

Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award – Nomination Form

Description

The Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award was created to recognize agricultural (Ag) societies for their innovation and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Agriculture and Forestry will present up to three awards as part of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention on May 27, 2021.

The Award

A selection panel made up of individuals representing Ag societies will evaluate the applications based on a ranking system that includes creativity, community impact, challenge overcome and overall impression.

- Up to three awards will be presented:
 - One for a regional Ag society
 - One for a smaller primary Ag society (community size under 1,000)
 - One for a larger primary Ag society (community size over 1,000)
- The award will consist of:
 - A banner suitable for display in your arena or hall as applicable
 - Formal recognition and presentation of a certificate by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry or designate, as part of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention on May 27, 2021.

Eligibility

- The award is open to primary and regional Ag societies in Alberta.
- The innovation is new to your Ag society, and shows how you creatively overcame a challenge posed by COVID-19.
- The innovation was compliant with public health orders in place at the time.

Timeframe

The innovation should have occurred between May 14, 2020 (beginning of the Phase 1 relaunch) and December 31, 2020.

Innovation details

Please attach a separate page to respond to the three questions below. Up to 250 words per question.

1. **Describe your innovation** (what you did).
2. **Describe the community impact of this innovation** (turnout, volunteers, partnerships, funding etc. as applicable/available).
3. **How does this innovation compare to 'business as usual'** (i.e. what specific challenges were overcome, and how does this compare to what you normally would do)?

| CONTACT INFORMATION | |
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| Ag Society Name | |
| Community Size | |
| Contact Person | |
| Phone/Email | |
| Mailing Address | |

Send applications to:

(Electronic submissions are preferred)

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ENTRY DEADLINE

March 31, 2021

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