



## **PRESS RELEASE/PSA**

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## **FARMING HERITAGE ENTRIES SOUGHT**

Farming families are being sought as applicants for the 2009 Farming Heritage Award being offered by the State Fair of West Virginia and the West Virginia Farm Bureau. The award will be presented to a family that has strived to maintain its rural lifestyle by contributing to the community, acting as role models, dedicating time to efficient agricultural production, and maintaining the upkeep of their farm through generations.

The winning family will be recognized at an award ceremony on August 20th during the 85th annual State Fair. The award package includes a luncheon, overnight accommodations, free admission, preferred parking, and a Natural Stone Sign award engraved with the family's name. The winning family's photo and biography will be displayed in the Gus R. Douglass Annex during the Fair.

"The Farming Heritage Award honors an agricultural family, and their multi-generation contributions to West Virginia. The official state seal, featuring a farmer, is the logo of the award program," said Karen Lilly, Administrative Assistant, State Fair of West Virginia.

Entry forms may be completed by family members or by someone who wants to nominate a family for consideration. Judging will be conducted by an independent panel of judges. All entries must be received in the State Fair office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009. Applications are available through the State Fair by calling 304/645-1090 or at [www.statefairfwwv.com](http://www.statefairfwwv.com). Farming Heritage applications are also available through the West Virginia Farm Bureau office by calling LeVera Gillum at 304-472-2080 or emailing [verag@wvfarm.org](mailto:verag@wvfarm.org).

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