

Purdue Women in Agriculture

2025 Award Application

Annually, the Purdue Women in Agriculture (WIA) Team recognizes Indiana women who are leaders and innovators and have contributed to the success of Indiana Agriculture. The Purdue WIA Team is accepting applications for the 2025 Purdue Women in Agriculture Awards.

Individuals can be nominees for either the Leadership or Achievement award. Women who are interested in the award may nominate themselves, or be nominated by someone else.

Previous winners include women with integral roles in their personal and/or family farm business, corporate and non-profit leaders, educators, veterinarians, and women in public service roles.

Winners will be recognized at the Indiana State Fair during the Celebration of Ag ceremony. Winners will also be recognized/invited to attend the 2026 Ag Women Engage Conference scheduled for February 19, 2026 at the Monroe County Convention Center in Bloomington, IN.

Criteria for Eligibility

1. Women who have provided leadership and positively contributed to Indiana Agriculture.
2. The nominee must reside in Indiana.
3. The nominee must be part of an agriculture enterprise, agribusiness, farm, or commodity organization that operates in Indiana.
4. The nominee must not have previously received either the achievement or leadership award.
5. The nominee may not be currently employed by Purdue University.
6. The nominee must be present for the awards ceremony and activities related to the award given at the Indiana State Fair (date TBD). After the initial review by the Women in Ag Team, the award finalists will be contacted to confirm their attendance at the awards ceremony.

Guidelines for Submission

1. The application will be considered for 2 consecutive years. If the nominee is not chosen in those 2 years, the application may be resubmitted for consideration.
2. Two letters of support should be submitted with the application.

Nominee Information

Please provide as much detail as possible regarding each question. If a question is not applicable to the nominee, please indicate with NA.

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
County of Residence	
County of Employment	

Please select which award the individual is being nominated for.

	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Definition of Award</u>
	Achievement Award	Recognizes women who are directly involved in a home farm operation.
	Leadership Award	Recognizes a woman in an agribusiness or policymaking position who has actively influenced Indiana agriculture.

Provide a brief description of the nominee's farm, agribusiness, or entrepreneurial agriculture enterprise(s):

Provide a brief history of the nominee's involvement in the farm, agribusiness, or entrepreneurial enterprise(s):

Please explain how the nominee has served as an advocate for Indiana Agriculture:

Please share how the nominee engages with Purdue Extension:

Provide a brief history of the nominee's leadership roles in agriculture and her contributions to the industry including the nominee's involvement in local, state, and national agriculture activities, concentrating on the last 5-7 years:

List any agriculturally related recognition or awards the nominee has received, including the year of receipt:

As the person nominating, share why you feel the nominee is deserving of this recognition:

Nominator Information

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Is the Nominee Aware of the Award Nomination?	

Submission Information

Questions and applications with two letters of support should be sent to:

Jenna Nees
Purdue Women in Ag Team Co-Chair
smith535@purdue.edu
765-653-8411

Application and letters of support must be received by May 1, 2025, to be considered for the 2025 awards.

If you need accommodations to participate in this program, please contact Jenna Nees at 765-653-8411 or smith535@purdue.edu by April 15, 2025.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Jenna Nees at 765-653-8411 or smith535@purdue.edu by April 15, 2025.

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