

2017 Rice Awards Nomination Form

The Rice Farmer of the Year, Rice Industry Award and Rice Lifetime Achievement Award recognize those rice leaders who have demonstrated dedication, determination and innovation to the industry. We need your help to identify candidates who are worthy of these prestigious awards. Please take the time to consider which industry members in your area should be recipients of these honors and mail or scan/email this form and supporting materials.

Categories:

Please check the box of the appropriate award category:

☐ Rice Farmer of the Year Award

- Must farm at least 200 acres.
- A farmer who has successfully achieved goals in his/her farming operation, rice industry association, community improvement/development, innovative production practices and/or environmental stewardship.

☐ Rice Industry Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than five years.
- A researcher, Extension person, government/association leader, etc... who has demonstrated commitment to the rice industry through innovative practices, industry association, community involvement/development.

☐ Rice Lifetime Achievement Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than 10 years.
- An industry leader who has provided great contributions to the rice industry through industry associations, community involvement/development, innovative practices/projects that have advanced the industry.

If you are submitting more than one nomination form, please make a copy before you fill out the form. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.ricefarming.com.

Nominee's name

Nominee's address

Nominee's phone number

Nominee's rice acreage (if applicable)

Number of years involved in the rice industry (if applicable)

Your name

Your profession

Your address

Your phone number

Your signature

Date

Deadline:

June 15, 2017

Please send completed form & supporting materials to: Carroll Smith
7201 Eastern Ave., Germantown, TN 38138
Scan/Email: csmith@onegrower.com

On a separate piece of paper, please consider the following:

Dedication to farming and/or agriculture and the rice industry, local community and education.

Determination to succeed and overcome hurdles that have emerged while trying to reach goals.

Innovation to identify new and better ways for the industry to become more profitable, manage risk, achieve a higher level of efficiency.

In addition to completing this form, please describe the nominee in terms of the above guidelines. It also is helpful to send letters of recommendation for the nominee from other individuals in the rice industry who are familiar with his/her accomplishments. A panel of judges from across the Rice Belt will select the recipients of the 2017 Rice Awards.

The award recipients will be honored at the USA Rice Outlook Conference, Dec. 10-12, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas, where an official presentation will be made at the awards luncheon. They also will be featured in a special salute sponsored by Horizon Ag, USA Rice and *Rice Farming* magazine in the December 2017 issue.

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2016 RICE AWARDS

Horizon Ag welcomes you to Memphis, Tenn. Our home office has been in Memphis since the company was formed, and we are excited about having the rice industry converge in our back yard. Through the years, the Rice Outlook Conference has provided a venue where members of the rice family can come together at year end and celebrate our successes and lament our misfortunes. In my almost 20 years of working in the rice industry, I don't recall a year when the challenges were greater across the entire rice community. Thus, this year we may have more lamentations than celebrations, but with whom better do we have to endure our hardships than family and friends who know and support us, regardless.

In spite of the difficulties we've encountered in our industry this year, optimism has brought us to close the book on 2016 and anticipate better days in 2017. In that spirit, we also celebrate the successes of three meritorious individuals who throughout their lives have dreamed big and put their proverbial hands to the plow through good times and bad times. They are honored today by their peers as having distinguished themselves by making the rice industry better. The Rice Industry Award honors the person who has proven to be innovative in his or her role in this industry. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the person who has dedicated his or her life to the viability of the U.S. rice industry. The Rice Farmer of the Year Award honors a producer who has shown determination, innovation and dedication to growing the crop.

Theodore Roosevelt said, *"Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."* Our award winners have not enjoyed success by avoiding obstacles, rather they have diligently overcome the trials and setbacks in life many times over and hence have been successful.

On behalf of Horizon Ag, we congratulate the 2016 Rice Farming Magazine Award Winners. Furthermore, we appreciate all of those who continue to allow Horizon Ag to be successful by trusting in our brand and offerings each year. We join everyone in our industry in hoping for brighter days to come.

2016 winners:

Rice Farmer of the Year: Richard Fontenot
Rice Industry Award: Dr. Steve Linscombe
Rice Lifetime Achievement: Gary Sebree

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Horizon Ag would like to recognize past Rice Awards recipients.

1992

Dennis Leonards, Crowley, La.

1993

Jacko Garrett Jr., Danbury, Texas

1994

Nolen Canon, Tunica, Miss.

1995

Duane Gaither, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

1996

Leroy & Chris Isbell, England, Ark.

