GUIDELINES
GILMER L. AND CLARA Y. DUDLEY “SMALL FARMER OF THE YEAR” AWARD
THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM – NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

Purpose
This award is presented annually to honor a North Carolina small farmer who has increased his/her farm productivity through the adoption of farming practices recommended by NC Cooperative Extension in collaboration with other agricultural agencies.

Awards
- Small Farmer of the Year – a plaque and $1,500
- Nominator – $100 Saving Bond

Eligibility
Any North Carolina small farmer who meets the following criteria:
1. Generates 50 percent or more of his or her gross income from farming.
2. The average gross farm sales (for the past three years) is less than $250,000.
3. A family member provides general management for the farm.
4. Nominee is not a past recipient of the “Small Farmer of the Year” Award.

The “Small Farmer of the Year” Award recognizes both husband and wife as joint operators in this process. If the applicant is married, but only one of the partners is eligible, do not include any details concerning the spouse.

Nominations
1. The nominee(s) must be nominated by NC Cooperative Extension staff (agents, technicians, etc.) or other agricultural agency personnel (FSA, NRCS, CFSA, RAFI-USA, Farm Bureau, etc).
2. If the nominator is not an Extension employee, a letter of support from the respective NC Cooperative County Extension Agricultural Agent, Agricultural Technician or the County Extension Director must be attached to the nomination.
3. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee and the nominator.
4. All information provided will remain confidential.

Evidence of Farming Success
1. Documentation of farming success over the past three years is to be provided through the completion and submission of all requested information on the nomination form.
2. Prior to a final decision, nominees may be contacted by the award committee chair to arrange a farm visit and interview.

Due Date
Send the completed nomination form to: Dr. Thelma J. Feaster, Chair, “Small Farmer of the Year Award” Sub-Committee, The Cooperative Extension Program, P.O. Box 21928, Greensboro, N.C. 27420-1928. All nominations and supporting materials must be received by December 20, 2006.