The Farm Press Peanut Efficiency Award for 2026

Peanut growers who consistently produce high-yielding, high-quality crops are deserving of special recognition. Farm Press, in cooperation with the Southern Peanut Growers Conference, has established the

PEANUT EFFICIENCY AWARD

We hope you will be a part of this special program. Winners of the 2026 awards will be featured in special Peanut Efficiency issues of *Southeast Farm Press, Delta Farm Press,* and *Southwest Farm Press.*

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Farm Press will present Peanut Efficiency Awards to growers in four major U.S. peanut produc-ing regions. Awards will be based on production efficiency, honoring those growers who produce the highest yields at the lowest cost per acre.

Four regional winners are honored.

Winners are selected from these regions:

▪ The Lower Southeast Region, including Alabama, Georgia, Florida, ▪ The Upper Southeast Region, including North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

▪The Delta Region, including Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri.

▪ The Southwest Region, including Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Presentation of awards will be at the Southern Peanut Growers Conference July 21-23 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Here's how winners are determined.

Program advisor for the Peanut Efficiency Awards is Dr. Marshall Lamb, research leader with the National Peanut Research Laboratory at Dawson, Ga. Dr. Lamb has designed a measurement tool to be used by growers in determining production efficiency.

Assisting with the awards program is an Advisory Board of Extension pea-nut specialists, county agents, econo-mists, and commodity group leaders from the major peanut-producing states. They help to distribute nomina-tion forms to Extension agents in their respective states.

Data entered on the nomination form should be based on a producer's entire farm operation and not on indi-vidual farms or small plots. Actual per-unit costs and returns information shall remain confidential to Dr. Lamb and members of the Advisory Board

Growers may submit their nomination form directly to the National Peanut Research Laboratory.

Farm Press editors, working with Dr. Lamb and his staff, will select the regional winners from the pool of state nominees. Farm Press Senior Content Director Brad Haire will coordinate the program. The Advisory Board periodically reviews the program to insure consistency.

Education is a major component.

Southeast Farm Press, Delta Farm Press, and Southwest Farm Press will publish a series of articles throughout the year focusing on peanut production efficiency. For easy recognition, each will include the Peanut Efficiency program logo.

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

The deadline for all nominations is April 30, 2026. Completed forms should be sent to:

Dr. Marshall Lamb
USDA-ARS National
Peanut Laboratory
P. O. Box 509
Dawson GA 39842

(For questions and assistance, contact Brad Haire (229) 809-0974 or brad.haire@farmprogress.com)

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NOMINATION FORM

FARM PRESS
Peanut Efficiency Award for 2026

Farmer Name_____

Address_____

City/State/ZIP_____

County_____

Telephone_____ Fax_____

E-Mail_____

I certify that the information provided herein is accurate, and grant permission to verify this information with USDA/FSA:

Signed_____ Date_____

Total irrigated acres _____

Average irrigated yield per acre _____

Average irrigated SMKSS, OK, & LSK _____

Average irrigated rotation sequence _____

Expected irrigated selling price/ton _____

Total non-irrigated acres _____

Average non-irrigated yield per acre _____

Average non-irrigated SMKSS, OK, & LSK _____

Average irrigated rotation sequence _____

Expected non-irrigated selling price/ton _____

For the following varieties of peanuts planted, list the acres of each:

Variety	Non-Irrigated Acres	Irrigated Acres

Cover crop on non-irrigated peanuts: bushels/acre _____ Price/bushel _____

Cover crop on irrigated peanuts: bushels/acre _____ Price/bushel _____

Interest rate on operating capital _____

For the following production inputs, please provide both the average quantity and price for non-irrigated and irrigated peanuts.

		Non-Irrigated		Irrigated	
Input	Units	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price
Seed Peanuts	Per Acre				
Inoculant	Per Acre				
NUTRIENTS	Per Acre				
Lime					
Fertilizer					
Landplaster					
Boron					
Other Nutrients					
Other Nutrients					
PESTICIDES					
Herbicides	Per Acre				
Insecticides	Per Acre				

		Non-Irrigated		Irrigated	
	Method	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price
Fungicides	Per Acre				
Nematicides	Per Acre				
Other Pesticides	Per Acre				
Irrigation	acre-inches				
Cleaning	$/ton				
Drying	$/ton				
Crop insurance	Per Acre				
Custom work 1	Per Acre				
Custom work 2	Per Acre				
Custom work 3	Per Acre				