Regional/National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee Information

- Tree Farmer State
- Name(s) of Tree Farmers or Organization being nominated:
- Tree Farm Name:
- Tree Farm Number:
- Other Tree Farms (if applicable):
- Email:
- Phone:
- Address:
- Date of Last Inspection:
- Woodland Acres:
- Certified Acres:

Nominator and Forester Information

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone:
- Forester Name:
- Email:
- Phone:

Upload the main image you would like to represent the Tree Farmer(s) - normally a picture of the Tree Farmer. Note: the total size of the files uploaded for the application cannot exceed 20MB, you might need to reduce the file size.

What makes them outstanding? (250 words)

Tree Farmer Story (1,000 words)
ATFS recommends this section be written as a narrative. Elements to consider including: how the Tree Farmer(s) acquired their land or became involved in forest management; why they are particularly proud of their Tree Farm, challenges they have faced, and how they have overcome these challenges; how and why they joined the American Tree Farm System, and how their forester, state committee, ATFS staff or others associated with Tree Farm have helped them on their journey to becoming an outstanding Tree Farmer.

Describe any outreach on behalf of sustainable forestry that the Tree Farmer has done (300 words)

ATFS recommends including all forms of outreach, including in the community, within the Tree Farm System and through local and national advocacy and state organizations. Possible examples could include hosting tours / field days, participation in educational events, testimony and involvement in local/state/federal legislative issues, local promotion of the tree farm program and participation with forestry related organizations and agencies.

For the following areas describe how the landowner's management addresses the core values of ATFS

Please include any recent forest management activity. AFF recommends in this section, to elaborate on the steps the Tree Farmer has taken, particularly in recent years, to care for and improve each of these values. Please include results where possible (such as an increased presence of a specific wildlife species) after the description of the work conducted.

- *Wood:* (300 words): Activities such as thinning, harvests, salvage, reforestation, insect & disease treatment, Invasive Species Treatment, historic trees or rare plants.

- *Water:* (300 words): Buffers, erosion control, bank stabilization, reforestation, forest roads.

- *Wildlife including threatened and endangered species:* (300 words): Activities such as wildlife management activities, leases, addressing wildlife problems and activities related to addressing any threatened or endangered species.

- *Recreation and Aesthetics including special sites:* (300 words) Activities such as hunting, hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, historic and special sites.

Describe other forestry programs or organizations in which the Tree Farmer participates (300 words): These programs can include cost share programs, federal programs for landowners, or any local, regional or national conservation efforts which the Tree Farmer has been involved.

Optional Letters of Recommendation – Include up to three (3) one-page letters of recommendations from supporters of your Tree Farm activities.

- Letters of Recommendation 1
- Letters of Recommendation 2
- Letters of Recommendation 3

Additional Pictures

Please include a photo of the nominee(s) as well as photos of their sustainable management. A maximum of four additional photos will be accepted for each nomination. Each photo can only

include one image. Photo files that include multiple images in one file, such as a photo montage, poster or collages, will not be included in the nomination review process. Please submit photos as jpegs. ATFS recommends submitting high resolution photos if possible however, please note: the total size of the files uploaded for the application cannot exceed 20 MB, you might need to reduce the file size before you submit them.