

NSW Farmer of the Year Award 2005

NSW Young Farmer of the Year Award 2005

APPLICATION FORM

Note: A farmer for the purpose of this competition either owns, leases or manages a farm, and must derive the majority of his/her income from the farm.

About the awards

The NSW Farmer of the Year and NSW Young Farmer of the Year are two new awards that have been designed to recognise excellence in farming within NSW. The awards are being jointly funded by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the NSW Farmers' Association, and have a particular focus on acknowledging farmers who combine sustainable environment practices with profitable production. The three finalists in each category will be presented with a certificate of excellence.

The Farmer of the Year will receive a \$10,000 prize to further develop and improve their farming enterprise.

The Young Farmer of the Year will receive \$5,000. The awards will be presented at the NSW Farmers' Association annual conference dinner on July 20, 2005 by the NSW Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, the Honourable Ian Macdonald MLC.



Who can enter

The NSW Farmer of the Year is open to farmers in NSW. The Young Farmer of the Year is open to farmers aged between 16 and 35 years. NSW DPI and NSW Farmers' Association Staff are not eligible to apply.

How do I enter?

Applicants should address the four essential criteria outlined in this application form. You can also provide additional information about your farm after addressing the essential criteria. Please keep your application to one page per question, with one extra page for additional information.

Send typed application to:

FOTY Executive Officer
Trudy Glasgow
NSW DPI
Locked Bag 21
ORANGE 2800

Selection process

A number of finalists will be selected by the judging panel, which consists of the following: Chris Manchester, Independent, Harden Mayor; Ray Johnson, CEO, NSW Farmers' Association; Barry Buffier, Director General, NSW DPI and Marie Russell, Independent, Cobar farmer. Finalists will be asked to participate in a farm visit and interview. The finalists for each category will be invited to the award presentation in Sydney. Travel expenses will be met by NSW DPI and NSW Farmers' Association.

Closing date

3 June 2005

For more information contact

NSW DPI

Trudy Glasgow02 6391 3312

NSW Farmers Association

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(Please include this page with your application)

(a)

Name

Address

Phone

Fax

Location (if different to address)

(b)

General information (1 page in total)

- Brief description of your farm/property**
- Major issues that impact on your farm**
- Number of people employed (if applicable)**

(c)

Essential criteria (no more than one page per question)

1. Farm Management

Please describe how your farm is managed. Include a description of how it balances production and profit requirements with environmental and sustainability needs. Include specific examples.

2. Use of innovation and research

Describe how you use innovation and the latest agricultural research findings on your farm? Include examples of innovations you have developed or adopted which contribute to environmental, sustainability and/or profitability (for example marketing or production methods).

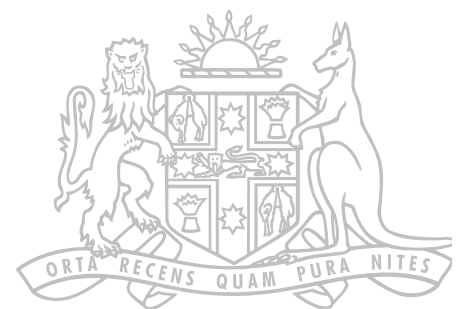
3. Financial and management systems

What financial and management recording systems do you use?

- a. Describe how your use of budgeting/planning supports your farm's business and physical management.
- b. Describe how you apply monitoring, benchmarking or comparative analysis tools in your management.
- c. Outline any risk management strategies you used to offset the effects of drought, disease, natural disasters and/or market downturns.

4. Community involvement

Describe your involvement in or contribution to your local or regional community. This could include environment, agricultural industry or other community initiatives and networks.



To be signed by applicant:

I understand and agree to adhere to the terms of this competition. I agree to participate in related media activities as required. I agree that the judges' decision is final.

Signature _____

Date _____



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