



2025-2026 Farm of the Year Application

Deadline to apply: September 12, 2025 at 11:59 pm

Return application to:

Attn: Kelsey Keadle

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Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Or by email: kkeadle@washco-md.net

The Farm of the Year Award is designed to recognize outstanding agricultural achievement in proficiency of production, agricultural and community organization involvement, conservation and preservation practices, and technological advances.

It is hoped that this award will enhance awareness for excellence in agriculture for Washington County, as well as to recognize the vital role farms play in supporting the local economy and food production.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must operate a farm or agricultural business primarily located in Washington County, Maryland
- The farm business must generate a gross income of \$2,500 or more
- Applicants are requested to be present at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting the morning of Tuesday, October 7, 2025
- Applicants are requested to be present at the award ceremony Friday, October 10, 2025

All past applicants are encouraged to re-apply for this prestigious award. Judging will be held in September. The Farm of the Year winner will be announced at the Washington County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and celebrated at the Washington County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet on Friday October 10, 2025, at 6 pm.

For further questions, please contact Washington Co. Dept. of Business and Economic Development-Kelsey Keadle, Business Specialist, Agriculture at kkeadle@washco-md.net or (301) 573-70

SECTION 1: About the Farm You're Nominating

1. **Farm Name:**

2. **Location or Address:**

3. **Name of Farm Owner(s), if known:**

4. **Type of Farm (check all that apply):**

☐ Crops ☐ Livestock ☐ Dairy ☐ Agritourism (corn maze, pumpkin patch, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

5. **How did you come to know or visit this farm?**

☐ Customer/Shopper ☐ Neighbor ☐ School Visit ☐ Community Event
☐ Social Media ☐ Other: _____

SECTION 2: Why Are You Nominating This Farm?

6. **What stands out to you about this farm?**

(e.g., beautiful crops, friendly staff, community involvement, excellent products)

How do you believe this farm contributes to Washington County's community or agriculture scene?

7. **Have you seen or heard of the farm using modern technology or innovative practices? If so, describe:**

8. **Has the farm hosted events or activities that engage the public (e.g., school visits, farm tours, educational days)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

If yes, please share details: _____

9. **Does this farm help promote agricultural awareness or education in any way?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

If yes, explain: _____

10. **What makes this farm a great example of local farming success?**

11. Is this farm known for being family-run, community-focused, or multigenerational?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Please elaborate if you can: _____

12. Any specific memory, product, or story that really made an impression on you about this farm?

SECTION 3: About You (The Nominator)

13. Name of Person Submitting the Nomination:

14. Relationship to the Farm:

☐ Owner ☐ Neighbor ☐ Colleague ☐ Organization ☐ Other: _____

15. Phone Number:

16. Email Address:

Optional: Supporting Materials

You may attach photos, newspaper articles, testimonials, or other relevant materials that support this nomination.