

2019 Australian National Field Days

Thursday 24th - Saturday 26th October



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
FIELD DAYS

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**NAB AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE**

**THE LAND
MACHINE OF THE YEAR**

2019 Awards Entry Form

Please print all answers clearly

I would like to enter (please tick one or more):

NAB Agribusiness Award of Excellence

The Land Machine of the Year

Name of Company:

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Site number at ANFD:

Description of entry:

Function:

Specifications (clearly define significant feature, including innovation and new working principles):

If the entry is successful in gaining an Award, in whose name is it to be issued?

Date on which the entry became available for sale to the public

Do you submit the whole machine or implement for an Award

Yes No

If No, please specify the exact part of the entry

Are you the manufacturer of the entry?

Yes No

If No, do you have the manufacturer's permission to enter?

Yes No

This entry is patented by:

This entry is the subject of an application for a patent by:

For Award of Excellence and Machine of the Year:

I believe the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree with the conditions (detailed on the reverse) for the award. I also hereby declare that the entry described on this entry form IS/IS NOT (circle one) the subject of a legal dispute, litigation or objection over patent and/or any other rights and I accept responsibility for the application.

Signature:

Date:

Name of Authorised Officer:

Please send with accompanying material to:
Australian National Field Days
563 Borenore Road, Borenore NSW 2800
By 16th October 2017

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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Judged and presented at the Australian National Field Days, the NAB Agribusiness Award of Excellence recognises advances in technology, design and manufacture of agricultural equipment.

All manufacturers are encouraged to attend and successful entries benefit from promotion at the Field Days and media exposure afterwards.

This is a non-competitive award and entries are assessed on a variety of criteria, including innovation, application to Australian agriculture, standard of design and engineering, safety, value for money, and ease of use. Multiple awards can be given and the successful entrant(s) will be presented with their award during the Field Days.

THE LAND MACHINE OF THE YEAR

Win \$2000 worth of advertising in The Land plus a trophy.

The Land Newspaper presents this award to the machine considered to have made the most significant contribution to agriculture during the previous year.

Judging for all Awards takes place on **Thursday 26 October**, with the successful entrants being presented with their Awards at a presentation during the ANFD.

All entries for these Awards must be displayed at the 2019 Australian National Field Days. The ANFD office can assist with mini-sites, if required, for the display of entries.

Condition of Entry – NAB Agribusiness Award of Excellence

1. ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY

- Entries for the Award of Excellence must have been introduced to the Australian Market after July 1 in the previous year to the Field Days and prior to the commencement of the ANFD on the year of judging.
- Entries must be commercially available with a minimum of three (3) units sold.
- Entries should incorporate new technology or use of current technology in a new and innovative way. Entries, which feature modifications or improvements of older technology, may be submitted.

2. PATENT AND/OR OTHER RIGHTS

If the entry is the subject of an application for a provisional patent by any person, firm or company other than the entrant, or if there is an objection to the grant of a patent or provisional patent, or if there is any legal dispute or legal action on any ground or objection to the Registrar of Patents, full particulars must be furnished with the entry. The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry which is the object of any such dispute, action or objection and to withdraw an award, if already presented.

3. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Each entry for the Award of Excellence must be received by the Administration office of the ANFD, on the Award of Excellence Entry Form, by the 20 October 2019. Entry forms must be accompanied by sufficient description, diagrams and/or illustrations, sales brochures, operator handbooks and details of the principles on which the entry works to allow the entry's eligibility to be determined. The description must be accompanied by a clear statement of the work the entry is intended to carry out. All questions on the entry form must be answered. It will assist the Judging Panel if any test data, relevant to the entry, accompanies the above documentation.

