TO: College of Agriculture Faculty & Department Heads
FROM: Bernie Engel, Associate Dean and Director of Agricultural Research and Graduate Education
DATE: January 22, 2021
RE: 2021 Ag Research Award Nominations – due March 15, 2021

The Office of Ag Research is currently accepting faculty nominations for the 2021 Ag Research Award. Please give serious consideration to nominating outstanding faculty in your department who received their Ph.D. after July 1, 2003. There are many excellent researchers who deserve recognition, and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Established in 1982, the Ag Research Award recognizes research excellence by a faculty member in the Purdue University College of Agriculture with less than 18 years of experience beyond the Ph.D.

The award consists of a plaque, a $1,500 honorarium funded by the earnings in the Charles Guthrie Patterson Memorial Endowment and Matthew Hamilton Funds, and $10,000 for the recipient’s research program.

Ag Research bestows this award annually to recognize a scientist who has demonstrated a high level of excellence in the application of scientific principles to the solution of important research programs and who has, through his or her research, made significant contributions to agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life of Indiana citizens.

Information on the Ag Research Award, which includes guidelines for nominations, can be found online at https://ag.purdue.edu/arge/Pages/Ag-ResearchAward.aspx.

Nomination documents should clearly and concisely describe significant accomplishments and the impact of the person’s research. A statement from the department head is highly recommended.

Note that four (4) supporting letters are required, including two from well-recognized peers in the field from outside Purdue University. It is particularly important to show how the candidate’s research satisfies the three primary criteria:

- Excellence in research
- Application of scientific principles to the solution of an important research problem
- Significant contributions to agriculture, natural resources, or quality of life of Indiana citizens.

Nominations for the 2021 Award must be submitted electronically to Ranae Wetli, (rjwetli@purdue.edu) in the Office of Ag Research and Graduate Education by Monday, 5:00 pm, March 15, 2021. The award will be presented in the fall of 2021.