

DEFIANCE COUNTY AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES 2026

The purpose of the Defiance County Agriculture Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual or husband/wife to agriculture. The committee may consider applications of individuals, spouses, or members of a business entity. Annual awards to the Hall of Fame will honor men and women who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture.

Recipients of the awards

1. Farmer – one who has made a major contribution from the land and the products thereof.
2. Agriculture related activities – agribusiness

Number of awards given in any year may not exceed three and the number of posthumous awards not to exceed one.

Recipients must have made their major contributions in Ohio, and should have had long tenure in their field of endeavor, preferably 25 or more years.

Nominations may be made by any individual or organization in Ohio by completing a nomination form* and returning it to OSU Extension Defiance County, Attention: Agriculture Hall of Fame Committee, 06879 Evansport Rd, Suite B, Defiance OH 43512, by February 1, 2026.

All nominations must be submitted on a properly prepared form. Nominations of an individual, husband/wife, or member of an ag business or farm must be combined and submitted on one nomination form. Such forms will be available through the Agriculture Hall of Fame Committee, via copies at the OSU Extension Defiance County (<http://defiance.osu.edu>), Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District (<https://www.defianceswcd.org/>)

Selection each year will be made by the Defiance County Hall of Fame Committee. The decision of the judges shall be final, and to be completed by February 15th each year, or as designated by the Hall of Fame Committee.

The Defiance County Agriculture Hall of Fame Committee will cooperate with OSU Extension and the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District in arranging a suitable time, place and method for the awards presentation. The first award presentation was held at the 2012 Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast.

The award shall be determined by the Hall of Fame Committee, with proper citation.

*If more space is required, an additional 8 1/2" X 11" sheet may be submitted with this form. Any additional information, whether submitted by the nominator or any other individual or organization, will not be accepted. Following selection, the nomination will not be returned. Nominations may be resubmitted.

NOMINATION DEFIANCE COUNTY AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME 2026

Date _____

Dear Defiance County Agriculture Hall of Fame Committee:

I wish to submit the following nomination for the Defiance County Agriculture Hall of Fame:

Check one:

- Individual
- Husband/Wife
- Members of an Ag Business or Farm

1st Nominee:

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address (if living) _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Birth Date _____ Place _____ Date Deceased _____

2nd Nominee (Spouses only), if applicable:

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address (if living) _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Birth Date _____ Place _____ Date Deceased _____

Family contact person other than nominee(s) (circle 1): Wife Son Daughter Other

Name of Family Contact _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

email _____

Category (circle one)

Farmer or Livestock Breeder

Agricultural-related

1st Nominee information

Approximate years of service in Defiance County: _____

Education: High School Attended _____ Years _____

College Attended _____ Years _____

Degree(s) Earned _____

Briefly describe the operation and/or occupation of the nominee: _____

Major activities for which recognition should be given:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to Defiance County agriculture:

1st Nominee information (continued)

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to agriculture beyond Defiance County:

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to his community, church, youth or government:

List Organizations or Association of which the nominee was a member; list offices held, and awards received:

- County

- State

- National

Outstanding personal traits:

List this nominees "Claim to Fame":

2nd Nominee information (if applicable)

Approximate years of service in Defiance County: _____

Education: High School Attended _____ Years _____

College Attended _____ Years _____

Degree(s) Earned _____

Briefly describe the operation and/or occupation of the nominee: _____

Major activities for which recognition should be given:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to Defiance County agriculture:

2nd Nominee information (continued)

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to agriculture beyond Defiance County:

Explain contributions nominee has made in service to his community, church, youth or government:

List Organizations or Association of which the nominee was a member; list offices held and awards received:

- County

- State

- National

Outstanding personal traits:

List this nominees "Claim to Fame":

As nominator I certify that the above statements are true and accurate.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

email _____

Applications are due to the OSU Extension Defiance County, Attention: Agriculture Hall of Fame Committee, 06879 Evansport Rd, Suite B, Defiance, OH 43512, by February 1, 2026.