



# Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award

## Application form

### The award

The Alberta Agricultural Society Innovation Award recognizes agricultural societies for their innovation, resilience and commitment to their communities.

A selection panel with representatives from the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies and Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation will select the award recipients. The panel evaluates the nominations by rating:

- creativity,
- community engagement,
- opportunity maximized or challenge overcome,
- community impact, and
- overall impression.

Up to three awards are presented each year in these categories:

- regional ag society
- smaller primary ag society (community size under 1,000)
- larger primary Ag society (community size over 1,000)

The award consists of:

- A banner for display (i.e. in an arena or community hall).
- Formal recognition. Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation presents a certificate at the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention.

### Eligibility

The award is open to primary and regional agricultural societies in Alberta, and the project should have taken place between Jan. 1 and Nov. 30, 2024 of the current calendar year.

The innovative project must:

- be new or a new phase of an existing project,
- promote community engagement,
- demonstrate a creative solution to maximize an opportunity or overcome a challenge, and
- achieve a positive social and economic impact on the community.

### Application

Please attach a separate page and clearly respond to the three questions below. Up to 250 words per question. Feel free to provide photos as well.

1. Describe your innovation (what you did).
2. Describe the community impact of this innovation (turnout, volunteers, partnerships, funding etc.).
3. How does this innovation compare to 'business as usual' (i.e. what specific challenges were overcome, and how does this compare to what you normally would do)?

## Contact information

Agricultural society name	
Community size	
Contact person	
Phone	
Email	
Mailing address	

**Send applications to** (electronic submissions preferred):

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**Application deadline: November 30, 2024**

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