **June 26, 2009**.
 - B. Selection Committee (made up of OFBF and Ohio CCA program staff and members) review the nominations and select the winner.
 - C. The state winner and FB member/nominator are notified. (July).

Recognition

6. Each county nominee for the state award will receive a certificate, which will be presented by the county Farm Bureau at an appropriate county level meeting. The State Excellence in Crop Advising Award will be presented at the 2009 Farm Science Review. The state award includes a plaque, recognition in industry publications, and a \$500 cash award from the agronomic industry.

**2009 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Excellence in Crop Advising Award
Nomination Form**

Nominee _____ CCA Certification Number _____

Employer (Provide name or state self-employed) _____

Position _____ Years of crop advising experience _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-Mail _____

Nominated by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-Mail _____

Farm Bureau member in what county? _____

How many years have you known the nominee? _____

*Describe the scale and scope of crop advising services that the nominee performs for you. Include a situation where the individual is involved in day-to-day field decisions and crop production advice and be specific. (State the type of crops, number of acres on which the CCA is advising, number of locations for which they are responsible, running plot trials, acts as a resource person for grower groups, etc.) **20 points***

Why do you believe the nominee should receive the 2009 Excellence in Crop Advising Award? What skills or initiatives has the nominee displayed in their crop advising career that sets them apart from their colleagues? Please use as many details as necessary and if you need additional space please use the other side of this form or additional pages. (You will want to include activities like writing a grower newsletter, organizing a meeting of customers to review the past year's successes and failures,



