



# NEWS RELEASE

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## *Harvest Awards Seeking Applicants*

The Hillsborough County Fair is seeking nominations for this year's Harvest Awards which will kick off the 2016 County Fair on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the new air-conditioned fairgrounds pavilion east of Brandon on Highway 60 and Sydney Washer Road.

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year the awards have been presented to the outstanding Farm Family and Lifetime Achievement recipients for outstanding accomplishments and contributions in the field of agriculture in Hillsborough County. Other categories include Outstanding Agribusiness, Outstanding Public & Community Service, Urban Agriculture/Agriculturist, Young Farmer/Rancher/Nurseryman who are 40 and under, and Outstanding Woman in Agriculture. A posthumous category is also available to honor an individual no longer living. A total of five awards will be given during the luncheon in October.

Last year's awards went to the Alvin Futch Family of Plant City, Robert Morris of Tampa, Progress Village Civic Association of Tampa, Lynn Barber of Seffner, and Vincent Tort of Ruskin. The Harvest Awards were created by the Extension Service to recognize the accomplishments of families, individuals, and organizations for their commitment to agriculture and to preserve the agricultural heritage of Hillsborough County.

July 1<sup>st</sup> is the submission deadline for nominations. Nomination forms are available at the County Extension Office, the Farm Bureau Office, and on line at [www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com](http://www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com). Forms can be submitted by email: [hillsboroughcountyfair@verizon.net](mailto:hillsboroughcountyfair@verizon.net), or mailed to: Harvest Awards, % Hillsborough County Fair, P.O. Box 100, Sydney, FL 33587.

For additional information contact 813-737-3247.

2015 Harvest Award Recipient:

