

2021 PF/QF Precision Farmer of the Year Award



Nomination Form

Presented by John Deere

Deadline: September 1, 2020



Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever, in collaboration with John Deere, annually recognize a farmer that demonstrates an exceptional commitment to utilizing cutting-edge precision ag technology to create wildlife habitat on their farm. This award will be presented at the annual Precision Ag Workshop held in conjunction with National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic. The 2021 award will be presented on Friday, February 19 in Sioux Falls South Dakota. Farmers/dealers must be willing to attend the workshop to win the award.

Nominate a Farmer Who Exemplifies the PF/QF Precision Vision...

...to demonstrate through the use of technology and collaboration that farmers will increase their profitability while also providing benefits for soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat.

Farm/Farmer
Nominee:

City, State, Zip
Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Social Media
Platform/Handles:

Nominated
By/Title:

Phone Number:

Dealership Name:

Required Criteria

These criteria must be met for the farmer to be eligible for the award. Please mark the appropriate boxes:

- Is a loyal John Deere customer
- Is willing to attend the Precision Ag Workshop in Sioux Falls, SD, February 19, 2021.
- Utilizes John Deere Operations Center for data management
- Actively works with the local John Deere Dealership Integrated Solutions team
- Collects and utilizes precision ag data for management purposes
 - List total years of data collection/utilization and software technologies utilized:

Wildlife Habitat

These criteria provide insight into how the farmer incorporates new wildlife habitat and manages existing natural areas on their farm for the benefit of wildlife. Please mark the appropriate boxes & add additional considerations in the space provided.

- The farm used precision data in the decision-making process to plant perennial habitat on their farm within the last 5 years. List the total # of acres established to habitat within the last 5 years:
- The farm has established/protected native, perennial cover for pollinators and/or monarchs. List the total # of acres established/protected on the farm:
- The farm provides food plots as a source of forage and cover for wildlife. List the total # of acres planted annually on the farm for food plots:
- The farm utilizes rotational grazing to maximize the quality, quantity, and diversity of forage.
- The farmer has restored or protected wetlands on the farm.
- Other considerations:

Soil Health & Water Quality

These criteria provide insight into how the farmer integrates conservation practices into their farm operation. Please mark the appropriate boxes & add additional considerations in the space provided.

- Utilizes cover crops in-the crop rotation. List the total % of cropland acres in cover crops per year.

- Limits soil disturbance through reduced tillage practices.
- Maintains crop residue at a minimum of 30%.
- Maintains grass/tree plantings of at least 30' along most streams, ditches, rivers, & wetlands.
- Other considerations:

Collaboration and Leadership

These criteria provide insight into how the farmer influences those throughout their community. Please mark the appropriate boxes & add additional considerations in the space provided.

- Has worked with a Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, or Habitat Specialist to implement a habitat project.
- Has voluntarily worked with local conservation staff to implement conservation practices on the farm.
- Hosted an education/outreach event on their farm to demonstrate the agriculture/conservation practices working on the farm. Briefly describe the event:

- Has shared a farming success story to media outlets for use as a article, video, or interview.
- Is an active member in the local Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever Chapter.
- Currently volunteers in agriculture or conservation organizations. Please list the organizations.

- Other considerations:

Send completed nomination to:

Ryan Heiniger, Director of Agriculture

Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever

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