



***Pork Industry Environmental Steward Awards
Application/Nomination Form 2010***

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The Pork Checkoff and *National Hog Farmer* magazine annually partner to recognize four U.S. pork producers who serve as examples of the hard work and serious commitment to practicing environmental stewardship by the vast majority of the nation's pork producers.

The Pork Industry Environmental Steward Award program is open to U.S. pork production operations of all types and sizes who demonstrate a positive commitment to environmental stewardship. Nominations should focus on one single production site or farm. ***The primary emphasis of this program is to recognize good environmental stewardship and management practices. The program is not a technology-driven program.***

Applications and nominations are solicited from pork producers, operation managers and other industry-related professionals. A national selection committee names four operations following a review of:

- General production information
- Manure/nutrient management
- Soil conservation management efforts
- Water conservation management efforts
- Air quality management efforts
- Wildlife habitat management efforts
- Neighbor and community relations management efforts, and
- An essay on the meaning of environmental stewardship

Responses to the questions on the application form should be as complete and thorough as possible. Additional pages may be added to fully respond to the areas on the nomination/application form.

Award winners' stories are featured on the Pork Checkoff's Web site, in an informational brochure and a video about the Environmental Stewards Award recipients. Environmental Steward Award stories also are featured in a special insert of the Sept. 15, 2010 edition of *National Hog Farmer* magazine / website as well as in other state pork association and National Pork Board publications and promotional pieces. Award winners receive a financial award along with a special plaque and will be recognized at the annual Pork Industry Forum in 2011.

We encourage you to apply for the award and / or nominate another pork producer whom you believe to be a good example of pork producer environmental stewardship.

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Farm name: _____

Contact: _____ Owner _____ Manager _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Person submitting the application/nomination form (if other than farm contact):

Signature: _____

Which best describes this hog operation?

_____ Farrow-to-Finish _____ Farrow-to-wean _____ Wean-to-Finish
_____ Finishing Only _____ Seedstock Production _____ Other: _____

Contract producer? Yes No

Total Number of Sows: _____

Total number of Hogs/Pigs Sold Annually: _____

Total Number of Acres (owned, rented, leased): _____

Instructions for Submitting Application/Nomination Form:

- **Returned forms must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.**
- **Nominations for 2010 must be submitted using this form and format.** *Nominations from previous years will not be held over.*
- **Nominations should be focused on one single production site.**
- *On separate pages, please provide complete details and full documentation in each of the eight areas listed below. Please use black ink or typewritten format.*
- *For photo submission, send prints or digital photos only. Please limit number to 12. Videotapes or DVD's are acceptable.*
- *If supplements are used, i.e. magazine/newspaper articles please summarize the highlights of these items within your application. Applications, photos, tapes, etc. will not be returned.*

On separate pages, please provide complete details and full documentation in EACH of the eight areas listed below. Please use black ink or typewritten format. The bullet points following each of the eight areas are NOT meant to limit the description to only these points.

1. **Farm Description:** Describe the general nature, history and production information of the operation. **(10 points).** **At a minimum, please include:**
 - How long has this producer been raising pigs at this farm or production site?
 - Number and type of other livestock/poultry raised on this farm, if any.
 - Other farming operations / crops raised at this farm operation..
 - Phase(s) of pig production at this farm (breeding/gestation, farrowing , boar stud, nursery, finisher etc.)
 - Type of production facilities at this farm (total confinement, open lot, pasture, etc.)
 - Number, size and type of buildings housing pigs (tunnel ventilated, drop curtains, open sided, etc.).

2. **Manure/Nutrient Management:** Describe the farm's manure management system. Does operation have and follow a current manure nutrient management plan? Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, crop nutrient management and soil fertility programs, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(20 points).** **At a minimum, please include:**
 - Manure collection, storage and transport processes.
 - Method of manure use/application and type of equipment used.
 - How the manure management system fits into the overall farming operation.

3. **Soil Conservation:** Explain what soil conservation practices are used in the effort to conserve soil resources, maintain soil fertility, and protect water sources and protect the environment. Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(10 Points).** **At a minimum, please include:**
 - Tillage practices for crop ground at this farm (no till, minimum till, ridge till, etc.)
 - Weed and pest management programs used at his farm to protect the environment.
 - Use of buffer strips , grassed waterways, field terraces and cover crops, if any.

4. **Water Conservation:** Explain any water protection and/or conservation programs that have been implemented that are focused on ensuring the sustainability of water resources as supplied to the farm or other users. Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(10 Points).** **At a minimum, please include:**
 - Surface/ground water monitoring / testing programs, if any.
 - Water recycling / reuse, if any.
 - In-barn water conservation measures (water meters, watering devices, etc.)

5. **Air Quality:** Describe management strategies used to control r air emissions (dust, gasses and odor) from and improve the air quality surrounding this farm operation. Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(20 points).** **At a minimum, please include:**
 - Natural tree / vegetation filter belts around buildings, if any.

- Manure storage covers (natural or synthetic), bio-filters, methane digesters and/or pit / lagoon additives, if any.
6. **Wildlife Habitat:** Describe steps taken to preserve/promote/manage wildlife habitat near this farm operation. Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(5 points)**
 7. **Environmental Stewardship:** In 500 words or less, please describe what “Environmental Stewardship” means to you. ***(If nominating someone, a statement by the nominee must accompany this form.) (15 points)***
 8. **Public Relations:** List the steps taken to present a positive visual image for this operation and to improve communications and relations with the neighbors and the community. Please include a description of benefits realized (production efficiency, financial, energy use, water use, improved neighbor relations, etc.). **(10 points)**

If you are submitting a nomination for someone else, please complete the following:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Return Application/Nomination Form to:

**Pork Checkoff
Attn: Environmental Steward Awards
1776 NW 114th Street
Clive, IA 50325**