



Please make sure that you are completing the correct entry form.

Farming Innovation Award
Sponsored by The Weetabix Growers Group
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Register of Interest

Closing date for register of interest – 12th June 2017

Please answer all questions as fully and accurately as possible.

If you need any help to fill in this form – please ask Rachel or Anna on 01933 664437.

This category is designed to recognise those farmers/primary producers who have applied new methods, ideas and products to provide a better solution to meet the requirements of the market place, thereby raising either environmental sustainability, animal welfare or food production standards, and also those in successful diversification linked to food and drink production.

1. Contact Details	
Name	
Farm name	
Position	
Farm Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
Email	
Social media details (e.g. Twitter / Facebook)	
Registered Comp. No	



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2. Brief summary / history of your farm

Please provide a brief summary of your farm. We are interested to learn about your supply chain, your priorities/plan for the next couple of years and any pertinent facts that relate to the farm's landscape, your impact on it and of which aspects you are most proud. (No more than 500 words.)

3. What innovative methods have you introduced to your farm?

Please provide any information which you feel supports why you believe you should be given the 'Farming Innovation Award' - for example what new methods, ideas or products are you using in your business which meet the category criteria? (No more than 250 words)



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4. Supporting Information		
You may provide up to ten sides of A4 containing other information in support of your entry. If you wish us to refer to your internet site, please provide printed copies of up to five key pages (but this comes out of your allocation of ten additional pages). However, we cannot return any material.		
5. Mandatory supplementary evidence		Yes No
Have you submitted all mandatory supporting evidence (listed below)?		
• A brief summary/history of your farm (no more than 500 words).		
• Commentary of no more than 250 words as to why you are deserving of the 'Farming Innovation Award'.		
• Examples of any supporting information (see limit on the amount), if applicable		
6. Telephone conversation and final judging		Yes No
• You are available between 13 th and 23 rd June (date and time to suit you) for a brief conversation with the Awards team to gather further information in support of your entry and, if shortlisted, able to attend the final judging taking place at Weetabix in Burton Latimer in July (date tbc). (If these present any difficulty, please contact the Awards team.)		

Data Protection

We comply fully with current data protection legislation and only hold your information in relation to the business of Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards and for food and drink related matters. We will share details of your entry with the category sponsors and with Northamptonshire Trading Standards and your local Council's Environmental Health Department. You have the right to request that your information is removed from our records. If you do not wish to receive further emails from us, please let us know, and you will be removed from our mailing list.

Declarations	Yes	No
The details provided on this form and all supporting evidence are correct to the best of my knowledge and are submitted in accordance with the published Northamptonshire Food & Drink Awards 2017/18 t&cs, available at www.northamptonshirefoodanddrink.co.uk		
I agree to the details of my entry being passed to the category sponsors, to Northamptonshire Trading Standards and my local Council's Environmental Health Department.		
I authorise Northamptonshire Trading Standards and my local Council's Environmental Health Department to disclose to the organisers and judges of the Northamptonshire Food & Drink Awards any relevant significant history, complaints, or breaches of relevant Regulations or law.		
I agree to participate in awards-related publicity.		
Neither I nor anyone connected with my company has attempted to or will attempt to influence the organisers, judges, or promoters, or bring the Awards into disrepute.		
I confirm that this entry complies with the spirit of the competition.		
I'm happy to receive emails relating to Food and Drink in Northamptonshire, including the Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards		
Please send me emails about my entry into this competition only.		

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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This category is open to all farmers/primary producers based in Northamptonshire. Where any part of the farmland falls into a neighbouring county, the entry will still be accepted as long as the farm is registered in Northamptonshire. The judges' decision about what constitutes a 'farm' is final.

All participants will be verified by the organisers to ensure that they meet the terms and conditions, and with the spirit of the Awards. The organisers will use their best efforts to assist all participants to comply with the Terms and Conditions but cannot be held responsible if for any reason a participant has to be disqualified or rejected.

Details of participants will be passed to Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards Department and the relevant Borough Council's Environmental Health Department to disclose to the organisers and judges any relevant significant history, complaints, or breaches of relevant Regulations or law. The organisers will determine what action to take as a result of any such disclosure.

Entry and shortlisting

A panel of judges will be looking for farmers/primary producers who have made steps in innovation on their farm, thereby contributing to the agricultural excellence in Northamptonshire; the panel will consider all entries and will select a shortlist of 3-5 finalists based on:-

- the quality of the 'Register of Interest' form, supporting material and details secured from any subsequent telephone conversation
- advice received from Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards Department and the relevant Borough Council's Environmental Health Department (if applicable)

Each entrant will then be advised whether they have been selected as a finalist.

External panel

Each finalist will then be invited to attend a final judging session (see key dates/times below) and present to an external panel of judges who will consider the results of that presentation and take into account the results of the shortlisting before selecting a winner and runner-up (or runners-up). The results will be announced at the Awards Dinner (see key dates) and all finalists will receive two free tickets to the event (per company).

Publicity

Please note, the details of those participants which were not successful in being shortlisted will not be made public; only the details of the 3-5 finalists (and subsequently those of the winner and runner-up or runners-up) will be made public via our promotional material and via the Awards' website – www.northamptonshirefoodanddrink.co.uk



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Key Dates

Closing Date	12 th June 2017
Telephone Research	13 th – 23 rd June 2017
Shortlisting	w/c 26 th June 2017
Final judging	Date tbc - Weetabix, Burton Latimer
Awards Dinner	Date and venue tbc

Entries can be submitted by post, fax, email, or completed online.

All supporting information and postal entries should be returned to:

The Mallows Company, Arch Villa, 23, High Street, Bozeat, Northamptonshire, NN29 7NF
Fax: 01933 664556 Tel: 01933 664437. Email entries to: rachel@themallowscompany.com



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