

# Excelling in their fields

Meet the finalists with a chance of being crowned winners of the *Farmers Weekly* Awards 2015

The 45 finalists in the *Farmers Weekly* Awards 2015 are just days away from learning whether they have been chosen as a winner.

The spectacular *Farmers Weekly* Awards ceremony takes place in London next Thursday (1 October). It has become one of the biggest nights in the farming calendar.

More than 1,000 people will be watching as we celebrate the hard work and achievements of all 45 of the farmers, workers, growers, consultants and contractors who have made it as our finalists.

The quality of the entrants has been fantastic, making it a tough task to select the winners of the 15 categories from the scores of entries.

Our expert judging panels have travelled the length and breadth of the UK to visit all of the farms and businesses to select the cream of the crop for the 2015 awards.

You can read more about our potential winners online at [awards.fwi.co.uk](http://awards.fwi.co.uk). See for yourself how their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm prove we are all part of a huge farming success story.

Find out who has won in next week's issue or see the results, videos and pictures from the night at [awards.fwi.co.uk](http://awards.fwi.co.uk). You can also get involved on the night using the Twitter hashtag #FWAwards



**1 David Miller** Hampshire Arable Farmer  
**2 Charles Matts** Northamptonshire Arable Farmer  
**3 Graham Potter** North Yorkshire Arable Farmer  
**4 Gary Fitzpatrick and John Toland** Armagh Beef Farmer  
**5 Meilir Jones** Flintshire Beef Farmer  
**6 Gary Allis** Lincolnshire Beef Farmer



**7 Oliver Arnold** Norfolk Contractor  
**8 Russell and Lorraine Gaw** Wigtownshire Contractor  
**9 Rob and Tina Bartlett** Dorset Contractor  
**10 Brian Yates** Kirkcudbrightshire Dairy Farmer  
**11 Adrian Smith** Cheshire Dairy Farmer  
**12 Peter and Di Wastnage** Devon Dairy Farmer



**13 Martin Hamilton** Co Down Diversification Farmer  
**14 Richard and Fraser Mannors** Northumberland Diversification Farmer  
**15 James Hewetson-Brown** Hampshire Diversification Farmer  
**16 Matt Johnson** Hampshire Farmworker  
**17 Roger Knibbs** Buckinghamshire Farmworker  
**18 Peter Little** Dumfries Farmworker



**19 Alastair Hayton** Dorset Farm Adviser  
**20 Charles Mayson** Herefordshire Farm Adviser  
**21 Iwan Edward Price** Carmarthenshire Farm Adviser  
**22 David Knott** Cambridgeshire Farm Employer  
**23 David, Brian & Phillip Metcalfe** North Yorkshire Farm Employer  
**24 Robert Smith** Cambridgeshire Farm Employer



**25 Robin Asquith** North Yorkshire Farm Manager  
**26 Tim Hassell** West Sussex Farm Manager  
**27 Mark Wood** Herefordshire Farm Manager



**28 Charlie Hughes** West Sussex Local Food Farmer  
**29 Sally Bendall** Suffolk Local Food Farmer  
**30 Richard Vaughn** Herefordshire Local Food Farmer



**31 Danny Skinner** Aberdeenshire Pig Farmer  
**32 Rachael Bright** Devon Pig Farmer  
**33 Graham Shadrack** Norfolk Pig Farmer



**34 James Baxter** Dumfriesshire Poultry Farmer  
**35 Dan Wood** Somerset Poultry Farmer  
**36 Daniel Fairburn** Lincolnshire Poultry Farmer  
**37 Isaac Crilly** County Tyrone Sheep Farmer  
**38 Richard Roderick** Powys Sheep Farmer  
**39 Philip Kent** Cornwall Sheep Farmer



**40 Graham McIlroy** Co Londonderry Sustainable Farmer  
**41 John Pitts** West Sussex Sustainable Farmer  
**42 George Youngs** Norfolk Sustainable Farmer  
**43 Richard Dayment** Sussex Young Farmer  
**44 William Willis** Aberdeenshire Young Farmer  
**45 Matthew Sharp** Northumberland Young Farmer



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- Arable Farmer
- Beef Farmer
- Contractor
- Diversification Farmer
- Dairy Farmer
- Farm Adviser
- Sustainable Farmer
- Farm Manager
- Farmworker
- Lifetime Achievement
- Farm Employer
- Poultry Farmer
- Sheep Farmer
- Young Farmer
- Farming Champion

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