



Georgia
Peanut
Commission



2026
OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER
OF THE YEAR AWARD
(Date due – Dec. 5, 2025)

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. 15, 2026, 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 15, 2026. 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 by Dec. 5, 2025. Two recommendation letters are required. The recommendation letters can be from the county extension agent, young farmer advisor, lending institutions, buying points or shelling plants. Send applications to Joy Crosby, Assistant Executive Director, Georgia Peanut Commission, P.O. Box 967, Tifton, Ga. 31793 or via email at joycrosby@gapecanuts.com or Fax at 229-386-3501. For additional questions regarding the award contact Joy at 229-386-3690.

**OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD
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) _____

List additional income sources not derived from farming.

A. Agribusiness Enterprise *(ex. Ownership in Peanut Buying Point, Peanut Shelling Plant, Cotton Gin, etc.)*

B. Non Ag Based Enterprise

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.)*

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

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

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

Include Information from the 2025 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

_____ Acres Grown
_____ Average Yield
_____ Average Grade

Dryland Peanuts

_____ Acres Grown
_____ Average Yield
_____ 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.)

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.

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| ☐ 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: ☐ <i>with cover crop</i> ☐ <i>without cover crop</i> | |
| ☐ 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. 15, 2026.

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