

Nomination Form - Michigan 2023 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

Every year the Michigan Tree Farm Committee recognizes an exceptional Tree Farmer with the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award. Tree Farmers are land stewards who go above and beyond what is required of them. This award recognizes those that take this high bar even further. Any certified Tree Farmer may be nominated.

Due Dates - submit this nomination form, photo and additional materials via email to Nia Becker, the committee vice-chair, at nia@michiganforester.net by February 1, 2023.

Evaluation – the Michigan Tree Farm Committee will review nominations and select the winner at its February 8, 2023 meeting.

Presentation of Award – the award will be presented to the Tree Farmer at the 2023 Michigan Forest Celebration (date and location to be determined later in partnership with Michigan Forest Association).

Name of Tree Farmer being nominated:

Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Phone:

Email:

Nominated by (name and email):

Forester name and contact information (if not the nominator):

What is the Tree Farmer's Story? [ATFS recommends this section be written as a narrative. Elements to include: how and why they joined the American Tree Farm System, why they are particularly proud of their Tree Farm, challenges they have faced and how they have overcome these challenges, recent (within last 5 years) management activities, 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, etc.]

What makes them outstanding?

National Tree Farmer of the Year Evaluation Criteria

Quality of the Forest Management Program:

Does the Tree Farmer demonstrate a balanced forest management program based on the objectives of the landowner?

Was the Tree Farmer able to provide you a written management plan to review during your site visit? Does the written management plan meet the intent of Standard 1?

Describe how the Tree Farmer demonstrates taking the following resources into consideration in their management:

- Wildlife/biodiversity:
- Water:
- Soil:
- Recreation/Aesthetics:
- Special Sites:
- Forest health:

Is the Tree Farmer personally involved in land management?

What are some of the recent management practices and techniques that you were able to visit?

Where is the Tree Farm sign posted?

Are there other program signs posted? If so, what are they?

Is the Tree Farmer doing something unique or special on his or her land? If so, please describe.

Promoting Sustainable Forestry:

Has the Tree Farmer been active in promoting forest management on private lands? If so, please describe any activities that you discussed with the Tree Farmer (examples include tours, events on their Tree Farm, media outreach like radio, TV, print, online, etc.).

Has he/she been successful in getting neighbors/friends to practice forest management on their lands?

Has he/she participated in letter writing campaigns, or other grass roots activity concerning forestry?

What other forestry organizations does the Tree Farmer belong to?

What has the Tree Farmer done to improve his/her knowledge about forest management?
(Master Tree Farmer courses, correspondence courses, seminars, etc.)

Is the Tree Farmer willing and able to travel and to speak to the public, on Capitol Hill or with the press?

Does the Tree Farmer have a compelling story about their Tree Farm?

Other points of interest?