



## Award Categories

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Entries will be judged in the following categories. All media outlets must be Virginia-based.

- **Weekly or semi-weekly newspapers**
- **Daily newspapers**
- **Television**
- **Radio**
- **Podcasts**
- **Farm media** (Virginia-based staff of regional outlets)

- **Members' Choice Award** – Presented to media outlets nominated by Farm Bureau members
- **Ishee-Quann Award for Media Excellence** – Honors the best of the best among each year's participants

## Questions?

Contact Christina Amano Dolan, VFBF Communications Department, at 804-401-0793 or [christina.dolan@vafb.com](mailto:christina.dolan@vafb.com).

## Judging Criteria

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Entries will be judged to identify work that:

- Most thoroughly analyzes agricultural issues
- Best demonstrates ongoing coverage of those issues
- Best blends researched information and interpretation to provoke thought and foster understanding
- Fairly conveys farmers' sides of a story
- Meets universally accepted technical standards associated with each medium

## Entry Guidelines

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1. The 2025 entry deadline is 4 p.m. on **Friday, August 22**. There is no entry fee.
2. All entries must include a completed entry form.
3. Entries should have been published/broadcast between August 24, 2024, and August 22, 2025.
4. Entries may include a variety of articles or broadcasts, a series, documentaries, editorials or features. Please note that a single clip or broadcast segment is not a representation of ongoing coverage.
5. Content providers are encouraged to submit articles, broadcasts or podcasts by different reporters as a single entry. When an entry is the work of more than one person, the names of all persons involved should be included with the entry.
6. We encourage the inclusion of online materials, including blogs, podcasts, videos and other accompanying materials that relate to the entry. Accompanying photographs, sound effects, quotes, actualities, charts and graphics that foster reader, viewer or listener interest are encouraged.
7. **Print** clippings or photocopies from the original publication should be neatly displayed, presented in the order listed on the entry form, and limited to eight pages; front and back is acceptable. Do not submit loose newspaper clippings or whole newspaper sections that include material not related to the entry. You also have the option to email your entry to [christina.dolan@vafb.com](mailto:christina.dolan@vafb.com). PDF files are preferred; do not copy and paste URLs.
8. **TV/Radio/Podcast** entries should not exceed 30 minutes. Multiple segments should be grouped together into a file and sent electronically via Dropbox to [christina.dolan@vafb.com](mailto:christina.dolan@vafb.com). Farm Bureau-produced podcasts are not eligible.
9. Virginia Farm Bureau® reserves the right to reject any entry that does not conform to these guidelines.

## Potential Submissions

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Materials in your entry may include, but are not limited to:

- Coverage of national, state and local agriculture issues and their potential impact on the agriculture industry
- Coverage of weather conditions or zoning issues that have an impact on farmers
- Features about farm families or farming practices
- Coverage that educates the non-farming audience about ways agriculture touches their lives
- News items that recognize members of your local farming community for professional or personal achievements
- Coverage of commodity prices or agricultural market trends
- Coverage of agricultural aspects of your county fair
- Coverage based on Virginia Farm Bureau® news releases and news leads or farming-related releases from other organizations
- Editorials referencing any of the above



Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

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Organization\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Media (Choose one): ☐ Daily Newspaper ☐ Non-daily Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ Podcast ☐ Television ☐ Agriculture

Number of items in this entry\_\_\_\_\_

Please list headlines or topics for each. Continue list on a separate page if needed.

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Signature\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail entries to:** Communications Department, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, P.O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261  
**For shipped entries, use:** 12580 West Creek Parkway, Richmond, VA 23238