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## **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Nov. 1, 2011) – Agriculture is an important part of Marion County’s economy – in fact, farms cover more than a quarter of the county’s total acreage and account for thousands of jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Florida. Because agriculture is such an integral part of the community, each year the Marion County Agricultural Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have contributed to the furtherance of agriculture in the county through his or her achievements.

The UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service is now taking nominations for the 2012 Marion County Agricultural Hall of Fame; the deadline for submissions is Dec. 16, 2011.

Anyone can submit a nomination on behalf of a candidate. Selected nominees will be notified by February 2012 and will be inducted on April 19 at the 2012 Extension Service Outstanding Volunteer and Agricultural Hall of Fame banquet. They will also be commemorated with a plaque displaying their photo and bio on a permanent exhibit at the Extension Service Auditorium. For more information about the Marion County Agricultural Hall of Fame or to obtain an application, visit [www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice.htm) or call 352-671-8400.

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