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Borlaug Field Award: Nominations due June 1, 2026

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Norman E. Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Borlaug Field Award has generated tremendous visibility for 2025 Recipient Derek Barchenger (pictured above), who said, "Last year I had the honor of receiving the Borlaug Field Award, and it has been one of the most meaningful recognitions of my career because of what it represents: Work that happens in the field. Work alongside farmers. Work that delivers real impact. If you know a researcher or practitioner under 40 who is making a tangible difference in agriculture, I encourage you to nominate them. There are incredible people doing transformative work every day who deserve to be seen."

There will be informational webinars on Apr. 28, 2026 to guide nominators through the process. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2026.

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