



Nominate '09 Master Farmer

THE first *Dakota Farmer* Master Farmer Award will be presented in 2009 to recognize the recipients' farming and ranching accomplishments; dedication to family and friends; and contributions to community through nonprofit service, civic leadership and other activities. The award will be presented annually.

An individual or couple actively involved in farming or ranching in North Dakota or South Dakota is eligible.

Family members, neighbors, friends and business colleagues

are encouraged to nominate candidates.

Candidates who do not receive the award in 2009 will be automatically considered for a Master Farmer Award in 2010. A committee of industry leaders will select recipients.

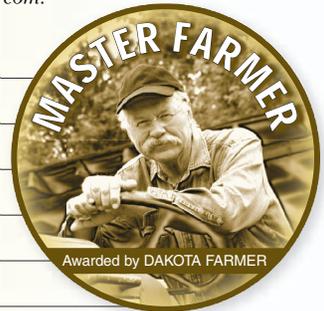
The deadline for nomination is March 31.

To nominate a candidate, answer the questions below (use additional pages as necessary) and send it to the address below. Letters of recommendation from other farmers, business associates and civic

leaders help strengthen the nomination and should be included with the nomination form. You can also download a nomination form from www.DakotaFarmer.com. Go to the pull-down menu under "More Dakota Farmer" at the top right-hand side of the page and click on "Master Farmer."

Winners will be announced in the fall.

For more information, contact Lon Tonneson at 701-361-1105 or lttonneson@farmprogress.com.



Candidate's name _____

Name of spouse, if applicable _____

Farm address _____

County _____

Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____

Candidate's date of birth _____

Names of family members involved in the farm or ranch _____

Percent of income from farming _____

Describe the candidate's farm or ranch _____

Describe when and how the candidate got started farming or ranching and some of the ways the candidate built the operation to what it is today _____

Describe the candidate's livestock management practices _____

Describe the candidate's cropping practices _____

Describe the candidate's community, business, religious, civic involvement. List activities, project accomplishments, offices held or awards received _____

Describe why you think candidate should be recognized as a Master Farmer _____

Your name, address, daytime telephone number and signature _____

Return the nomination form, letters of recommendation and all other qualifying statements by March 31 to:

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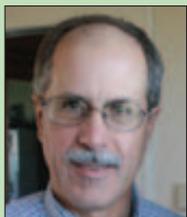


Auto rate control eases transition

WHEN we started varying fertilizer rates by zone, my wife, Diane — who often applies the anhydrous — was concerned about how much extra work she would have to be doing. The first year, we used GPS-referenced field maps on an iPAQ and adjusted the rates manually as the tractor moved from zone to zone. It took a lot of concentration. We have since upgraded our software and equipment so the Farm Works VRA software in the iPAQ automatically varied the rate in 2007. Life is better!

Diane also operates the combine much of the time. We put the iPAQ with the field zone map in the cab so we can see in real time how well the zones match up with the yield information displayed. She became a believer after the first field!

— By Paul Overby



PAUL OVERBY

Correction: Chancellor, SD, ethanol plant not involved

IN "Market clouds ethanol's future" (December, Page 1), the plant in Chancellor, S.D., was incorrectly identified as one of more than a dozen owned by VeraSun Energy, which filed for bankruptcy protection in October. Poet owns and operates the Chancellor plant, and it is not affected by VeraSun's bankruptcy.

— Lon Tonneson, editor