

KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION

CONSERVATION/WATER QUALITY CONTEST

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE:

To promote soil conservation and water quality among the membership of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association by attaining economical yields while protecting the resource base.

ELIGIBILITY:

The participant must be an active member of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association, be a Conservation District Cooperator and cannot be a previous state winner of this contest for the past three years.

SCOPE:

Farming operation with the crop data based on calendar year and the conservation/water quality practices include farm history.

CRITERIA:

1. Resource Assessment (30 points)
2. Conservation Accomplishments (30 points)
3. Chemical/Fertilization Usage and Pest Management (20 points)
4. Conservation Education/Promotion (10 points)
5. Supporting Data (10 points)

AWARDS:

The co-sponsors of the contest are: Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts and Pioneer International. The sponsors of the contest will provide a total of \$2,000. The contest money will be broken down as follows:

Chapter Winners	-Certificates
Regional Winners	-30% of total to be divided
State Runner Up	-20% of total
State Winner	-40% of total
Administrative	-10% (estimated cost)
TOTAL	-100%

JUDGING: **Chapter**

To be selected by Chapter Advisor.

Regional

Winner to be selected by a panel consisting of:
State YFA Officer, SCS Area Office Representative,
KACD Representative and a Pioneer Representative.

State

Winner to be selected by a panel consisting of:
State YFA Officer, SCS State Office Representative,
KACD Representative, Pioneer Representative and a
Vocational Education Representative.

RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Identify the soil and water resource problems and limitations found on the farm.

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Describe your conservation plan and accomplishments and how they address the identified resource problems. (Especially erosion control and water quality)

CHEMICAL/FERTILIZATION USAGE AND PEST MANAGEMENT

Explain the overall management of chemicals (fertilization and pesticides - herbicide/insecticide) usage on the farm in relation to soil test and pest identification.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION/PROMOTION

Relate your experiences in promoting and publicizing conservation/water quality technology in your community. Also discuss your methods to keep informed on conservation/water quality issues and technology.

SUPPORTING DATA

Provide data supporting your farm management and conservation activities. Including, but not limited to:

-Soil Map with legend of contest acres

-Conservation Plan with Aerial Photograph (or sketch)

1. Boundary of contest acres broken down by fields.
2. Identify land use and acres by field.
3. Assignment field numbers to be used with other supporting data.

-Actual yields (units/acre) by field

-Soil Test(s) by field

-Fertilization/Lime Applied by field

-Chemical Application by field

-Conservation System(s) by field

-Photographic Documentation

-Other

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Contest Name: _____

Age (as of January 1 following the contest year): _____

Address: _____
Route/Box/Street City Zip

Phone Number: (____) _____

Young Farmer Chapter: _____

I hereby certify that the information given is correct and in accordance with the rules of this contest.

Date Submitted

Contestant's Signature

Agriculture Instructor

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND HONORS RECEIVED

Crop Information:

Livestock Information:

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Head</u>
_____	_____	Identify confinement or feedlot with an *	
_____	_____	Dairy	_____
_____	_____	Hogs (sow/pig)	_____
_____	_____	Hogs (finish)	_____
_____	_____	Beef Cattle	_____
Hay	_____	Cow/Calf	_____
Pasture	_____	Sheep	_____
Other	_____	Other _____	_____
Total Contest Acres	_____		

Briefly describe why you practice conservation/water quality and how it benefits your overall operation.

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Press Release Information and Media Page

This page must be completed to be considered for judging.

Contest:

Name:

ADDRESS

ROUTE/BOX/ST

CITY

ZIP

Phone

Young Farmer Chapter

Region

Agriculture Instructor

Name of local newspaper:

ADDRESS

ROUTE/BOX/ST

CITY

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Phone

Fax

Email

Website

Name of local radio station:

(second local newspaper)

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