

# Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award – Nomination Form

## Description

The Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award recognizes agricultural (Ag) societies for their innovation and resilience. Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development will present up to three awards as part of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention on February 3, 2023.

## 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, challenges 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.
  - Formal recognition and presentation of a certificate by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development or designate, as part of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention on February 3, 2023.

## Eligibility

- The award is open to primary and regional Agricultural Societies in Alberta.
- The innovation is new to your society, and shows how you continue to positively impact community engagement, recovery, reopening and so on.

## Timeframe

The innovation should have occurred between January 1, 2022, and November 30, 2022.

## Innovation details

Please attach a separate page and clearly respond to the three questions below. Up to 250 words per question. Feel free to provide photos as well.

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

## Send applications to:

(Electronic submissions are preferred)

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ENTRY DEADLINE

November 30, 2022

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