2015
OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER
OF THE YEAR AWARD
(Date due – Jan. 2, 2015)

PURPOSE
To recognize the Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer award winner in Georgia who has done an outstanding job in their farm, home and commodity activities. The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer is selected on their level of success in:

- Promoting efficient and economic management of land, labor, and capital in farming and specifically the production of peanuts.
- Developing and training in skills that grow, promote, and propel the agriculture industry and especially in service through leadership roles within the agriculture industry.
- Advancing the philosophy and practice of civic and community service.
- Ensuring the applications of sound agronomic and environmental practices.

ELIGIBILITY
Any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age as of Jan. 15, 2015 is eligible to receive the award. An individual may receive the award only once. There is no limit on the number of applicants from each county.

BASIS OF AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be based upon the applicant’s overall farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities.

AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be presented at the Georgia Peanut Farm Show on January 15, 2015. The winner will receive registration for them and their spouse, and hotel accommodations to attend the Southern Peanut Growers Conference in July and a sign to display at his/her farm. The award is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and BASF.

APPLICATIONS
All applications must be received or postmarked before Jan. 2, 2015. Letters of recommendation from county extension agents, young farmer advisors, buying points or shelling plants are not required but are preferred. Send applications to Joy Crosby, Director of Communications, Georgia Peanut Commission, P.O. Box 967, Tifton, Ga. 31793 or via email at joycrosby@gapeanuts.com or Fax at 229-386-3501. For additional questions regarding the award contact Joy at 229-386-3690.
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APPLICATION

Name ________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _______ ZIP ______________

County ___________________________ Telephone ____________________________

Fax ____________________________ Email ________________________________

Highest Level of Education (Check one) □ High School Graduate □ Some College
College - □ Associate Degree □ Bachelor’s Degree □ Master’s Degree □ Doctorate

Military Service (Check one) □ Yes □ No Years of Service ____________

Name of Local Newspaper ________________________________

Spouses Name ___________________________ Number of Children ____________

Names & Ages ______________________________________________________________________________________

Family activities, interests and hobbies ________________________________

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Briefly describe your operation’s history and family involvement in the operation. (100 words or
less) _______________________________________________________________________________________________

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List additional income sources not derived from farming.
A. Agribusiness Enterprise (ex. Ownership in Peanut Buying Point, Peanut Shelling Plant, Cotton Gin, etc.)
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B. Non Ag Based Enterprise
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Please list association memberships, level of involvement and years of service with any of the following activities/organizations.
Local, State or National Boards/Elected Positions (ex. County Commissioner, School Board, etc.)
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Agriculture Organizations (ex. Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, 4-H, FFA, FFA Alumni, etc.)
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Community Involvement/Outreach (ex. Youth, Civic, Church Activities, etc.)
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Professional Honors or Recognition (ex. Graduate of Peanut Leadership Program, Georgia Agri-Leaders, Master 4-Her, American FFA Degree, etc.)
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Include Information from the 2014 Growing Season.

General Farming Operation:
Number of Acres: _______ cropland _______ pasture _______ timber _______ other
(Please specify use & include acreage for each crop listed below)

_____ Peanuts  _____ Cotton  _____ Corn
_____ Soybeans  _____ Millet  _____ Wheat
_____ Hay  _____ Timber  _____ Produce/Vegetables
_____ Horticulture:  _____ Turf  _____ Nursery
_____ Greenhouse  _____ Other

(Please indicate the number of livestock raised)

_____ Beef Cattle  _____ Dairy Cattle  _____ Sheep
_____ Goats  _____ Swine  _____ Horses
_____ Poultry (please specify number of houses and type of production.)

_____ Other

Peanut Enterprise:
How many years have you grown peanuts?

Irrigated Peanuts  Dryland Peanuts
_____ Acres Grown  _____ Acres Grown
_____ Average Yield  _____ Average Yield
_____ Average Grade  _____ Average Grade

Rotation Length (ex. 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, etc.) ________________________________

Rotation Sequence (ex. Cotton, Corn, Peanuts) ________________________________

List Peanut Varieties Planted: (Please indicate with a * if grown for seed production.)

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Do you grow seed specifically for on-farm use? ____________________________

Do you utilize on-farm drying of peanuts? ____________________________
Stewardship/Environmental Practices

Please check any of the listed best management practices you have implemented on your farm that impact agricultural stewardship.

______ Conservation Buffer Strips _______ Contour Farming
______ Terraces _______ Furrow Dikes
______ Field Borders _______ Crop Rotation
______ Recycle and Recapture Water _______ Riparian Buffer
______ Nutrient Management Plans _______ Integrated Pest Management
______ Twin Row Planting _______ Use of AU Peanut
______ Use of Peanut Rx _______ GPS/GIS System
______ Use of Aerial Imagery _______ Farm Record Keeping Software
______ NRCS and FSA Program Participation (ex. EQIP, WHIP, CSP, etc.)
______ Use of wireless technology (ex. Monitor irrigation from remote location.)
______ Conservation Tillage: _____ with cover crop ______ without cover crop
______ P2AD – Pollution Prevention Assistance
______ Use of Variable Rate Applications (Lime, Gypsum, Chemical or Irrigation)
______ Other

Irrigation Management:

Irrigation System _______ Lateral _______ Pivot _______ Subsurface Drip
______ Electrical Irrigation Pump
______ Irrigation Scheduling Methods (Irrigator pro, Easy Pan, etc.)
______ Irrigation with Low Pressure Nozzles

Please tell us about any innovative stewardship practices or systems that you have installed on your farm (150 words or less). Please be specific on peanut practices.

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This information was provided by (if someone other than the nominee):

Name ____________________________________________

Business/Organization _______________________________________

Address _________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ________ Zip: __________

Email _________________________________________________

*Applicant must not be older than 45 years of age as of Jan. 15, 2015.

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