

**NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION RESEARCH AWARD (even years) /
MAPLE LEAF FARMS DUCK RESEARCH AWARD (odd years)**

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COMMITTEE CHARGES:

- This committee is responsible for overseeing the selection of a recipient of the National Turkey Federation Research Award (during even years) and the Maple Leaf Farms Duck Research Award (during odd years) according to the guidelines and schedules given below.
- Please review the award guidelines, working closely with the National Turkey Federation Representative and the Maple Leaf Farms Representative, and recommend any changes in writing to the Board Liaison before the Mid-Year Meeting in January.
- Actively solicit nominations (November through March). Special consideration for solicitations should be done to encompass the breadth of the PSA membership domestically and internationally.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- If a committee member or a current student of a committee member is nominated for the award or if a committee member has nominated someone for the award, the chair asks the committee

member to step down until after the winner has been named and the Board Liaison serves as a voting member.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS:

June and July: First Vice-President contacts committee chair and names new committee members.

August and September: President charges committees.

November and December: *Committee members* under the direction of the chair should *actively recruit award nominees*.

December 1: *Chair provides* a written report to Board Liaison giving number of nominations received to date; this initial report to the Board is for information only and is not binding.

March 1: *Deadline* for posting nomination applications on electronic submission site. *Chair reminds* committee members to begin the review process.

April 1: *Deadline for Chair to submit* award recipient name and recommendations to Sam Shafer, Communications Specialist (sam.shafer@poultryscience.org).

April 15: *Deadline* for approval of recommendations, and if an issue is forthcoming, the PSA Board of Directors will vote on Committee's recommendations; in most cases this is a *pro forma* action.

May 1: *Chair contacts winner(s) and nominator(s)* to determine if candidates accept. *Chair instructs* candidates to submit – *by May 15* – their Social Security Number (SSN), electronic biography, and digital picture for poster presentation at the meeting and for publication in *Poultry Science* to Sam Shafer, Communications Specialist (sam.shafer@poultryscience.org).

- **Format** for digital photo: 300 dpi in Tiff or pdf. If a photo must be scanned, the original photo should be a clear headshot (of at least 2 x 3 in), labeled on the back with award and candidate name, mailed to the PSA office.

May 1: Once the recipient has accepted, *Chair notifies* all nominators of unsuccessful candidates and, where appropriate, encourages re-submission the following year.

May 15: *Deadline* for biography and picture to be sent by award winner. *Deadline* for final written report to Board Liaison for presentation at the summer Board of Directors Meeting.

July: *Award sponsor (if not available, Committee Chair)* announces award winner at the Awards Banquet. The award announcement and presentation are *restricted to two minutes*.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE APPENDIX TO THE PSA CONSTITUTION:

(n) National Turkey Federation Research Award

- (1) The National Turkey Federation Research Award Committee will consist of five members, one to be designated by the National Turkey Federation.
- (2) The National Turkey Federation Research Award of \$1,000 and a plaque, donated by the National Turkey Federation, is given for the outstanding record of turkey research published during the last six years preceding the year in which the award is given. The award will be made every other year in even-numbered years.
- (3) The work, specifically with turkeys, must be original in one of a wide range of fields such as, but not limited to, economics, food technology, genetics, merchandising, pathology, physiology, and nutrition.

- (4) Nominations can be made by any individual knowledgeable about the nominee's accomplishments. The nomination should include the following items: nomination letter, biography, pertinent bibliography, and reprints of appropriate and supporting data. Material must be submitted electronically via the PSA awards website no later than March 1 prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award will be given.
- (5) Scoring: The following scoring system is used for judging:
 - a. Quality/Excellence (40%): general scope(s) of research, depth, scientific relevance, experimental design, scientific methodology, innovation, major findings. This should include both national and international research cooperation with other scientists.
 - b. Quantity/Magnitude (40%): publications in peer-reviewed journals, patents, proceedings, presentations, abstracts, invited presentations, research funding, popular press.
 - c. Commercial Relevance (15%): commercial relevance, applicability of findings, adoption of science.
 - d. Education/Training/Mentoring (5%): teaching responsibilities, undergraduate and graduate students advised and trained.

RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE APPENDIX TO THE PSA CONSTITUTION:

(j) Maple Leaf Farms Duck Research Award

- (1) The Maple Leaf Farms Duck Research Award consists of \$2,500 and an engraved plaque. The award is given in odd-numbered years.
- (2) Purpose: This award is given to stimulate and reward research with ducks and improve the knowledge base of science as applied to commercial duck production. This research should be for a period of not more than 10 years preceding the presentation of the award.
- (3) Eligibility:
 - a. Eligibility is limited to individuals who have made outstanding research contributions as related to commercial ducks. These contributions must be documented through publications in peer-reviewed recognized journals; in state, provincial or federal publications; in patents; or in other forms deemed appropriate by the selection committee.
 - b. Preferably, the award is made to one individual, but may be made to coworkers if deemed advisable by the selection committee.
 - c. The award is given to an individual only once.
 - d. Membership in the Poultry Science Association is not a prerequisite.
- (4) Nominations:
 - a. Nominations can be made by anyone who is knowledgeable of the nominee's accomplishments.
 - b. Nominations should include:
 - i. Nominating letter emphasizing original research contributions.
 - ii. Brief biography of the individual nominee.
 - iii. Complete bibliography.
 - iv. Copies of significant reprints or articles (maximum of five).
 - v. Not more than three supporting letters with at least one from an industry representative.
 - c. Nomination materials must be submitted electronically via the PSA awards website no later than March 1 prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award will be given.
- (5) Nominating Committee:
 - a. The Nominating Committee will consist of three members including a Chair to be selected by the Poultry Science Association Board of Directors. One member of the selection committee must be a full-time employee of Maple Leaf Farms.
- (6) Rules:
 - a. Research work published or other documented accomplishments during the 10 preceding calendar years will be considered in selecting the recipient of the award.

- b. Failure to adhere to the established guidelines will result in disqualification of the candidate.
 - c. The recipient of the award will be named at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Poultry Science Association, Inc.
 - d. Unpublished theses are not eligible for this award.
- (7) Scoring: The following scoring system is used for judging:
- a. Quality/Excellence (40%): general scope(s) of research, depth, scientific relevance, experimental design, scientific methodology, innovation, major findings.
 - b. Quantity/Magnitude (20%): publications in peer-reviewed journals, in state, provincial, or federal publications, patents, or other areas deemed appropriate by the selection committee.
 - c. Commercial Relevance (40%): commercial relevance, applicability of findings.