4. JUDGING OF ENTRIES

An expert, independent Judging Panel will be appointed by the Committee, and the decision of the Committee, based on the recommendations of the Judging Panel, will be final, subject to the conditions of protest:

- Entries will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - Innovation
 - Suitability or application to Australian Agriculture
 - Standard of design and engineering (including application of engineering principles)
 - Safety
 - Value for money
 - Ease of use
 - Documentation
- Entries may be required to undergo such tests or trials as are considered necessary to satisfy the Judging Panel that the claims made of them, by their manufacturers or distributors can be sustained. If such substantiation involves technical measurement of performances, the Committee may request that the entrant submit a test report, on the subject entry, from an appropriate testing authority and may defer judgment until such report is available. Alternatively, when technical measurements are not considered necessary, the entry may be given a working trial over a suitable period of time, on a farm selected by the Committee. The entry submitted for testing must be taken from production "stock" and must not be a prototype.
- The Committee may call upon entrants to produce their entries for examination or testing at a place nominated by the Judging Panel, at any time between the closing date for entries and the first day of the ANFD, in the year concerned. Entries must be presented at the nominated site, ready for demonstration and judging. Arrangements must be made by the entrant to demonstrate the entry and explain its working principles to the Judging Panel. All arrangements for delivery to and removal from the nominated site are the responsibility of the entrant.
- Immediately after being advised that their entry has been accepted for judging, entrants must arrange with the Secretary for the areas, livestock, services, etc, which the Committee will be required to provide on the day and at the place of judging.

5. DISPLAY OF ENTRIES AT THE ANFD

All entrants for the Award of Excellence must take at least the minimum display space, at the ANFD, for the year concerned, pay the usual charge for such space and display their entry on that space.

6. ISSUE OF AWARDS

Awards of Excellence will be presented to successful entrants at a presentation on Thursday 25 October at 5pm in the Admin marquee, where winners will be announced and judges will explain decisions. Only one "Award", in the name of the person or organisation nominated on the Entry Form, will be issued for each successful entry.

7. DISPLAY OF AWARDS

The Award of Excellence, made by the Committee to the exhibitor of a machine or equipment, may be displayed or re-produced in publicity at the ANFD or elsewhere. If the Award is made for part of, or for any attachment to, a machine or equipment it must be displayed or re-produced as applying to that part or attachment only – not the whole machine.

CONDITIONS OF PROTEST—Award of Excellence

1. PROTEST AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT AND/OR OTHER RIGHTS

If the entry is the subject of a legal dispute or action or objection to an application for a patent or provisional patent and the Committee becomes aware of such legal dispute, action or objection prior to an Award being made absolute, such entry may still be recommended for an Award by the Judging Panel, but the Committee, without assigning any reason, may in its absolute discretion defer the decision as to issuing the Award for such time as it thinks fit or may decide not to issue any Award in respect of such entry.

2. DEPOSIT WITH EACH PROTEST

The owner of a patent or the applicant for a patent or provisional patent or a party to any legal dispute or action (or his or her authorized representative), in respect of any entry, may lodge a protest with the Secretary in writing against such entry being granted an Award. Such protest shall be in writing and shall contain full particulars of the grounds of such protests and facts in support and shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100, which shall be returned in the event of the protest or dispute or action or objection being determined in favor of the person lodging the protest, but, otherwise the sum of \$100 may be forfeited to all the funds of the Committee. All such protests must be lodged before the presentation of the Award at the ANFD.

3. PROTEST AGAINST MANNER OF CONDUCTING TEST

Any entrant or his authorized representative wishing to protest against the manner of conducting tests must do so within seven (7) days of the conclusion of such tests. The protest must be lodged in writing with the Secretary and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 and must contain full particulars of the reasons for and facts in support of such protest. If, on investigation, the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Committee the deposit shall, at its discretion, be forfeited to the funds of the Committee.

4. PROTESTS OR OBJECTIONS GENERAL

- All protests and objections of any kind, not hereinbefore provided for, against the granting of an Award must be made in writing and contain full particulars of the grounds and facts relied on and must be delivered to the Secretary, with a deposit of \$50, within seven (7) days of the judging. If the protest or objection is not successful the Committee may, in its discretion, forfeit the deposit to the funds of the Committee.
- No protest made after the time provided for in Clauses (2), (3) or this clause will be entertained unless it is lodged within the time provided for in the conditions, provided that the Committee may in its discretion owing to the existence of exceptional circumstances allow late lodgment of a protest.

5. INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS

The Committee reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these and any other conditions and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the ANFD. The decision on any protest shall be accepted by all parties.