

NSW Farmers' Association and Industry & Investment NSW **Farmer of the Year Award 2010**

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The NSW Farmer of the Year Award is designed to recognise excellence in farming within NSW. A joint initiative by NSW Farmers' Association and Industry & Investment NSW, and supported by the Royal Agricultural Society and The Land newspaper, the awards have a particular focus on acknowledging farmers who combine sustainable environment practices with profitable production.

To further develop and improve their farming enterprise:

Farmer of the Year will be awarded \$10,000

Finalist/s will be awarded \$1,000

All finalists will also have the opportunity to undergo media and other professional development training, and be invited to form part of the NSW Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year professional network.

The awards will be presented at the NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference dinner on July 21, 2010.

WHO CAN ENTER

The NSW Farmer of the Year is open to farmers in NSW (NB. The Young Farmer of the Year award is open to farmers aged between 16 and 35 years, and a separate application form is available for this category.) **Both men and women are encouraged to apply.** Industry & Investment NSW, NSW Farmers' Association, Royal Agricultural Society and Rural Press staff are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO ENTER

Application forms are available for download from the following websites: **www.nswfarmers.org.au** and **www.industry.nsw.gov.au** Applicants should address the four essential criteria outlined in the 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. If you are part of a family partnership please outline your areas of responsibility/achievement. **You can also nominate your neighbour, client or colleague.**

SEND TYPED APPLICATION TO:

Ellen McNamara, NSW Farmers' Association GPO Box 1068 Sydney NSW 2001
or email to: mcnamarae@nswfarmers.org.au

SELECTION PROCESS

A number of finalists will be selected by the judging panel, which includes representatives from NSW Farmers' Association, Industry & Investment NSW, Royal Agricultural Society and The Land.

Finalists will participate in a farm visit and interview as well as participating in media and marketing activities. The finalists for each category will be invited to the award presentation in Sydney. Finalist travel expenses will be covered by the NSW Farmers' Association and Industry & Investment NSW.

CLOSING DATE Thursday, 10 June 2010

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Application Form: **Farmer of the Year**

Section A

Name

Address.....

Phone Fax

Email

Location (if different to address)

Applications must be received by Thursday, 10 June 2010. Send typed applications to Ellen McNamara, NSW Farmers' Association GPO Box 1068 Sydney NSW 2001 or email to mcnamarae@nswfarmers.org.au

Section B

General information

Brief description of your farm/property

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Major issues that impact on your farm

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Number of people employed (if applicable)

Position on farm:

Number of livestock:

Size of property:

Section C continued

Essential criteria

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.

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b. Describe how you apply monitoring, benchmarking or comparative analysis tools in your management.

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c. Outline any risk management strategies you used to offset the effects of drought, disease, natural disasters and / or market downturns.

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Section C continued

Essential criteria

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.

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Section D:

To support your application you may provide a referee/s. Referees must be aware that they may be contacted to provide a reference.

Referee Name:Telephone number:

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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. The owner (if different from the applicant) is aware of my application for this award and I have his/her consent.

Signature Date