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### **NORTHERN DISTRICT TAKES THE PRIZE**

Minister for Agriculture and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has congratulated the Northern District on winning the prestigious District Exhibits Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show today.

Sponsored by the NSW Department of Primary Industries, the District Exhibits display is a centrepiece of the Royal Easter Show.

Five districts, representing Southern, Northern, Western and Central NSW, as well as South East Queensland, utilise more than 10,000 pieces of fresh produce each to create spectacular displays which highlight the strengths of primary production in each area.

“I was very pleased today to have the opportunity to present the District Exhibits Competition Perpetual Shield to the Northern district,” Mr Marshall said.

“The display themed *Rising through drought* reflects the resilience and pride we see across rural and regional NSW each day.

“The Northern Districts display showcases the diversity of agriculture across the north - cotton and horticulture through to wool and grain to name a few.

“As everyone on the land and in the regional areas of NSW knows, times haven’t been easy for our farmers over the past year as they’ve faced one of the worst droughts on record.

“The Sydney Royal Easter Show is an opportunity to celebrate agriculture and the work of our farmers, and the District Exhibits in particular shine a light on the quality and breadth of the products produced right here in NSW every day of the year.

“Agricultural competitions are at the heart of the Show – they encourage and reward excellence while supporting a viable and prosperous future for our agricultural communities.

“I congratulate the Northern District, and all the districts involved, for the dedication and commitment it takes to continue this celebration of their regions in the face of some very difficult conditions.”

Judging of the Districts Exhibits takes place over seven days with around 50 judges awarding points based on the produce and the display.

Every part of the displays are judged individually including fruit, vegetables, grains, pulses, oils and fibres. Points from the different sections plus points for Effective Display and General Presentation are added together to determine the overall winner of the competition.

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