2009
OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD
(Date due – Jan. 2, 2009)

PURPOSE
To recognize the Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer award winner in Georgia who has done an outstanding job in their farm, home and commodity activities. The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer is selected on their level of success in:

- Promoting efficient and economic management of land, labor, and capital in farming and specifically the production of peanuts.
- Developing and training in skills that grow, promote, and propel the agriculture industry and especially in service through leadership roles within the agriculture industry.
- Advancing the philosophy and practice of civic and community service.
- Ensuring the applications of sound agronomic and environmental practices.

ELIGIBILITY
Any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age as of the end of the calendar year for which they are applying is eligible to receive the award. An individual may receive the award only once. There is no limit on the number of applicants from each county.

BASIS OF AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be based upon the applicant’s overall farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities.

AWARD
The Outstanding Young Peanut Farmer Award will be presented at the Georgia Peanut Farm Show on January 15, 2009. The winner will receive registration and hotel accommodations to attend the Southern Peanut Growers Conference in July and a sign to display at his/her farm.

APPLICATIONS
All applications must be received or postmarked before Jan. 2, 2009. Letters of recommendation from county extension agents, young farmer advisors, buying points or shelling plants are not required but are preferred. Send applications to Joy Carter, Director of Communications, Georgia Peanut Commission, P.O. Box 967, Tifton, Ga. 31793 or via email at joycarter@gapeanuts.com or Fax at 229-386-3501. For additional questions regarding the award then contact Joy at 229-386-3690.
OUTSTANDING GEORGIA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER OF THE YEAR
AWARD APPLICATION

Name ___________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _______ ZIP ______________________

County __________________________ Telephone __________________________

Fax __________________________ Email ___________________________________

Highest Level of Education (Check one)  □ High School Graduate  □ Some College
College - □ Associate Degree  □ Bachelor’s Degree  □ Master’s Degree  □ Doctorate

Military Service (Check one)  □ Yes  □ No  Years of Service _____________

Name of Local Newspaper ____________________________________________

Spouses Name __________________________ Number of Children ___________

Names & Ages ________________________________________________________

Family activities, interests and hobbies __________________________________

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Briefly describe your operation’s history and family involvement in the operation. (100 words or less)  ____________________________________________

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List additional income sources not derived from farming.

A. Agribusiness Enterprise (e.g., Ownership in Peanut Buying Point, Peanut Shelling Plant, Cotton Gin, etc.)

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B. Non Ag Based Enterprise

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Please list association memberships, level of involvement and years of service with any of the following activities/organizations.

Local, State or National Boards/Elected Positions (e.g., County Commissioner, School Board, etc.)

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Agriculture Organizations (e.g., Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, 4-H, FFA, FFA Alumni, etc.)

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Community Involvement/Outreach (e.g., Youth, Civic, Church Activities, etc.)

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Professional Honors or Recognition (e.g., Graduate of Peanut Leadership Program, Georgia Agri-Leaders, Master 4-Her, American FFA Degree, etc.)

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Include Information from the 2008 Growing Season.

General Farming Operation:
Number of Acres: _______ cropland _______ pasture _______ timber _______ other
(Please specify use & include acreage for each crop listed below)

_____ Peanuts  _____ Cotton  _____ Corn
_____ Soybeans  _____ Millet  _____ Wheat
_____ Hay  _____ Timber  _____ Produce/Vegetables
_____ Horticulture:  _____ Turf  _____ Nursery  _____ Greenhouse
_____ Other

(Please indicate the number of livestock raised)

_____ Beef Cattle  _____ Dairy Cattle  _____ Sheep
_____ Goats  _____ Swine  _____ Horses
_____ Poultry (please specify number of houses and type of production.)

_____ Other

Peanut Enterprise:
How many years have you grown peanuts? __________________________

Irrigated Peanuts  Dryland Peanuts

_____ Acres Grown  _____ Acres Grown
_____ Average Yield  _____ Average Yield
_____ Average Grade  _____ Average Grade

Rotation Length (ex. 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, etc.) __________________________

Rotation Sequence (ex. Cotton, Corn, Peanuts) __________________________

List Peanut Varieties Planted: (Please indicate with a * if grown for seed production.)

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Do you grow seed specifically for on-farm use? __________________________
Do you utilize on-farm drying of peanuts? __________________________
**Stewardship/Environmental Practices**

Please check any of the listed best management practices you have implemented on your farm that impact agricultural stewardship.

- Conservation Buffer Strips
- Contour Farming
- Terraces
- Furrow Dikes
- Field Borders
- Crop Rotation
- Recycle and Recapture Water
- Riparian Buffer
- Nutrient Management Plans
- Integrated Pest Management
- Twin Row Planting
- Use of AU Peanut
- Use of Peanut Rx
- GPS/GIS System
- Use of Aerial Imagery
- Farm Record Keeping Software
- NRCS and FSA Program Participation (ex. EQIP, WHIP, CSP, etc.)
- Use of wireless technology (ex. Monitor irrigation from remote location.)
- Conservation Tillage: with cover crop without cover crop
- P2AD – Pollution Prevention Assistance
- Use of Variable Rate Applications (Lime, Gypsum, Chemical or Irrigation)
- Other

**Irrigation Management:**

- Lateral
- Pivot
- Subsurface Drip
- Electrical Irrigation Pump
- Irrigation Scheduling Methods (Irrigator pro, Easy Pan, etc.)
- Irrigation with Low Pressure Nozzles

Please tell us about any innovative stewardship practices or systems that you have installed on your farm (150 words or less). Please be specific on peanut practices.
This information was provided by (if someone other than the nominee):

Name __________________________________________

Business/Organization _______________________________

Address __________________________________________

City ________________________ State _______ Zip: ________

Email __________________________________________

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