1997

Charles Berry, Tunica, Miss.
 John Denison, Iowa, La.
 Paul Haidusek, Devers, Texas
 Errol Lounsbury, Vermilion Parish, La.
 Charley Mathews Jr., Marysville, Calif.
 Patrick Mullen, Des Arc, Ark.
 Fred Tanner, Bernie, Mo.

1998

Tommy Andrus, Moorhead, Miss.
 Don Bransford, Colusa, Calif.
 Larry Devillier Jr., Winnie, Texas
 Dennis Robison, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
 Gary Sebree, Stuttgart, Ark.
 Linda Zaunbrecher, Gueydon, La.

1999

Ken Collins, Biggs, Calif.
 James "Jimmy" Hoppe, Fenton, La.
 Charles Parker Johnson, Neelyville, Mo.
 Abbott Myers, Dundee, Miss.
 Lowell George "L.G." Raun Jr.,
 El Campo, Texas
 Martin Walt Jr., Dumas, Ark.

2000

John B. Alter, DeWitt, Ark.
 R. Ernest Girouard Jr., Kaplan, La.
 Bill Griffith, Boyle, Miss.
 Ken Minton, Dexter, Mo.
 Michael Rue, Marysville, Calif.
 J.D. "Des" Woods, Katy, Texas

2001

Rice Farmer of the Year: Larry and
 Candice Davis, Bolivar County, Miss.
Rice Industry Award: Jack Williams, UC
 Cooperative Extension
Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: David
 LaCour, Vermilion Parish, La.

2002

Rice Farmer of the Year: Tommy Ray
 Oliver, Stuttgart, Ark.
Rice Industry Award: Howard Cormier,
 LSU AgCenter, Abbeville, La.
Rice Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Leland L. Carle, Stuttgart, Ark.

2003

Rice Farmer of the Year: David Monroe
 Smith Jr., Jonesboro, Ark.
Rice Industry Award: Dr. Johnny
 Saichuk, LSU AgCenter, Crowley, La.
Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Lund-
 berg Brothers, Richvale, Calif.

2004

Rice Farmer of the Year: Dane Hebert,
 Maurice, La.
Rice Industry Award: Dr. M.O. "Mo" Way,
 Texas A&M, Beaumont, Texas
Rice Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Dr. Joseph Musick, LSU AgCenter,
 Crowley, La.

2005

Rice Farmer of the Year: John Greer,
 Jonesboro, Ark.

Rice Industry Award: Charles "Eddie"
 Eskew, Jennings, La.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Donald Bransford, Colusa, Calif.

2006

Rice Farmer of the Year: Gibb Steele,
 Hollandale, Miss.

Rice Industry Award: Chuck Wilson,
 DeWitt, Ark.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: John
 Denison, Iowa, La.

2007

Rice Farmer of the Year: Clarence Berken,
 Lake Arthur, La.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Joe Street,
 Stoneville, Miss.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr.
 Steve Linscombe, Crowley, La.

2008

Rice Farmer of the Year: Milton LaMalfa,
 Richvale, Calif.

Rice Industry Award: John Cummings,
 Fort Collins, Colo.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Martin
 Ahrent, Corning, Ark.

2009

Rice Farmer of the Year: Curtis Berry,
 Robinsonville, Miss.

Rice Industry Award: John E. Broussard
 Jr., Fairfax, Va.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Carl
 Wayne Brothers, Stuttgart, Ark.

2010

Rice Farmer of the Year: Greg, C.J. and
 Jeff Durand, St. Martinville, La.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Richard J.
 Norman, Fayetteville, Ark.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr.
 Elaine T. Champagne, New Orleans, La.

2011

Rice Farmer of the Year: Mark Wimpy,
 Jonesboro, Ark.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Rick Cartwright,
 Little Rock, Ark.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Jacko
 Garrett Jr., Danbury, Texas

2012

Rice Farmer of the Year: Jim Whitaker,
 McGehee, Ark.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Donald Groth,
 Rayne, La.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Jim
 Erdman, Colusa, Calif.

2013

Rice Farmer of the Year: Joe Aguzzi,
 Cleveland, Miss.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Eric Webster,
 Baton Rouge, La.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award: Elton
 Kennedy, Mer Rouge, La.

2014

Rice Farmer of the Year: Fred
 Zaunbrecher, Duson, La.

Rice Industry Award: Dr. Kent McKenzie,
 Biggs, Calif.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Marvin Baden, Stuttgart, Ark.

2015

Rice Farmer of the Year: Jerry Hoskyn,
 Stuttgart, Ark.

Rice Industry Award: Keith Fontenot, Ville
 Platte, La.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Jimmy Hoppe, Fenton, La.