2016
OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER
OF THE YEAR AWARD
(Date due – Dec. 15, 2015)

PURPOSE
To recognize the Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer award winner in Georgia who has done an outstanding job in their farm, home and commodity activities. The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer is selected on their level of success in:

- Promoting efficient and economic management of land, labor, and capital in farming and specifically the production of peanuts.
- Developing and training in skills that grow, promote, and propel the agriculture industry and especially in service through leadership roles within the agriculture industry.
- Advancing the philosophy and practice of civic and community service.
- Ensuring the applications of sound agronomic and environmental practices.

ELIGIBILITY
Any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age as of Jan. 21, 2016 is eligible to receive the award. An individual may receive the award only once. There is no limit on the number of applicants from each county.

BASIS OF AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be based upon the applicant’s overall farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities.

AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be presented at the Georgia Peanut Farm Show on January 21, 2016. The winner will receive registration for them and their spouse, and hotel accommodations to attend the Southern Peanut Growers Conference in July and a sign to display at his/her farm. The award is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and BASF.

APPLICATIONS
All applications must be received or postmarked before Dec. 15, 2015. Letters of recommendation from county extension agents, young farmer advisors, buying points or shelling plants are not required but are preferred. Send applications to Joy Crosby, Director of Communications, Georgia Peanut Commission, P.O. Box 967, Tifton, Ga. 31793 or via email at joycrosby@gapeanuts.com or Fax at 229-386-3501. For additional questions regarding the award contact Joy at 229-386-3690.
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APPLICATION

Name ____________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Address ________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ____ ZIP _________________

County _________________________ Telephone _______________________

Fax ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Highest Level of Education (Check one) ☐ High School Graduate ☐ Some College
College - ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelor’s Degree ☐ Master’s Degree ☐ Doctorate

Military Service (Check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No Years of Service _____________

Name of Local Newspaper ___________________________________________

Spouses Name ___________________________ Number of Children _________

Names & Ages __________________________________________________

Family activities, interests and hobbies ___________________________________

Briefly describe your operation’s history and family involvement in the operation. (100 words or less)

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List additional income sources not derived from farming.
A. Agribusiness Enterprise (ex. Ownership in Peanut Buying Point, Peanut Shelling Plant, Cotton Gin, etc.)

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B. Non Ag Based Enterprise

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Please list association memberships, level of involvement and years of service with any of the following activities/organizations.
Local, State or National Boards/Elected Positions (ex. County Commissioner, School Board, etc.)

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Agriculture Organizations (ex. Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, 4-H, FFA, FFA Alumni, etc.)

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Community Involvement/Outreach (ex. Youth, Civic, Church Activities, etc.)

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Professional Honors or Recognition (ex. Graduate of Peanut Leadership Program, Georgia Agri-Leaders, Master 4-Her, American FFA Degree, etc.)

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Include Information from the 2015 Growing Season.

General Farming Operation:
Number of Acres: _______ cropland _______ pasture _______ timber _______ other
(Please specify use & include acreage for each crop listed below)
______ Peanuts ______ Cotton ______ Corn
______ Soybeans ______ Millet ______ Wheat
______ Hay ______ Timber ______ Produce/Vegetables
______ Horticulture: ______ Turf ______ Nursery
______ Greenhouse ______ Other

(Please indicate the number of livestock raised)
______ Beef Cattle ______ Dairy Cattle ______ Sheep
______ Goats ______ Swine ______ Horses
______ Poultry (please specify number of houses and type of production.)

______ Other

Peanut Enterprise:
How many years have you grown peanuts?

Irrigated Peanuts  Dryland Peanuts
______ Acres Grown ______ Acres Grown
______ Average Yield ______ Average Yield
______ Average Grade ______ Average Grade

Rotation Length (ex. 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, etc.) ____________________________

Rotation Sequence (ex. Cotton, Corn, Peanuts) ____________________________

List Peanut Varieties Planted: (Please indicate with a * if grown for seed production.)

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Do you grow seed specifically for on-farm use? ____________________________

Do you utilize on-farm drying of peanuts? ____________________________
Stewardship/Environmental Practices

Please check any of the listed best management practices you have implemented on your farm that impact agricultural stewardship.

_____ Conservation Buffer Strips   _____ Contour Farming
_____ Terraces   _____ Furrow Dikes
_____ Field Borders   _____ Crop Rotation
_____ Recycle and Recapture Water   _____ Riparian Buffer
_____ Nutrient Management Plans   _____ Integrated Pest Management
_____ Twin Row Planting   _____ Use of AU Peanut
_____ Use of Peanut Rx   _____ GPS/GIS System
_____ Use of Aerial Imagery   _____ Farm Record Keeping Software
_____ NRCS and FSA Program Participation (ex. EQIP, WHIP, CSP, etc.)
_____ Use of wireless technology (ex. Monitor irrigation from remote location.)
_____ Conservation Tillage: _____ with cover crop _____ without cover crop
_____ P2AD – Pollution Prevention Assistance
_____ Use of Variable Rate Applications (Lime, Gypsum, Chemical or Irrigation)
_____ Other

Irrigation Management:

Irrigation System   _____ Lateral   _____ Pivot   _____ Subsurface Drip
_____ Electrical Irrigation Pump
_____ Irrigation Scheduling Methods (Irrigator pro, Easy Pan, etc.)
_____ Irrigation with Low Pressure Nozzles

Please tell us about any innovative stewardship practices or systems that you have installed on your farm (150 words or less). Please be specific on peanut practices.
This information was provided by (if someone other than the nominee):
Name ____________________________________________
Business/Organization ____________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip: __________
Email _________________________________________________________

*Applicant must not be older than 45 years of age as of Jan. 21, 2016.

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