

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

- Farm must be located in Iowa and owned by an Iowa resident(s)
- Open to all types of farming operations
- You are also welcome to nominate a family other than your own

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- Visit iowastatefair.org/participate/the-way-we-live-award to print or fill out an editable entry form
- Must complete the entry form describing how living on a farm and choosing the occupation of farming has shaped your family's life
- Must submit a family photo that illustrates your family's commitment to your farming operation
- Entries may be mailed to the address listed or emailed to ewynn@iowastatefair.org
- Entries from 2021, 2022 and 2023 will also be in consideration.



ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY

MAY 15, 2024

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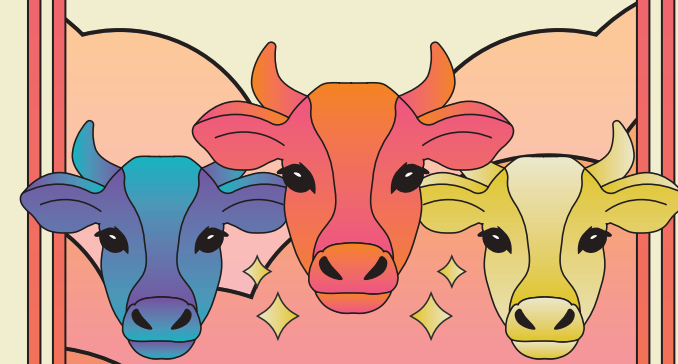


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THE WAY WE LIVE

An award for Iowa farm
families who love the land and
the product they produce



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THE WAY WE LIVE

The Iowa State Fair is searching for six farm families to highlight during the Iowa State Fair. These families exemplify farm values derived from hard work and a love for the occupation of farming. Selected families must show dedication to Iowa agriculture in their daily lives and in the lives of their family members.

AWARD BENEFITS

- \$250 cash award
- Iowa State Fair gate admission tickets
- Vehicle permit for day of recognition
- Coupons from Cattlemen's Beef Quarters, Iowa Pork Tent, Iowa Turkey Federation Turkey Grill, Midwest Dairy Association Dairy Barn and the Iowa Poultry Association
- Introduction and award presentation on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage
- Recognition display in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center during the 2024 Fair
- One night stay courtesy of the Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus

TESTIMONIALS

"Our lives are very busy so many passions fill our days but we won't have it any other way. Farming isn't easy but it is very rewarding, it's not about the money you don't get rich but it's definitely rewarding to be able to raise our kids in an agriculture lifestyle."

—Ashley Brinegar, Udell, IA
2023 award winner

"Farming has always been the way of life for my wife and it is wonderful to see other family members coming back to the family farm to keep the family operation going. We love seeing the joy and excitement in our children's eyes when they want to help with the turkeys. Our goal is to instill the joy of farming and raising turkeys to our children to help continue our family operation to future generations."

—Ben Slinger, Ellsworth, IA
2023 award winner

"The Rector family has farmed for 150 years, producing soybeans, corn, oats and alfalfa hay, dairy, cattle and hogs. Bill and Dena Rector diversified the family farm operations with exotic animals in the 1960s and purchased their first llamas in 1968. Over the years, their family would gather to show llamas at the Iowa State Fair and their grandchildren still enjoy the annual tradition of showing and camping. Llamas have kept the family's bond alive, as they are able to connect through their shared experiences and agricultural purpose."

—Rector Farms, Denver, IA
2023 award winner

"Forsyth Brother Show Pigs has a farrow-to-finish operation with over sixty sows that are bred year-round. The Forsyth Family continues to keep farming values at heart, and they believe that with the power of God's love, the family business will stay focused on the important things in life."

—Forsyth Family Farm, Charles City, IA
2023 award winner



MORE INFORMATION

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