

New Hampshire Farm Animal Husbandry Award

Background:

The New Hampshire Farm Animal Husbandry Award has been developed by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer program to promote sound animal husbandry and to recognize individuals who have implemented exceptional livestock welfare practices on their farm.

Eligibility

- Applicant can be either an individual or a couple.
- Applicant(s) shall be a Farm Bureau member between the ages of 16-35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau.
- Current employees of county or state Farm Bureaus are not eligible to compete.
- Nominee should have five or more mature livestock animals (cattle over 18 months, sheep over 5 months, etc.) or livestock for food or fiber production (e.g. veal or replacement livestock), have a poultry flock with over 30 birds (over six months).
- The ideal candidate will meet or exceed the Best Management Practices as specified below.

Nomination:

Members of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer program will select fellow county Young Farmer members, they believe to be deserving of this award. Nominations should be completed and submitted to the Young Farmer Coordinator by email (nhfb3@nhfarmbureau.org) **by May 30, 2015 (deadline extended)**.

Nominations should be provided in a paragraph form by email, explaining why nominee is an ideal candidate for this award.

Best Management Practices:

- use an appropriate veterinarian client patient relationship as the basis for medication decision making
- establish and implement an efficient and effective health management plan (including record keeping, biosecurity, vaccination program, participation in surveillance programs such as Johnes, Tuberculosis, Scrapie, etc. AND participation in national herd or flock health programs)
- use antibiotics responsibly
- properly store and administer animal health products
- follow proper nutrition and feed protocols
- establish effective animal identification, medication records and withdrawal times
- practice good environmental stewardship and manure/carcass management
- maintain proper workplace safety
- provide proper care to improve animal well-being including nutrition, condition scoring, housing, and water access
- use of proper handling facilities

Selection Process:

A panel of judges comprised of (1) veterinarian, (1) agricultural educator, (1) legislative representative. See score sheet for the selection process.

The Young Farmer Coordinator will inform the award recipient(s) and will invite them to receive the award at the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in November. The names of the award recipients and award citations will be posted on the NHFBF's website and published in media releases, etc. following the award presentation.