



**U.S. POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION
2026 FAMILY FARM ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

APPLICATION RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please submit entries by **Friday, October 24, 2025**.
2. A family farm may be selected as an award recipient from up to six regions. Although states are typically divided into various regions as indicated below, regional divisions may be adjusted slightly to accommodate for a disparity in the number of applications received on a state-by-state basis.

Northeast:	CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV
Southeast:	AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN
South Central:	AR, KS, MO, MS
North Central:	IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
Southwest:	LA, OK, TX
West:	Rest of nation

3. Any USPOULTRY integrator or egg processor may submit two family farms for each processing facility in each state supporting their operations. For example, if an integrator has a complex in Virginia which is supplied with poultry from family farms in West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, that integrator can submit two nominees from each of those three states.

For companies with multiple complexes in a single state, note that while two nominees can be submitted for each complex, the Review Committee may not select two semifinalists from the same state and complex.

Any independent producer or grower who is a member of USPOULTRY may self-nominate. Each affiliated state association may submit two nominees.

Previous winners must wait three years before resubmitting an application. (e.g., If a family farm wins the award in 2024, the family farm can submit an application again for the 2027 award.)

4. Applicants are encouraged to submit an electronic copy of all application documents to pbredwell@uspoultry.org. If you choose to mail the application, please address the documents to::

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Please note that any material submitted cannot be returned.

5. Award winners must be willing to allow USPOULTRY to feature the award winner on its website and publicize the winning entry in the local/regional/national media. Award winners will have the opportunity to review any publicity release.
6. The application package consists of two parts. The first part consists of a general information questionnaire about the family farm and its environmental management techniques. The second part consists of a series of essay questions to which the applicant should respond in a report-type format. Photographs, tables, etc., supporting answers to the essay questions should be

incorporated directly into the report. Additionally, a facility may include, in an appendix, up to 10 additional pages of pertinent information.

7. A review committee will meet in November to evaluate the applications and select two semifinalists in each region. All applications will be treated confidentially. A regional review committee will then visit the semifinalists to select the award winners. Finalists from each region will receive an expense-paid trip to attend the 78th Annual International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo, in Atlanta, Ga. January 27 – 29, 2026. The award winners will be announced during a ceremony to be held on January 27, 2026.
8. Questions? Please contact Paul Bredwell at (678) 514-1973 or via email at pbredwell@uspoultry.org.