

Instructions for Submitting Application/Nomination Form:

**On separate pages, please provide complete details and full documentation for items 1-8 listed below.*

**Nominations should be focused on a single production site.*

**Photos or video of the farm site are acceptable*

**Please include any supplements necessary including newspaper / magazine articles, etc. (Photos and/or other supplements will not be returned.)*

**Completed applications must be received by:
September 15, 2012.*

1. **Farm Description:** Describe the general nature, history and production information of the operations
2. **Manure / Nutrient Management:** Describe the farm's manure management system. Explain manure collection, transport and storage processes and the type of land application equipment used. Include details on how the farm utilizes the manure nutrients and how the manure management fits into the overall farming operation, including the financial benefits of the manure nutrient management system.
3. Please answer one or both of the following questions.
 - a. **Soil Conservation:** Explain what soil conservation practices are used to conserve soil resources, maintain soil fertility, and protect water sources. Detail any weed and pest management programs used to protect the environment. Also outline the financial benefits of the conservation and management programs described.
 - b. **Water Conservation:** Explain any water conservation/monitoring programs that have been implemented that are focused on ensuring the sustainability of water resources as supplied to the farm or other users.
4. **Air Quality:** Describe technologies or management strategies used to reduce odors and improve the air quality surrounding the farm.
5. **Public Relations:** List the steps taken to present a positive visual image for this operation and to improve communications and relations with the neighbors and the community.
6. **Wildlife:** Describe steps taken to promote/manage wildlife habitat near this operation.
7. **Environmental Management Innovations:** List any innovative ideas applied to the environmental management plan.
8. **Environmental Compliance:** List any documented environmental violations noted by Division of Soil and Water and/or Division of Water Quality inspectors in the last 5 years.



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North Carolina Pork Council

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North Carolina Environmental Steward Program



North Carolina Pork Council's State Environmental Steward Program



Bryant Worley Farms, owned and operated by 2009 National Environmental Steward Award winners Bryant and Debbie Worley in Wayne County.

The North Carolina Pork Council (NCPC), initiated the State Environmental Steward

Recognition Program in 2009. The goal of the

program is to recognize one of our outstanding producers that excels in the area of farm environmental stewardship. It is also a great opportunity for the industry to promote environmental excellence and make the public, as well as policy makers aware of the proactive measures producers are taking to protect the environment. The program covers the same basic areas that are covered in the national Environmental Stewards program that is a joint effort between National Hog Farmer and Pork Checkoff, which includes manure management, soil conservation, water conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality and public relations. We commit to work with the top three (3) applicants to prepare their application for NPB national submittal.

Application and Selection Process

Applications will be received by the North Carolina Pork Council between June 15th and September 15th. Following review of all applications by the Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee and visits to selected farms during November and December, the winner will be selected and presented as NCPC's Environmental Steward of the Year at the 2013 NC Pork Conference. The winner will receive a \$500 cash award and a farm sign identifying them as the recipient of this honor.

Questions?

Questions and assistance regarding this program are available by contacting Tommy Stevens with the North Carolina Pork Council at 919-219-8190 or email at kerrt@mac.com.



2006 National Environmental Steward Award Winner Henry Moore of Bobcat Farms in Sampson County.

N.C. Pork Council Environmental Steward Awards Application / Nomination Form

**Forms must be returned by:
September 15th**

Farm Name: _____

Farm Owner / Manager: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Person submitting the application / nomination form (if other than farm owner / manager above):

Signature: _____

Type of operation:

- Sow Nursery Wean-Finish
 Finishing Multiplication Other

Is this a contract farm? Yes No

If yes, company: _____

Total permitted capacity: _____

Total land application area (owned, rented, leased):
_____ acres

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