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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FARM ENVIRONMENT AWARD 2022

The 2022 Nottinghamshire Farm Environment Award is open for nominations. The award is being sponsored by the South Notts Branch of the National Farmers Union and organised by Notts Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG).

Who can enter?
The award is open to farmers and growers operating within the county boundary of Nottinghamshire. Nominations must be for holdings registered in Nottinghamshire that are able to demonstrate that they have an active involvement in the enterprise in question and that it is operated on a commercial basis. Previous winners are welcome to enter themselves.

What are the categories?
The award is given irrespective of farm type and size. The central theme of the award is that it recognises "good environmental management on commercial farms in Nottinghamshire"

The winner receives £100 and a commemorative award

Can I nominate a farm?
If you know of an eligible farm that maintains or creates habitats for wildlife and practises good environmental management in combination with the running a commercial farm business, then let us know.

Can I nominate my own farm?
If your farm is eligible and you want it to be considered for the award then please do nominate yourself.

What is the deadline for submitting nominations?
The closing date is Monday 16th June 2022.

What criteria is used to judge the nominated farms?
The farms are judged on the following criteria

- The extent to which the farm is a well-run sustainable commercial operation
- The degree of integration of effective conservation measures into the commercial system
- An understanding of current conservation issues and a willingness to seek and implement advice as appropriate
- The extent to which existing habitats and features inherited by the farmer have been retained and managed effectively.
- The extent to which new habitats have been created where appropriate and the choice of their location in relation to those already in place
- Quantifiable evidence of measurable benefits from the conservation measures taken on the farm eg records of species found on the farm
- Steps the farm has taken to conserve natural resources and prevent pollution eg consider the condition of on-farm water bodies, demonstrate an understanding of the effects of soil management.
- Awareness of the need for energy conservation and reducing carbon emissions and evidence of practical steps which have been taken
- Community engagement: Well managed farms have a powerful story to tell. Engagement can be on different levels such as local (Open Farm Sunday), school visits or engagement with the wider farming community

How is the competition judged?
The finalists receive a visit from the judging panel which will take place in early July.

How can I nominate a farm?
All you need to do is provide your contact details and that of your nominated farm and you will be contacted for any further information that might be needed. To request a nomination from contact James Thompson, Notts FWAG Advisor jimvic3000@gmail.com 07765 888155.

Conditions of entry

- The farm must be in Nottinghamshire
- It must derive its primary income and business from farming
- The nominated farm must agree to abide by the judges' decisions
- The farm will agree to be part of the on-farm judging round should they reach the final stage
- If the farm is successful they will need to agree to their entry being promoted and being part of press and publicity for the Award