

Pan Pac Forest Products Hawke's Bay Farm Forester of the Year

2026 Nomination Information Pack

Presented within the Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards

Recognising excellence and stewardship in farm forestry across Hawke's Bay.

Celebrate outstanding forest management - and share their story with Hawke's Bay.

1. Overview & Purpose

The Hawke's Bay A&P Society owns and manages the Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards, which celebrate excellence, success, innovation, and growth across Hawke's Bay's rural industries. These awards have a long history of telling the story of excellence within rural Hawke's Bay and play an important role in recognising and celebrating leadership, innovation, and contribution across the sector.

The Pan Pac Forest Products Hawke's Bay Farm Forester of the Year Award recognises outstanding examples of farm forestry within Hawke's Bay, where trees are thoughtfully integrated into land management systems.

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge and celebrate properties where farm forestry contributes positively to land use, environmental protection, and the long-term sustainability of farming systems, and to highlight the value of integrating trees within productive landscapes.

2. Why Nominate?

Nominating a farm forester is an opportunity to recognise good examples of farm forestry and land stewardship within Hawke's Bay.

All nominees:

- Are invited to attend the Primary Sector Awards Dinner
- Connect with farmers, foresters, businesses, sponsors, and industry leaders
- Contribute to celebrating and strengthening Hawke's Bay's primary industries
- Receive an annual membership to the Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry Association (if not a member)
- Receive an annual membership to the Hawke's Bay A&P Society

Winner receives:

- Recognition as the 2026 Pan Pac Forest Products Hawke's Bay Farm Forester of the Year at the Primary Sector Awards Dinner, acknowledged in front of industry peers
- The Pan Pac Forest Products Hawke's Bay Farm Forester of the Year Trophy (originally donated by Tom & Dora Hartree in 1990)
- The opportunity to host a public Field Day on their property to showcase their farming business
- The opportunity to share their story and gain recognition across the wider sector

- Entry into the Farm Forester of the Year alumni network of past winners
- Media exposure and regional recognition

3. Eligibility & Nomination Conditions

The award is open to farm foresters operating within the Hawke's Bay region whose properties demonstrate effective integration of forestry within wider land use.

Nominees must:

- Be located within the Hawke's Bay region
- Be landowners, managers, individuals, or families actively involved in farm forestry
- Demonstrate integration of forestry within wider farm systems
- Be available for a judging visit if shortlisted

If announced as the winner, nominees must also:

- Agree to host a Field Day approximately 4 weeks after the Primary Sector Awards Dinner
- Be available for media enquiries and promotional opportunities if required

Nominations may be submitted by colleagues, employers, neighbours, organisations, HBFFA members, or industry professionals, with nominee consent.

4. Nomination Criteria

The Pan Pac Forest Products Hawke's Bay Farm Forester of the Year recognises farm forestry that contributes positively to land use and farm management within Hawke's Bay.

Forestry considered for this award may include one or more of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Forestry • Erosion Control • Riparian and Wetlands • Tree Crops and Fodder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade and Shelter • Conservation • Amenity, Wildlife and Bees
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5. Judging Criteria & Process

Judging will be conducted by a panel appointed annually by the Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry Association.

Judges will consider performance across the following weighted areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Forestry – 15% • Erosion Control – 20% • Shade & Shelter – 15% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation – 20% • Amenity, Wildlife & Bees – 10% • Management – 20%
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These criteria align with the Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry Association's formal evaluation and judging framework.

How Judging Works:

- The panel reviews nominations received and shortlists nominees for an on-farm site visit
- Shortlisted nominees host judges for an on-farm site visit

- Final results reflect the on-farm evaluation
- The winner will be announced at the Primary Sector Awards Dinner and later host a Field Day

6. What You Need to Prepare Before Nominating

To help you prepare, the online nomination form will guide you through providing the following information about your nominee:

Nominee Information	This section captures basic details about the nominee, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact details • Property name & location • Ownership or management role • HB Farm Forestry Association membership (yes/no)
Nominator Details	This section captures basic details about the person making the nomination. The form allows for up to two nominators, with one nominator completing and submitting the form on behalf of both if applicable.

All nominations will be kept confidential unless used for agreed promotional purposes. Runner-up names will remain anonymous.

7. How to Nominate

1. Complete the online nomination form
2. Confirm the nominee has given consent
3. Ensure the nominee is available for judging, the Awards Dinner (2 April 2026) and Field Day (date TBC if selected as the winner)

8. Key Dates – 2026

Nominations Open	1 October 2025
Nominations Close	28 February 2026
Judging	March 2026
Primary Sector Awards Dinner	2 April 2026
Field Day	Date TBC

9. Contact

For questions or more information, contact:

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