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Good morning,

Please see the email below from MO Farmers Cares seeking nominations for the 2026 Missouri Agriculture Stewardship Award. There are numerous farmers in Missouri worthy of this recognition. Please share this information with farmers who should consider applying for the award to receive recognition of their stewardship efforts.

Thank you,

Soil & Water Conservation Program  
Phone 573-751-4932

*We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey>. Thank you.*

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**Subject:** Missouri Agriculture Stewardship Award Call for Nominations

Good afternoon,

Missouri Farmers Care and partners are honored to again present the Missouri Agricultural Stewardship Award. Nominations/applications are open for the 2026 award through June 30. Award information, including guidelines and an application portal can be accessed at <https://mofarmerscare.com/agstewardshipaward/>.

We ask that you please share this prestigious opportunity with your network. The agricultural stewardship stories of recipients are highlighted through this award and the recipients receive a \$5,000 honorarium. We have attached: a flyer which can be shared with potential applicants, as well as a graphic for social or print media; if you need it resized, please let us know.

Sharing this information with growers in your network is a powerful way to advance stewardship in Missouri agriculture.

Thank you,



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