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**WEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY HALL OF FAME ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS**  
*Nomination Deadline February 16, 2016*

**Charleston, W.Va.** – Nominations for induction into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF) are now being accepted. The WVAFHF is devoted to honoring individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations who have helped make this nation great through outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of the agricultural, forestry and/or family life of West Virginia.

This honor is bestowed upon those who have lived in West Virginia, had a long tenured association with agriculture, forestry and family life, have made outstanding, direct contributions to those industries and demonstrated the highest standards of leadership and contribution on a local, state, national and/or international level. The WVAFHF encourages all nominations, including those of women and minorities.

Nomination forms are available from:

- WV Farm Bureau (Joan Harman, 304-472-2080, [joanh@wvfarm.org](mailto:joanh@wvfarm.org))
- WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design (Denise Hunnell, 304-293-2395, [dhunnell@wvu.edu](mailto:dhunnell@wvu.edu))
- WV Department of Agriculture (Robin Gothard, 304-558-3200, [rgothard@wvda.us](mailto:rgothard@wvda.us))
- WV Division of Forestry (June Mandel, 304-558-2788, [June.H.Mandel@wv.gov](mailto:June.H.Mandel@wv.gov))
- Downloaded from the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame website at <http://www.agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/executive/Documents/Nomination%20Form-2016-F.pdf>

**All nomination forms must be received by February 16, 2016.**

Selected nominees will be officially enshrined during the WVAFHF Enshrinee Recognition Dinner that will be held on July 16, 2016 at Jackson's Mill.

The WVAFHF is a program of the WVAFHF Foundation, which is an incorporated, independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Membership is composed of West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry organizations and individuals.

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