

2025 Rice Awards Nomination Form

The Rice Farmer of the Year, Rice Industry Award and Rice Lifetime Achievement Award recognize those rice leaders who have demonstrated dedication, determination and innovation to the industry. We need your help to identify candidates who are worthy of these prestigious awards. Please take time to consider which industry members in your area should be recipients of these honors and mail or scan/email this form and supporting materials or go to ricefarming.com/ra to nominate online.

Categories:

Please check the box of the appropriate award category:

Rice Farmer of the Year Award

- Must farm at least 200 acres.
- A farmer who has successfully achieved goals in his/her farming operation, rice industry association, community leadership/development, innovative production practices and/or environmental stewardship.

Rice Industry Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than five years.
- A researcher, Extension person, government/association leader, etc... who has demonstrated commitment to the rice industry through innovative practices, industry association, community leadership/development.

Rice Lifetime Achievement Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than 10 years.
- An industry leader who has provided great contributions to the rice industry through industry associations, community leadership/development, innovative practices/projects that have advanced the industry.

If you are submitting more than one nomination form, please make a copy before you fill out the form. Nomination forms can be downloaded or submitted online at ricefarming.com/ra

Nominee's name

Nominee's address

Nominee's phone number/email address

Nominee's rice acreage (if applicable)

Number of years involved in the rice industry (if applicable)

Your name

Your profession

Your address

Your phone number/email address

Your signature

Date

Deadline:

July 15, 2025

Please send completed form & supporting materials to: Carroll Smith
7201 Eastern Ave., Germantown, TN 38138
Scan/Email: csmith@onegrower.com Online: ricefarming.com/ra

Include supporting materials to elaborate on your nomination:

In addition to completing this form, on a separate piece of paper, please describe the nominee in terms of the following guidelines:

Dedication to farming and/or agriculture and the rice industry, local community and education.

Determination to succeed and overcome hurdles that have emerged while trying to reach goals.

Innovation to identify new and better ways for the industry to become more profitable, manage risk, achieve a higher level of efficiency.

It also is helpful to send letters of recommendation for the nominee from other individuals in the rice industry who are familiar with his/her accomplishments. A panel of judges from across the Rice Belt will select the recipients of the 2025 Rice Awards.

The award recipients will be honored at the USA Rice Outlook Conference, Dec. 7-9 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where an official presentation will be made at the awards luncheon. They also will be featured in a special salute sponsored by Horizon Ag, USA Rice and *Rice Farming* magazine in the December 2025 issue.

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