

The Search Is On

Indiana AgriNews and Beck's Hybrids Start Search for 2009 Farm Family of the Year

The award, now in its 12th year, will honor a family for their work on the farm and their contributions in their community.

- Based on their farm practices and community involvement, one Hoosier family will be selected as the 2009 Indiana Farm Family of the Year. The family will be recognized at the Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention in December.
- The award winners will receive a plaque and a special sign that can be displayed on their farm. The family also will receive gift packages from Beck's Hybrids and *Indiana AgriNews*.
- People may nominate their own family or others by completing the nomination form and returning it to *Indiana AgriNews* at 2575 E. 55th Place, Suite A, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Nominations also may be faxed to (317) 726-5390 or emailed to indianaagrinews@mw.net.
- To answer the three essay questions on the nomination form, people can use additional pages if necessary.
- The deadline for receiving the nominations is Nov. 21.
- The award is not limited to one part of the state. It also is not restricted to a particular type or size of farm.
- Siblings who share the same farm may be nominated together.
- When the winner is announced, *Indiana AgriNews* will tell their story, recognizing them as one of Indiana's outstanding farm families.
- For more information call (800) 772-9354 and ask for Executive Editor James Henry.

Organizations and Community Service

(Please use another sheet of paper if necessary to complete answers.)

Family Member's Name <i>(Example: John Smith)</i>	Organization's Name <i>County Farm Bureau</i>	Offices Held <i>Vice President</i>	Years <i>2)</i>

Name _____	Age _____
Spouse _____	Age _____
Children _____	Age _____
_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____

Other Family Members

_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____



The Ring family was honored as the 2008 Indiana Farm Family of the Year. Pictured (from left) are: family members Taryn Rockey, Kathy Ring, Shawn Rockey, David Ring, Shane Ring, Brent Ring and Jeri Ring and Beck's Hybrids Vice President Scott Beck. Nominations now are being accepted for the 2009 Indiana Farm Family of the Year. Presented annually by Beck's Hybrids and Indiana AgriNews, the award recognizes an outstanding Hoosier family for their accomplishments on and off the farm. Nominations are due Nov. 21.

Hogs (pigs sold yearly): _____
 Dairy Cows: _____
 Fed Beef (sold yearly): _____
 Beef Cows: _____
 Poultry: _____ Layers: _____
 Broilers: _____
 Sheep: _____
 Other Livestock: _____

Farm Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone (____) _____

Total Acres Farmed: _____
 Corn: _____ Acres _____ No-till? Y N Conventional? Y N
 Other: _____
 Soybeans: _____ Acres _____ No-till? Y N Conventional? Y N
 Other: _____
 Wheat: _____ Acres _____ Hay: _____ Acres _____
 Other Crops: _____ Acres _____

How do the members of this family work together to make their farming operation viable and sustainable? List specific examples.

What specific accomplishments have the various members of this family made to better their farm and community?

Why should this family be named as the Indiana Farm Family of the Year?

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Nomination submitted by: _____