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Dear Agricultural Leader:

The New Jersey State Board of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for the 2027 Distinguished Service Citations. The awards will be presented to recipients at the 2027 State Agricultural Convention.

You are the eyes and ears of the agricultural community and are best equipped to recommend farmers, agricultural leaders and allies of the industry who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and to enhancing the quality of rural life in New Jersey.

We ask you to submit nominations for deserving citizens through the County Board of Agriculture in which the individual is a resident. The deadline for receipt of nominations is October 16, 2026, so please send your candidate's name and biography to the appropriate County Board of Agriculture as soon as possible. Ample time is needed for preparation of the nomination statement. Enclosed please find Guidelines for the Award as well as a list of the prior recipients of this prestigious award since 1975.

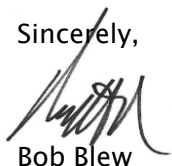
You may re-nominate those who have been nominated in the past, but were not yet selected as recipients. However, you must go through the entire process again.

Nomination forms and guidelines for the Distinguished Service Awards program are available at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/boards-councils-taskforces/state-board/distinguished-service-awards/>

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Walker at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at (609) 913-6603 or by e-mail at Linda.walker@ag.nj.gov

The Board looks forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,



Bob Blew