



IOWA MASTER PORK PRODUCER

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The Extension Service of Iowa State University and the Iowa Pork Producers Association are cooperating again in 2018 to recognize Iowa's outstanding pork producers.

Nominations

Producers 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 names 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 must be sent before **August 1, 2018**, to Jamee Eggers at the Iowa Pork Producers Association by email to jeggers@iowapork.org faxed to (515) 225-0563 or direct mail to:

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

Master Pork Producer Eligibility Criteria

- 1) All nominations must be received by **August 1, 2018**.
- 2) No more than one nominee per county & four nominees per district will be eligible for visits from the selection committee.
- 3) Nominee must be a member of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, whether at the state and/or county level.
- 4) Production company nominations are limited to two nominations per year, per company. If additional nominations are warranted, please consider

working with the local pork producers association or extension personnel.

Company nominations should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the nominator detailing why the nominee stands out in their production system. (i.e. superior management, performance numbers, knowledge, community and industry involvement, etc.)

- 5) Nominee must be engaged in pork production. Whether it be feeder pig production, wean or feeder pig finishing, contract production or a farrow-to-finish system.
- 6) Nominees and nominated spouses must have an active role in on-farm day-to-day management decisions, but need not be the owner.
- 7) Producer should have at least five years of experience in pork production.
- 8) Producer must be able to demonstrate current certification in Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus) and have completed a PQA Plus site assessment (prior to nomination) on all production sites, including national premises ID number.
- 9) Nominees should have demonstrated community involvement (i.e. church, school, commodity associations, extension, etc.)
- 10) Production system nominees should have demonstrated excellence within their production system.
- 11) A past county or district winner may be re-nominated.
- 12) Previously honored Iowa Master Pork Producers are not eligible to receive the award again.
- 13) If a producer is involved in raising purebred animals, consider nominating the producer for the Master Seedstock Award.
- 14) If the nominee is employed by a production, which owns pigs, but is not involved in day-to-day, on-farm, management decisions for specific site(s), consider nomination for the Master Pork Partner award.

Selection Process

- 1) One nominee per county needs to be sent to the IPPA by August 1.
- 2) If more than four nominees are nominated per district—a committee comprised of the IPPA district director, Area Extension Livestock Production Specialist(s), and up to two pork producers, (i.e. county president of a county without a nominee, previously honored Iowa Master Pork Producer), may screen the county nominees and select no more than four nominees from the district for state consideration. (In cases where more than one nomination is received for a county or more than four from a district, priority will be given to applications from county pork organizations and extension personnel.)
- 3) If more than one nomination is received in a given county or more than four in a district, all candidates must be contacted by the district committee. The district committee may select up to four finalists and forward their names to IPPA with the nomination papers by September 1.
- 4) The state awardee(s) from each district will be selected by a state committee composed of representative(s) from the Iowa Pork Producers Association and Iowa State University Extension.
- 5) Representatives of the state selection committee will visit the district finalists and select awardees from each district by November 17. The state awardees will be notified by December 1. These producers will be honored at the Master Pork Producer Banquet held during the Iowa Pork Congress in January.

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR MASTER PORK PRODUCER AWARD CRITERIA

- A. Herd Health - Knowledgeable about herd health programs and preventive medicine techniques. This includes isolation of swine from others species, herd entry requirements and immunization programs applied to the herd. Producers should be using those practices applicable to their own farms' conditions.
- B. Facilities - Facilities must be adequate for pork production. Consideration is given to utilization of existing facilities and capital capabilities of the producer. Renters and landowners are not judged on same facilities criteria.
- C. Nutrition and Feeding - Producer should be knowledgeable of feed program and medications used on the farm.
- D. Sanitation and maintenance of farmstead are considered part of good management.
- E. Hog quality - As determined from genetics and marketing practices.
- F. Records - Producer should have production records and a firm grasp of production costs. Nominees should be able to communicate:
 - Pounds of feed per pound of gain
 - Pigs weaned/litter (If producer has sows)
 - Pigs/sow year (If producer has sows)
 - Demonstrated compliance with PQA Plus site assessment criteria including:
 - One year of medication and treatment records
 - One year of observation records
 - Other PQA Plus site assessment criteria compliance
- G. 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.
- H. Community involvement is an important component of the We Care responsible pork initiative and is critical for Master Pork Producer award recognition.