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### BARN Announces Excellence in Agriculture Awards

The Berks Agricultural Resource Network, BARN, is now seeking nominations for several award categories meant to acknowledge and encourage excellence in agriculture-related areas.

**2017 Bountiful Berks Award** to recognize individuals or groups, or a project, that have distinguished themselves by achieving and/or promoting best practices in agriculture or related businesses. Entries must fill out a nomination form which can be found at [www.berksag.net](http://www.berksag.net).

**2017 Agriculture Journalism Award** to recognize three examples of exemplary articles, blog posts, podcasts or television spots about agriculture published between Oct. 2016 and Sept. 2017  
The 2017 Agriculture Communications Award to recognize three examples of exemplary newsletters, social media posts, etc. about agriculture published between Oct. 2016 and Sept. 2017.

**2017 Tressie S. Caton Women in Agriculture Award**, which is named after Caton, a tireless and vibrant member of Pennsylvania's Agri-Women organization, to recognize excellence in agriculture-related fields like, science, economics, farming, veterinary work, philanthropy and more. Entries must include a 250-word typed, personal statement or testament.

All applicants must live in Berks County and submissions must be received by Friday, October 6, 2017:

Please include your name, e-mail address, home address and phone number with your submission.

Submit entries via e-mail: [info@berksag.net](mailto:info@berksag.net)

Or mailed: Berks Agriculture Resource Network  
Attn. Bountiful Berks Banquet  
1238 County Welfare Road, Suite 260  
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Awards will be presented at the Bountiful Berks Banquet on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017.