

**NATIONAL FARMERS
UNION
WATERLOO-WELLINGTON**



Nomination Criteria

- Farming can be practiced by an individual, group or farm family
- Farm must be in Waterloo or Wellington counties
- A farm operation may only receive an award once every 5 years, only once if receiving the Barn Preservation Award
- No NFU Board, Selection Committee Member, or individual elected to public office may be nominated.
- Nominations can be submitted by anyone including farmers involved in the nominated operation.
- Nominations to be submitted before October 31st 2011.

Nominations to be submitted in writing to:
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**Sustainable Farming Awards
2012**

The Waterloo-Wellington Local of the National Farmers Union enthusiastically invites nominations for the following awards celebrating sustainable farming practices in our county. The awards are open to all farmers in Waterloo and Wellington counties.

Sustainable Farming Award

The Sustainable Farming Award is presented to a farmer or farm family who:

- Works in concert with natural eco-systems, enhancing wildlife sanctuaries and looking to the future with sustainability as the foremost objective.
- Works cooperatively with neighbours and other farmers and acts as a mentor to others wishing to farm in the future.
- Is responsible for inaugurating on-farm or off-farm projects geared towards sustainability.
- Initiates innovative forms of farming with the goal of providing an adequate supply of safe, nutritious food for Canadians

Future Farmer Award

The Future Farmer Award was created to acknowledge and celebrate the future of farming in our community. As many people are choosing to leave the farm for other career paths, there is a dedicated group of beginning farmers of all ages who are finding new and innovative ways to make a living and a lifestyle from farming. The award is presented to a person who:

- Is engaged in some form of farming education, whether it be a formal college or university program, an apprenticeship, or involvement in the family farm.
- Is planning to make a living from farming.
- Is committed to farming using sustainable methods.
- Is not yet fully established in their farming careers.

Barn Preservation Award

The Barn Preservation Award is presented to a property owner who has preserved and/or restored a barn meeting the following criteria:

- Barn should be pre 1930's and of any style.
- Exterior must exist in close to original form.
- Work on barn done to keep it for practical and continued farm use.
- Work to be done in a manner as to keep it as close as possible to the original style and appearance.
- Have a pictorial record of before and after restoration.
- Retain old equipment i.e. pulleys, winches etc (if possible in working order) and such items as feed chutes etc.



National Farmers Union Waterloo-Wellington 2012 Sustainable Farming Award Nomination Form

Please check which award this nomination is for:

Sustainable Farming Award	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future Farmer Award	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barn Preservation Award	<input type="checkbox"/>

Farm Name: _____

Name of Farmer(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator Phone or Email: _____

Please write a paragraph outlining why you believe this farm or farmer should be recognized based on the award criteria. Supplementary attachments are welcome.
