

Young Farmer of the Year

Are you 30 years or under and making a success of managing a distinct area of the family farming business – or even running your own business? If so then you could join the growing band of men and women championing best practice and flying the flag for British farming. You must be 30 years or under at the closing date for entries to be eligible for the Young Farmer 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:

Your role:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone (land line and mobile):

Email:

Date of birth:

BUSINESS DETAILS

Company/Farm Name:

Type of farm enterprise:

Farm size:

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(This information is in confidence and not for publication)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.** Tell us a bit about yourself. How have your got into farming, what training have you had and what is your particular role within the business?

- 2.** Describe what impact you have had on (and changes you have made to) the farm business over the past five years. What do you regard as your greatest achievement on the farm?

- 3.** What areas of the business do you take specific responsibility for? Explain the impact and influence you have in making sure the business runs, smoothly, efficiently and profitably.

- 4.** Describe some of the practical steps you have taken to develop the business and take it forward? What is your overall approach to the business and how it is marketed.

- 5.** What involvement do you have with other farmers through industry bodies or more informal groups? Outline how the farm meets its environmental responsibilities and engages with the local community and general public.