

**2022 Minister's Awards of Excellence
Nomination Form**

*Submissions should be sent by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021,
to Darlene McCallum at Darlene.McCallum@novascotia.ca*

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General Information

Nominated By: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominee Information

Company/Organization Name (If Applicable): _____

Individual Name: _____ **Contact Phone Number:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATED FOR: _____ (please select one award for each nomination form from the categories listed below):

- **Best Ambassador of Local** – a producer, business or organization that has advocated for increased consumption of locally produced food
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – a producer or agricultural community advocate who has tirelessly provided leadership to grow the prosperity of the agricultural industry
- **Outstanding Farmer** – a farmer who has demonstrated leadership in their sector through innovation adoption and economic and environmental sustainability
- **Women in Agriculture Leadership Award** – a woman or women's organization that has championed the crucial role of women in agriculture
- **Outstanding Employer** – a producer or agri-food company that has created a positive working environment for employees
- **Outstanding Value-Added Business** – a business with a strong commitment to producing high quality products using Nova Scotian agricultural inputs, while developing new markets for these products.
- **Best New Entrant in Agriculture** – a producer or business who has recently entered the sector and demonstrated outstanding business planning to advance their product
- **Outstanding Youth Leader in Agriculture** -- a youth leader who has promoted the agricultural industry through advocacy work or through a community-based agricultural practise
- **Public Trust Ambassador** – a producer who has championed public trust in agriculture

NOTE: Detailed award criteria information is available on Page 3.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

1.) Please provide a brief description of the Company/Organization/Individual being nominated. Include information on their farm/business location, and how long they have been working within the agricultural sector. (Maximum of 2 paragraphs).

2.) Under the category selected, what has the nominee achieved? How have these achievements benefitted the agricultural sector as a whole? (Maximum of 2 paragraphs).

3) Please provide an overview of the nominee's board affiliations and/or volunteer service within agriculture and their community (These can be bullet points.)

AWARD	CRITERIA
Best Ambassador of Local	A farm, agri-business, association, or government department employee that has advocated for the increased consumption of local food products.
Lifetime Achievement Award	A farm, agri-business, association, or government department employee that has endeavoured to provide leadership leading to the continued prosperity of Nova Scotia's agriculture industry.
Outstanding Farmer	A farmer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in adopting innovation, ensuring quality, sustainability, and high environmental standards.
Women in Agriculture Leadership Award	An individual, team or organization who has emphasized the crucial role and contributions of women in agriculture and has created a supportive environment for women to succeed in the sector.
Outstanding Employer	A farm, agri-food business or association that provides a positive working environment through competitive compensation and an engaged and inclusive workplace culture.
Outstanding Value-Added Business	A producer or agricultural business that has demonstrated a strong commitment to producing high quality products using Nova Scotian agricultural inputs, while developing new markets for these products and adopting innovation.
Best New Entrant in Agriculture	A new farm or farm partnership, corporation or cooperative (in business less than 10 years) that has demonstrated outstanding business planning and development, strong market focus and quality products to ensure the success of their farm.
Outstanding Youth Leader in Agriculture	A student (high school or post-secondary graduate) who promotes the agricultural industry through their advocacy work or through a community-based agricultural practise.
Public Trust Ambassador	A farm, agri-business, association, or government department employee that has championed public trust in agriculture by implementing quality assurance systems and/or engaged the public through respectful and transparent discussion about agriculture and public concerns.