

Camden Show

Farmer of the Year Award 2012

'Excellence in Farming'

NOMINATION FORM

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Camden Show Society is searching for the district's best farmers to enter the inaugural Camden Show Farmer of the Year 2012 announce them our very own Farmer of the Year. We invite local farmers involved in all types of commercial farming from Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGAs. These awards will have a particular focus on acknowledging farmers who combine sustainable environment practices with profitable production.

An initiative by the Committee of the Camden Show Society and supported by the NSW Farmers' Association and NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), the Royal Agricultural Society and The Land newspaper. These awards have a particular focus on acknowledging farmers who combine sustainable environment practices with profitable production.

To further develop and improve their farming enterprise:

All finalists will have the opportunity to be invited to form part of the NSW Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year professional network.

The Camden Show Society will invite all finalists to promote their enterprise at the show in a dedicated marquee adjacent to the AYOF Roadshow and the Schools and Education section. This would introduce these farmers to the broader Camden community, promoting our local farmers as a highly professional, innovative and sustainable group. By showcasing their passion and ability, we hope to help to raise the profile of our farmers and emphasise what an important role they play in our local Community.

The awards will be presented at the Camden Show Opening Saturday 24th March 2012 at 5.30pm by Glenn McGrath - Ambassador Australian Year of the Farmer 2012.

WHO CAN ENTER

The Camden Show Farmer of the Year is open to farmers Local Government areas of Camden Wollondilly and Campbelltown. The Young Farmer of the Year award is open to farmers aged between 16 and 35 years. So please encourage your colleagues, neighbours, clients and friends to enter as the nominee must fill in all sections of the nominatin form - assistance available if any queries.

Both men and women are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO ENTER

Application forms are available for download from the following websites: www.camdenshow.com 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 APPLICATION TO

The Secretary,
Camden Show Farmer of the Year,
PO Box 43 Camden NSW 2570
or email to: office@camdenshow.com

SELECTION PROCESS

A number of finalists will be selected by the judging panel. 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 at Camden Show.

CLOSING DATE Thursday, 1st March 2012

FURTHER INFORMATION Lyndy Cornwell, Secretary, Camden Show Society

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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.

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.
