**NFU Cymru Sustainable Agriculture Award**

Welsh farmers make an unparalleled contribution to the economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of Wales. Alongside producing high quality food to world leading standards, farmers manage over 80% of the land area of Wales playing a crucial role protecting, maintaining and enhancing the farmed environment. Welsh farmers are key drivers of our rural economy and are the very heart of our rural communities, the Welsh language and culture.

The NFU Cymru Sustainable Agriculture Award aims to recognise the economic, environment, social and cultural contribution of farming in Wales and will be awarded to the farmer judged to have achieved the most outstanding example of sustainable farming business in Wales (in line with the award criteria below).

**Award criteria**

The Sustainable Agriculture Award will be awarded to the farmer who, in the round, can:

* Demonstrate a commitment to the production of high quality food to world leading standards;
* Demonstrate their positive contribution to protecting, maintaining and enhancing the quality of the farmed environment;
* Demonstrate their involvement and contribution to the rural economy, rural community and Welsh culture

**Eligibility criteria**

Nominations are invited from farmers throughout Wales. Farmers are invited to nominate themselves or they can be nominated by friends, relatives or organisations.

The winner of the Sustainable Agriculture Award will receive £500 and a commemorative award.

The closing date for entries is **Monday 4th September 2023**.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at their farm by the judging panel during September and October.

The winner will be announced at the NFU Cymru Conference on Thursday 2nd November 2023.

**The completed entry form should be returned by e-mail to** [**nfu.cymru@nfu.org.uk**](mailto:nfu.cymru@nfu.org.uk)

**Or by post to**

**NFU Cymru, Agriculture House, Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3TU**

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**Nomination/Application Form**

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| Where did you hear about this award? |  |
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| Name and contact details of person submitting the nomination (if different from applicant) |  |
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| In line with the award criteria, please describe how you fulfil the crucial role of producing high quality food to world leading standards alongside protecting, maintaining and enhancing the farmed environment and contributing to the rural economy, communities and Welsh culture (max 1000 words) | |
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