



IOWA MASTER PORK PARTNER AWARD

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The Extension Service of Iowa State University and the Iowa Pork Producers Association expanded award programs in 2014 to recognize individuals who have had positive impacts on pork production through a management role within a production company.

This new award aims to recognize production company employees who have demonstrated positive impacts on their production system but who are not involved in day-to-day, on-farm, duties and management. (i.e. field/territory managers, upper level management, staff veterinarians and other influential employees without daily responsibilities in a specific production site(s).)

Nominations

Nominees can be nominated by county extension personnel, extension swine field specialists, county pork associations, production companies and fellow producers. The award application can be directly submitted, or name of nominee provided, to the IPPA state office.

If nominators prefer, IPPA staff will notify nominees of their nomination and work with them to complete the application process. Regardless of the process chosen, applications and a letter of recommendation from the nominator must be sent before **August 1, 2018**, to Jamee Eggers at the Iowa Pork Producers Association by email to jeggers@iowapork.org, faxed (515) 225-0563 or direct mail to:

Iowa Pork Producers Association
Attn. Jamee Eggers
PO Box 71009
Clive, IA 50325

Eligibility Criteria

- 1) All nominations must be received by August 1, 2018.
- 2) No more than three candidates will receive visits from the selection committee each year.
- 3) No more than one nomination per production entity will be considered. (Should a company nominate additional candidates, no nominations will be considered from that entity. It is recommended that nominations from extension, county pork associations and others be confirmed with production company personnel to avoid overlap.)
- 4) Nominations should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the nominator detailing why the nominee stands out in the production company. (i.e. production performance, management skills and capabilities, industry/community involvement, issues and industry knowledge and other special achievements.)
- 5) Nominee must be a member of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, whether at the state and/or county level.
- 6) Nominees must be Iowa residents.
- 7) Nominee must be directly employed by a pork production entity, which maintains pig ownership.
- 8) Nominee should have at least five years of experience in pork production.
- 9) Nominees should have demonstrated community involvement (i.e. church, school, commodity associations, extension, etc.)
- 10) Nominees should have demonstrated excellence within their production system.
- 11) Previously honored Master Pork Award program awardees are not eligible to receive the award.

- 12) This award has been developed to recognize production employees and influencers that are directly employed by pork producers/production companies but that are not active in specific day-to-day, on-farm, management. If the employee/nominee has an active, on-farm, daily role. Consider nomination for the Master Pork Producer Award.

Selection Process

- 1) Nominees applications must to be sent to the IPPA by August 1.
- 2) If more than three candidates are nominated, the Master Pork Producer selection committee will screen the applications and select no more than three nominees for final consideration. If a production company nominates more than one candidate, no applications from that company will be considered.
- 3) The state awardee(s) will be selected by a state committee composed of representative(s) from the Iowa Pork Producers Association and Iowa State University Extension.
- 4) Representatives of the state selection committee will visit the finalists and select awardees by November 17. The state awardees will be notified by December 1. Individuals will be honored at the Master Pork Producer Banquet held during the Iowa Pork Congress in January.

Suggestions for Award Criteria

Clear knowledge of the production system and demonstrable excellence within this system is required.

Industry Knowledge – (progressiveness) - Ability to grasp what is going on in the industry - new ideas and practices as well as issues facing the swine industry.

Community involvement is an important component of the We Care responsible pork initiative and is critical for award recognition.

Please contact Jamee Eggers at the IPPA office if you have other questions. (800) 372-7675 or jeggers@iowapork.org