



Georgia Fruit Industry Education and Research Award

Want your efforts in fruit education and applied research to be recognized?

Purpose:

To recognize Extension Agents' efforts in aiding to strengthen the fruit industry in Georgia.

Sponsored by: the Georgia Peach Council, Georgia Citrus Association, Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association, Georgia Wine Producers Association, and the Georgia Blueberry Exchange.

Award: The winner will be recognized at the GACAA Annual meeting. Recipient will be awarded with a plaque and a cash prize.

Recipients must attend GACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference to receive awards, unless exempted by GACAA President because of extenuating circumstances. (*Established by GACAA Board action, November, 2008*)

Eligibility: County Agents are eligible for this award that have worked with peaches, strawberries, blueberries, wine grapes, apples, or citrus fruits. Previous years' winner(s) are ineligible.

Entry Criteria: The candidate should submit a document not to exceed four pages detailing their project. This document should be written in an "impact statement" format (Summary, Situation, Response, Results and Impact). Formatting is important for review of applications. Please address each of the following questions:

- Did the candidate follow the requested format for the award?
- Did the candidate clearly express the situation?
- Was the candidate clear in their contribution to the research or education?
- Asses the candidate's overall impact.

Candidates are allowed to send any documentation that supports your application (no more than 3 additional pages), which may include: printed program, book or bulletin, posters, video tape, CD, DVD, website, etc.

The application should be in the agents own words. Copying and pasting any verbiage from a specialist publication, grant application, or other previously written document will lead in disqualification.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be evaluated on the development and success of programming efforts in education and or research relating to peaches, strawberries, blueberries, wine grapes, apples, or citrus fruits. The applied research or programming presented must have occurred/accumulated over the past three years. Emphasis in collaboration, creativity, and execution will be highly regarded. Judges will not favor the size of the impact over quality of project.

Entry Submission:

Submit application with entry form, manuscript, and supporting material. Applications should be received by **October 2.**