

Award Categories

1. **OUTSTANDING LOCAL UNIT AWARD:** Presented to a local Extension Unit for excellence in each of three broad areas: program, personnel and budget. [Examine the award criteria.](#)
\$1000 will be awarded to the unit.
2. **OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OR COUNTY EXTENSION PROFESSIONAL:** Presented to an individual agent from either a district or county that exhibits excellence in Extension programming. [Examine the award criteria.](#)
\$1000 will be awarded to the individual's Extension program.
3. **OUTSTANDING AREA OR STATE EXTENSION PROFESSIONAL:** Presented to an individual from an area or state level that exhibits excellence in Extension programming. [Examine the award criteria.](#)
\$1000 will be awarded to the individual's Extension program.
4. **OUTSTANDING PROGRAM FOCUS TEAM:** Presented to a Program Focus Team that exhibits excellence in Extension programming. [Examine the award criteria.](#)
\$3000 will be awarded to the PFT to be used to facilitate the team's work.
5. **BUILDER AWARD:** The Builder Award recognizes individuals who have exhibited extra energy and creativity over a number of years in building new programs, audiences or institutions within K-State Research and Extension.
6. **DIVERSITY AWARD:** K-State Research and Extension is committed to diversity in programming, workforce and relationships with other organizations. Nominees for the Diversity Award will be individuals who have embraced and demonstrated this vision.
7. **MENTORING AWARD:** Nominees for the Mentoring Award are mentors who have helped others achieve higher performance and productivity. Mentor nominees might be early-career mentors or someone who has served as a mentor anytime throughout the nominator's career path. One award will be presented to an extension agent mentor and one to an area or campus-based faculty mentor.
8. **TEAM AWARD:** The Team Award acknowledges outstanding efforts by a group of individuals addressing one of the grand challenges facing Kansans: global food systems, water, health, community vitality and developing tomorrow's leaders.
9. **PROFESSIONAL STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** (for the College of Agriculture and all divisions of K-State Research and Extension, on-campus and off-campus.) This award recognizes individuals who are in unclassified non-tenure track positions. The nomination should include information about special efforts and accomplishments.
10. **LOCAL UNIT OFFICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR:** County and district offices are encouraged to nominate an office professional who demonstrates initiative, productivity, creativity, adaptability, teamwork, and service.