

The Conservation Awards program or “Banker’s Awards” as they are commonly known are coming up soon and your feedback is needed. The intent of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the preservation of agricultural and natural resources in Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress implementing conservation methods on their farms.

Any producer that has worked on a conservation effort is eligible for nomination for their diligence. Awards will be presented in the following categories: water quality, water conservation, soil conservation, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone in Barton County, and should be forwarded to the Cottonwood Extension District Agriculture & Natural Resource Agent @ aboor@ksu.edu or mailed to our office at 1800 12th St. in Great Bend no later than November 5, 2019. Please visit the following K-State Research and Extension website for more info: <http://www.agronomy.kstate.edu/extension>. The program is sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) in conjunction with K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

The past few years we have seen a reduction in candidates and without assistance from the public, we will have to reevaluate holding the award presentation on a yearly basis. We have a number of fantastic producers working hard on conservation projects in Barton County, so we need the public’s help to highlight their hard work. Thank you in advance for your nominations!

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