

Green Energy Farmer of the Year

This category is for those who are making headway with greener energy management; farmers who have taken steps to start producing energy themselves or are adopting ways to conserve energy. The judges are looking for the early pioneers in this new field and want to see evidence of reductions in the use of energy on farm or efforts to lower the carbon footprint. Farmers actively involved in producing or processing energy such as heat, fuel or electricity are ideal candidates for this category.

Complete your contact and business details on this form – and attach your achievements and plans for the following five areas. Then send them to *Farmers Weekly* at the address below.



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CONTACT DETAILS

Your name [individual/family name/farm name/business name] that you would like on the trophy if you win:

Job title/position:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone (land line and mobile):

Email:

Website:

BUSINESS DETAILS

Farm size:

Type of enterprises:

Brief summary of main renewable energy options (details overleaf):

Turnover and Profit:

(This information is in confidence and not for publication)

>>>> PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES<<<<

Send your entry to Farmers Weekly Awards, 3rd Floor LR, Quadrant House, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5AS or attach to an email to linda.kimberley@rbi.co.uk by **30 April 2012**

THE PROCESS

How do I enter?

1. Complete the entry form with your name, address and basic farm facts
2. Answer the questions in the five key areas outlined below
3. You are encouraged to attach supporting documentation to enhance your application, e.g. business plans, accounts, environmental/biodiversity audits/research etc.
4. Send your entry to Linda Kimberley, 3LR, Farmers Weekly Awards, Quadrant House, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5AS or attach to an email to linda.kimberley@rbi.co.uk by **30 April 2012**
5. If you are posting an entry you must supply 3 copies of your entry.

How am I judged?

1. All entries will be judged on the below criteria
2. A shortlist of three entries will be selected from each category
3. The shortlist will be visited by a panel of judges during May, June or July. This visit will take a minimum of 3 hours.
4. A winner for each category will be selected after the on-farm judging visits and the winner's name will be revealed at the Awards Night on 4th October 2012
5. The overall winner will be selected by a panel of judges.

What are the rules?

1. The entrant and partner should be available to attend the Awards Night on 4th October 2012 at the London Grosvenor House
2. The judges will need to meet the person, or persons, named on the entry form during the farm judging visits which will take place during May, June or July
3. The finalists' stories, and their photographs, will appear in Farmers Weekly and its related products as well as local and national press
4. The winner receiving their trophy should be the person(s) named on the entry form

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PLEASE ANSWER THE BELOW QUESTIONS ON A SEPRATE DOCUMENT OR SHEETS OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO THE COMPLETED FRONT ENTRY FORM PAGE.

- 1. Overall Business.** Describe how your energy strategy has developed and how it fits into the core farming business. What has been the main driver of this move to green energy?

- 2. Technical.** Describe how you are generating renewable energy now - include technical details about the type of system(s) employed, such as make, model, size, feedstocks, energy crops grown, etc

- 3. Energy Business.** Where is this energy used and how has the core business benefitted through displacing bought-in energy, sales to the grid, or local community, etc? Outline the key financials for the green energy systems, such as costs, savings, income, payback

- 4. Environment.** Apart from generating renewable energy, how else is your farming business responding to its environmental responsibilities? E.g. efforts being made to improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions, stewardship, water conservation, tree planting

- 5. Communications and PR.** How are you engaging with and involving the local community or wider public?