



Here's your chance to recognize someone with the title of Ontario's Outstanding Young Farmer. This award will be presented at the OYF Regional Event in September, in conjunction with Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock.

We are seeking people who contribute to the community, who seek new opportunities, and who generally are assets to Ontario's agri-food industry.

Anyone can nominate a young farmer/farm couple/farm partnership for the award. The eligibility requirements are simply:

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 39
- Must have an ownership stake in their farm
- Must derive a minimum of 2/3 of their income from their farm

The process is as follows:

1. Nominations are to be submitted by January 31st.
2. Nominees are contacted and asked to complete a detailed application form.
3. A preliminary judging committee consisting of OYF Alumni reviews the submitted application forms and contacts the top candidates. Their decision is based upon items such as the nominee's progress in their agricultural career; adoption of soil, water, and energy conservation practices; financial and management practices and contribution to the well-being of the community, province, and nation.
4. The top candidates will participate in a 20 minute interview with 3 judges and will deliver a 15 minute powerpoint presentation that depicts their farm. This takes place at the Regional Event in September at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event.
5. The provincial winner will then compete in the National competition which is designed to recognize young farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession.

If you know an outstanding young farmer, please nominate them by completing the nomination form (next page).

More information about OYF can be found on the website: www.ontario.oyfcanada.com

If you have questions about the nomination process, please contact:

Christina Pyke 613-561-5824 or pyke.christina@gmail.com

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Ontario's Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form

Name(s) of Nominee(s):

Address of Nominee:

County:

Age(s):

Phone (include area code):

Webpage:

E-mail address:

Type of Operation:

Number of years involved in
farming:

Percentage of income from
farming:

Is the applicant aware of
being nominated?

Yes

No

Name and contact number
of Nominator:

Organization (if applicable):

Signature

**Nominations must be returned by January 31st to:
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