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Innovative Northern Farmer Awards Important Information

An objective of the Northern Ontario Ag Conference is to celebrate successes in Northern Ontario agriculture. Hosting the Innovative Northern Farmer Awards provides an opportunity for producers to highlight their innovation on-farm that could shape the future of farming in Northern Ontario. One award will be presented, which includes a \$1,500 cash prize and an opportunity to present your innovation at the Northern Ontario Ag Conference, travel expenses paid.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, you must be a primary producer actively operating in Northern Ontario. You must have a Farm Business Registration number and your farm operations, along with the innovation or project, must be located within Northern Ontario. This includes the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, Sudbury, Temiskaming Shores, Cochrane, Algoma, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay, Kenora, and Rainy River.

The innovation/project can be either:

- **Implemented Innovation:** The innovation is currently in use on your farm and has demonstratable results or clear benefits.
- **Project in Development:** The project is beyond the conceptual stage and has a clear plan for implementation, including timelines, objectives, and an economic feasibility plan.

Important Dates	
Call for submissions opens	October 1 st , 2025
Call for submissions closes	November 28 th , 2025
Northern Ontario Ag Conference	February 6, 2026 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM February 6, 2026 – 5:00 – 10:00 PM (Banquet) February 7, 2026 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Judging

The judging period will be from December 1 to December 12. Winner will be notified by early January.

Cheque Presentation

Winners will be awarded \$1,500 paid via cheque from the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance. The cheque will be given at the Northern Ontario Ag Conference at the banquet on February 6th, 2026.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Who is eligible to be nominated for the Innovative Northern Farmer Awards?

A1. Any primary producer or farmer actively operating a farm in Northern Ontario can apply. Nominees will be asked to provide a copy of their Farm Business Registration number.

Q2. Can I apply if my project is still in development?

A2. Yes, absolutely! We welcome applications for both currently implemented innovations and projects that are in a clear development stage with a feasible plan for implementation.

Q3. How much is the prize for the award?

A3. The one winner will receive a \$1,500 prize.

Q3. What is the application deadline?

A3. Applications must be submitted by November 28th, 2025, at 5:00 PM EST.

Q4. How do I submit my application?

A4. Please submit your application form and any supporting documents to Emily Seed at info@nofia-agri.com with the subject line: "Innovative Farmer Awards Application – [Your Name/Farm Name] – [Chosen Stream]"

Q5. When will the winners be announced?

A5. The winner will be notified early-January 2026 and announced publicly at the Northern Ontario Ag Conference in February 2026. NOFIA will contact winners directly to arrange travel to the Northern Ontario Ag Conference.

Q6. What is expected of the award winner?

A6. The winner will be expected to attend the Northern Ontario Ag Conference on February 6 & 7, 2026 and present their innovation/project to the attendees.

Q7. Can I include photos or videos with my application?

A7. Yes, we highly encourage it! You may attach up to four supporting documents, which can include photos, diagrams, short videos, data sheets, or letters of support.

Q8. Who judges the applications?

A8. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA).