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## The Australian Year of the Farmer 2012

### Area of Competition:

Camden/Wollondilly/Campbelltown Local Government Areas

### Categories are:

1. Farmer of the Year
2. Young Farmer of the Year – 16-35 Years
3. Most Innovative Farmer of the Year

Category 1 is eligible to enter Category 3  
Category 3 is eligible to enter Categories 1 and 3

### Prizes:

**\$500 plus Trophy for each Category**

### Judges:

Our very own Edgar Downes has been judging the NSW Farmer of the Year for over 5 years. He has kindly agreed to judge our competition as well. 2 other judges to be decided at a later date.

### Basis of the Competition:

The Camden Show Society is searching for the district's best farmers to enter the inaugural Camden Show Farmer of the Year 2012 announce the our very own Farmer of the Year Awards inviting local farmers involved in all types of farming from Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGAs.

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Aquaculture
- Permaculture
- Viticulture
- Orchardists
- Any other commercial rural business



These awards will have a particular focus on acknowledging farmers who combine sustainable environment practices with profitable production.

This competition could be based on similar principals as the hugely successful Australian Farmer of the Year supported by numerous high profile businesses including National Farmers Federation and NSW Farmers. The Awards are designed to promote a positive image of Australian farmers, inspire and encourage career choices and investment interest in Australian agriculture.

The Camden Show Society would then like to introduce to the broader community a highly professional, innovative and sustainable group of local farmers. We will showcase their passion and ability, help to raise the profile of our farmers and emphasise what an important role they play in our local Community.

### Nomination Process:

- A Farmer can nominate him or herself, complete the nomination form with a biography on themselves and their farm and submit photos
- A member of the public or another farmer could nominate a farmer whom they see worthy of the award. If proposed by this third party, the nominee would need to complete the paperwork
- The Show Society could invite local farmers to participate through Local press or direct invitation

In any case, the nominee must agree to be nominated  
**NOMINATION FORM - PLEASE find nomination form at [www.camdenshow.com](http://www.camdenshow.com)**

**NOMINATE YOURSELF OR ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM A COLLEAGUE OR FRIEND**  
(Nomination forms must be completed by Nominee not Proposer)



### Competition Process:

1. Applications Close Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012
2. Judges to assess all nominations
3. Judges to select 3-4 farmers in each category relative their application and photos
4. Judges to visit these farms
5. Ask and invite these same local farmers to participate in a "Farmers Tent" (or series of Gazebos) adjacent to the Education Tent, Schools Paddock to Plate, Farm Discovery Centre and the AYOF Roadshow. These finalists will be able to promote their products/operations free of charge at the Show.
6. Winners Announced by Glenn McGrath (Ambassador for Australian Year of the Farmer 2012) on Saturday at 5.30 pm at the Show Opening at Teds Shed in the Main Arena
7. Winners and Finalists will be encouraged to enter into the State Competition

### Competition Benefits:

1. Support to Local Commercial Farmers
2. Support to Australian Farmer of the Year
3. Support to Australian Year of the Farmer 2012
4. Enthuse Young Farmers
5. Use as leverage to get additional and broader media coverage.
6. Educate ALL Australians about the importance of the Farming Sector

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