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The 39th Annual

VIRGINIA FARM  
BUREAU FEDERATION®

# 2026 Journalism Awards





## Get Your Continuing Coverage of Agriculture Recognized

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If your publication, podcast or radio or television station is delivering stellar coverage of agriculture on an ongoing basis, this is the award competition to enter.

Judges look for entries that illustrate a commitment to keeping the public informed about agricultural issues. Winners receive statewide recognition, and there is no entry fee.

In addition to coverage generated by your news staff, your entry may include materials provided by outside sources that offer assistance.

## Award Categories

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### Weekly or semi-weekly newspapers

All non-daily newspapers in Virginia

### Daily newspapers

All daily newspapers in Virginia

### Television

All television stations in Virginia

### Radio

All radio stations in Virginia

### Podcast

Podcasts produced in Virginia

### 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

## Award Presentations

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Winners will be notified prior to the 2026 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs. They will be recognized during the event.

## Submitting Your Entry

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**The 2026 entry deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, August 28.**

Download an entry form and entry guidelines at [vafb.com/jawards](http://vafb.com/jawards). Entries not accompanied by a completed entry form and not in compliance with the guidelines will be disqualified.

## Questions?

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

## 2025 Winners

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### Ishee-Quann Award for Media Excellence

*The Galax Gazette*, Galax

### Weekly or Semi-Weekly Newspaper

*The Galax Gazette*, Galax

### Television

WSLS 10, Roanoke

### Honorable Mention

Rachel Tillapaugh, WSET ABC 13, Lynchburg