

# **OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY**

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2009 OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

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Oklahoma City—Nominations are being accepted for this year's recipient of the Governor's Outstanding Achievement Award in Agriculture. The person selected will become the 2009 inductee into the Oklahoma Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Nominations will be accepted until close of business February 6.

Induction into the Hall of Fame will be held at the state capitol in conjunction with Oklahoma Ag Day on March 24.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture distributes nomination forms and accepts the completed applications. An independent selection committee comprised of leaders from various agricultural organizations chooses each year's inductee.

Nomination forms are available from the ODA by calling Jason Harvey, (405) 522-5563, at the agency web page at [www.oda.state.ok.us](http://www.oda.state.ok.us), or by writing Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Ag Hall of Fame, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Any living person who derives the bulk of their income, or has retired from an agricultural enterprise, is eligible for nomination. Candidates for consideration are agricultural leaders who have exemplified personal values, dedication to community service, excelled in production and performance and who have provided a strong role model for the state's youth.

"This is the most prestigious award in Oklahoma agriculture and it's something everyone involved in Oklahoma agriculture look forward to each year," said Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach. "Our nation's foundation was built on agriculture and it is imperative that we recognize the importance of this industry for our future."

Last year's inductee into the Oklahoma Agriculture Hall of Fame was the late Paul Hitch, Guymon, OK agriculturist. Hitch passed away shortly before the awards ceremony.

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THE GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN AGRICULTURE

**Nomination Form**

The Award Process:

The Governor's Outstanding Achievement Award in Agriculture will be presented during a special ceremony to an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to agriculture in Oklahoma. A Selection Committee will choose an award winner from nominees submitted by individuals statewide. All nominations must be filled out on this official nominating form. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary.

PART I NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)
3. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Type of involvement in agriculture:
  - \_\_\_ Production (Livestock)
  - \_\_\_ Production (Crop)
  - \_\_\_ Agriculture Business
  - \_\_\_ Forestry
  - \_\_\_ Horticulture/Nursery
  - \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of years involved in agriculture (minimum of 25 years service) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

PART II SELECTION INFORMATION

A. INVOLVMENT IN AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Indicate the extent to which the nominee is actively involved in agricultural organizations at the state level.

Organization

Years of Membership  
(Give Dates)

Office Held

**B. INVOLVEMENT IN STATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Indicate the extent to which the nominee is actively involved in state organizations (i.e. charitable, civic, and service).

Organization	Years of Membership (Give Dates)	Office Held
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C. AWARDS AND HONORS

List the awards and honors the nominee has received from agricultural and state organizations which recognize his/her service to the organization.

Grantor

Date

Award

**D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGRICULTURE AND STATE**

Describe in 3 pages or less the general contribution of the nominee to agriculture and his/her state.

Verification of information will help assure that the most complete and accurate information is made available to the Selection Committee, which must distinguish between the merits and accomplishments of all nominees.

The undersigned attest that the information provided in this form is true and factual to the best of their knowledge and that the individual being nominated is aware of his/her nomination and agrees to it. **Signatures are required.**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information is needed for presentation and publicity purposes.**

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Sons (names)

Daughters (names)

Number of Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_