

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2026

To enter this category you must fulfil the following criteria:



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1. You are a past NZDIA SFOTY regional winner or entrant that is no longer eligible to enter that category. For example:
 - a) Past entrants that now have more than 50% equity or shareholding in a dairy farming business for milk supply.
 - b) Past entrants who have progressed to farm ownership within 3 years of entering (from the close of the publicised SFOTY category closing date – 5 Dec 2025).
 - c) Regional winners of the DMOTY category no longer eligible to enter the SFOTY category.
5. Maximum of 7 years since last entry into DMOTY or SFOTY.
6. NZDIA employees and trustees are not eligible. Contractors who meet the rest of the criteria are eligible.
7. National Committee members are not eligible while in office, a time extension equivalent to the time spent on Committee to a maximum of 3 years will be given.
8. You can enter only one category run by the NZDIA in any one year.
9. Shortlisted entrants and winners agree to make themselves available to the national sponsors for promotional purposes.
10. All entrant details will be held by the NZDIA and may be used for promotional purposes by the NZDIA and their national sponsors.
11. Promotional and advertising rights are at the sole discretion of the NZDIA.
12. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Winners will be required to move their business account to ASB.
14. Entrants to be available to attend Nationals week (08 to 11 May 2025).
15. Attend an ASB Alumni function at Mystery Creek Fieldays (Wednesday 11 June 2025).

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16. Prize subject to Standard ASB T&C's apply:
 - To be secured on Rural land and stock.
 - 3 years fixed at 1% interest then subject to standard rates.
 - Reviewed at 3 years
17. Prizes are not transferable or redeemable for cash.
18. The NZDIA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to deny entry to a potential entrant, to deem any entrant ineligible, and to terminate an entrant's entry in the category if the entrant's behaviour is deemed to bring, or potentially bring, the Awards into disrepute. "Entrant" includes where awards have already been announced.
19. In the event that an entrant's entry is terminated or the entrant is otherwise disqualified from the Awards, the NZDIA may reallocate Awards and/or Prizes, at its sole discretion.
20. The NZDIA reserves the right to cancel a category and to cancel any section of a category should continuing be deemed unfeasible. All such decisions are made solely at the NZDIA's discretion and no correspondence will be entered into.
21. Entrants should be aware that information provided may be made public and that it is the responsibility of all parties to ensure their practices and farms comply with all legal requirements, including but not limited to: environment, employment, animal welfare, health & safety and district and regional council regulations.

ALMOST AT THE FINISH LINE . . .

22. To the fullest extent permitted by law, NZDIA (including its judges, officers and members) and Awards sponsors will not be liable for any claim, loss, injury, liability, expense or damage suffered by the Entrant(s) or any third party whatsoever, whether indirectly or directly, howsoever arising, whether from the negligence of the NZDIA, by cancellations, terminations, disqualifications, modifications, variations, or through the failure or omission on the part of the NZDIA to comply with obligations under these Terms, or arising by operation of law, or otherwise.
23. In the event that NZDIA (including its judges, officers and members) and Awards sponsors are liable for any claim, loss, injury, liability, expense or damage that cannot be validly excluded by these Terms, then their aggregate liability shall not exceed the entry fee (if any) actually paid by the Entrant to enter the Awards.
24. NZDIA is not responsible for any dishonoured vouchers or product prizes.