

POLICY:

County Council will recognize and promote an outstanding farm family who best exemplifies the value of the family farm to our rural community and society in general by showing leadership in the agricultural industry and being active in the community.

APPLICATION TO VISION STATEMENT:

By recognizing local farm families as leaders in the agricultural industry and valuable contributors to the local rural community, Council is encouraging Beaver County as a “place to call home” and raise a family. Council is also furthering its commitment to be “an integrated proactive community where innovation and progressive, practical leadership will forge a legacy for future generations through balanced environmental and economic sustainability”.

DEFINITIONS:

Farm Family Unit: One or more related families who are currently involved in the same farming operation

ELIGIBILITY:

Farm Families must meet the following criteria:

- 75% of the members of the Family Farm Unit resides within the boundaries of Beaver County
- The Farm Family Unit derives at least 50% of its total income from the farming operation
- Increases awareness of agriculture through active participation in agricultural organizations (eg. Agricultural Society, 4-H, etc.)
- Maintains a high standard in its agricultural business
- Promotes the agriculture community through involvement and rural citizenship
- Is proactive in new agricultural technologies
- Acts as a role model to the rural community.

Equal consideration will be given to the Farm Family Unit’s role in agriculture and its community involvement.

The Farm Family Unit must be recognized by the Northlands AMA Farm Family Award program to receive the County award.

Council Approval

GUIDELINES:

1. The County will cooperate with Northlands to select an eligible Farm Family.
2. Following recommendation from the Agricultural Service Board, Council will make the final determination of the successful Farm Family to be recommended to Northlands.
3. Council will publicly recognize the selected Farm Family and provide an award of recognition.

Administration shall develop procedures to implement this Policy, which may be amended from time to time to improve the Policy's effectiveness without compromising the intent of this Policy.

Council Approval