



AWARD NOMINATION FORM

This year marks an exciting milestone for the Australian berry industry as we introduce the inaugural **Berry Industry Awards**! These prestigious awards celebrate the exceptional talent, innovation, and dedication of individuals and businesses across the berry sector.

With six distinctive categories, the awards shine a spotlight on those who have made remarkable contributions to the growth, sustainability, and advancement of the industry.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The **Grower of the Year** award honours a grower or business excelling in production, environmental stewardship, staff management, and product quality while driving innovation and efficiency.

The **Supply Chain Champion** award recognises outstanding contributions to marketing, packaging, logistics, and sustainability within the berry supply chain.

For those enhancing on-farm success, the **Agronomist of the Year** celebrates individuals who support growers with expertise and actively share knowledge across the industry.

The **Next Generation** award recognises young leaders under 40 who bring fresh ideas and innovation to their roles, ensuring a dynamic future for the industry.

The **Industry Impact** award acknowledges leadership in advocacy, policy, and technical contributions that deliver transformative outcomes for the sector.

The **Researcher of the Year** honours those driving long-term advancements, communicating findings, and elevating Australian science on the global stage.



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Who do you wish to nominate to receive an award? (NOMINEE)

NAME*

COMPANY NAME*

EMAIL*

MOBILE*

What are your contact details? (NOMINATOR)

NAME*

COMPANY NAME*

EMAIL*

MOBILE*

All fields marked * are required

NOMINATION AWARD CATEGORY

Select ONE category only

GROWER OF THE YEAR	☐	NEXT GENERATION	☐
SUPPLY CHAIN CHAMPION	☒	INDUSTRY IMPACT	☐
AGRONOMIST OF THE YEAR	☐	RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR	☐



NOMINATION RATIONALE

Why do you believe this individual should receive an award? Please be specific, detailed and provide evidence where it is available to support this nomination.

- Evidence could include:
- * Testimonials or references, written endorsements from colleagues, clients, or industry peers or statements from team members or employees describing the nominee's impact on the workplace or industry or official letters from organisations, industry bodies, or stakeholders endorsing the nominee's contributions
 - * Photos showcasing the nominee's farm, operations, or innovations or images of events, projects, or practices relevant to the nomination
 - * Reports, case studies, or summaries of research conducted or initiatives led
 - * Copies of presentations or papers delivered at industry events, conferences, or seminars or published research or technical documents relevant to the nomination

Please email completed Award Nomination Forms to rachelmackenzie@berries.net.au



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Nominations are open to individuals, businesses, or organisations that meet the criteria outlined for each award category.

Self-nominations are permitted unless otherwise stated.

Nominees must be based in or contribute to the Australian berry industry.

Nomination Process

Nominations must be submitted using this official fillable PDF form.

All required fields on the form must be completed, and any supporting documentation must be attached at the time of submission.

Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

Submission Deadline

Nominations must be submitted by **5pm AEST Friday 7 February 2025**. Nominations received after this deadline will not be considered.

Judging Process

An independent panel of judges will evaluate nominations based on the criteria outlined for each award category.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.

Confidentiality

All information provided in the nomination process will remain confidential and will only be used for the purposes of evaluating the nominations.

Consent and Permissions

By submitting a nomination, you confirm that the nominee consents to being nominated and to their information being shared with the judging panel.

Award winners agree to allow their name, image, and summary of achievements to be used for promotional purposes related to the awards.

Disqualification

Nominations that include false information, breach the criteria, or fail to meet the required standards may be disqualified at the organisers' discretion.

Notification

Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at the **BQI25 Gala Dinner & Awards Evening, Thursday 27 February 2025** in Hobart, Tasmania.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

The organisers reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions or the nomination process at any time.

Contact Information

For queries regarding the nomination process, contact rachelmackenzie@berries.net.au