



DAIRY FARM SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for this Award, an individual must:

- be a dairy farmer with quota holdings in Canada, and
- have a dairy operation with an up-to-date Environmental Farm Plan developed in accordance with applicable provincial programs.



Nourishing a Sustainable Dairy Industry

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012.

HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS:

An individual may nominate him/herself or be nominated by a third party.

Instructions:

- All sections of the form must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- In order to ensure anonymity of the application, **please include farm name and applicant name in the contact details section (section 5) only.**

The nomination form, together with any accompanying materials, may be either:

- a. emailed to *Admin-Assist @ dfc-plc.ca* (subject: "sustainability award") or
- b. mailed to: Dairy Farmers of Canada
Attn: Sustainability Award
21 Florence Street
Ottawa, ON, K2P 0W6

The nomination form must be accompanied by **two** letters of recommendation. Submission of photographs, maps or other documents to support the nomination is strongly encouraged. Please note that the nomination form and accompanying documents **will not** be returned. For additional information regarding the form or the award email *Karen.Clark @ dfc-plc.ca*

Section 1: Farm background

- 1.1. Briefly describe the farm operation and history. Include details such as the number of head; amount of land; agricultural activities aside from dairy production; total owned and leased hectares; type of manure storage; number of employees; etc.

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- 1.2 Provide a short description of the ecology of the farm. Indicate landscape features such as soil type; terrain; presence of water courses; forests; average annual rainfall, if available; etc.

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Section 2: Environmental goals and planning

- 2.1 List and briefly describe the farm's management goals for environmental sustainability (e.g. conservation, nutrient management, energy use, water quality, etc.).

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- 2.2 Indicate how farm planning has been impacted by these goals, and provide supporting information where available. If environmental goals have had a financial impact on the farm planning, please indicate the type of impact.

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- 2.3 Indicate how the environmental farm plan has influenced the operation's management decisions.

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Section 3: Implementation and results

- 3.1 Describe management practices that have been implemented and/or projects that have been undertaken to meet the farm's environmental goals. Specify partnerships made with other organizations to undertake these practices, and include supporting information such as maps and photos if these will demonstrate the practices and results more clearly. The response should refer to the following categories, as applicable:

- Manure management
- Building construction (materials used, ventilation, bedding, efficiency, etc)
- Soil conservation practices
- Dairy cattle feeding
- Energy conservation or use or generation of renewable energy
- Water use and quality
- Biodiversity enhancement and conservation
- Air quality improvements
- Other.

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- 3.2 Describe the success of the above-mentioned practices and projects in terms of environmental goals. Include a discussion as to how success was monitored and evaluated.

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- 3.3 Describe how sustainability practices or projects affected the productivity and/or profitability of the dairy operation. For example, was productivity increased? Were costs reduced?

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- 3.4 Describe how sustainability practices benefitted the local community or general society. For example, describe:

- activities or involvement in the community to promote on-farm sustainable practices. Ex. farm tours; presentations on sustainable practices; participation in promotional, advocacy or research activities related to sustainability;
- improvements to employee working conditions;
- improvements to animal health and welfare;
- increased food safety;
- other societal benefit.

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- 3.5 Could these practices or actions be replicated on other dairy farms? Why or why not? Would these practices benefit other farms?

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- 3.6 Please provide any additional information that has not been provided above, which contributes to highlighting the sustainable practices undertaken on the nominee farm. For example: lessons learned, unanticipated benefits, etc.

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Section 4: Letters of recommendation

With the nomination, provide **two** letters of recommendation from outside the nominee farm. At least one letter should be from an agricultural or environmental professional such as, but not limited to, a local agronomist, dairy nutritionist, crop advisor, member of a local sustainability organization, or other advisor to the sustainability practices undertaken at the farm. The second letter may be from a neighbour, farmer, community leader or organization, etc. The letters should support the leadership and innovation of the nominee towards environmental sustainability, by, for example, discussing the operation's environmental practices.

Section 5: Contact information

Nominee:

Name	
Farm name	
Mailing address (street, city, province, postal code)	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Website	

Nominated by: *(leave blank if farm is self-nominated)*

Name	
Title	
Organization	
Mailing address (street, city, province, postal code)	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	
Website	

Section 6: Confirmation and Agreement

A. Where the individual completing the nomination form is the nominee:

- By submitting a nomination form for this Award, I confirm that I meet the eligibility criteria for the Award and that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the general rules of the Award.

B. Where the individual completing the nomination form is nominating an individual other than him/herself:

- By submitting a nomination form for this Award on behalf of another individual, I confirm that I have obtained the consent of that individual, which consent is enclosed with this nomination form, and which consent states:

“I understand that I am being nominated for the Award. I consent to the nomination and confirm that I meet the eligibility criteria for the Award and that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the general rules of the Award.”