

Awards; Conditions of entry:

1. Eligibility to enter this award applies to most NZ deer farmers; however, the NZDFA reserves the right to decline an application. There are no entry fees. Deer Industry New Zealand fully supports and funds this important award.
2. All award winners must agree to and participate in the awards publicity programme including media interviews, photographs and field days on the property.
3. Award prizes are not transferable.
4. The Premier Winner or nominee must be available for the annual industry awards presentation function generally associated with the annual Deer Industry Conference Awards Dinner in May.
5. The NZDFA will have first and sole rights for a period of one year to stage an industry led environment field day on the Premier Award-winning property.
6. In conjunction with award sponsors and the awards convenor, local NZDFA branches will facilitate and organise presentation events and/or field days on the properties of local Merit Awards winners. Sponsors may also wish to undertake separate promotional activities with the award winners which must be agreed to by mutual consent.
7. Successful environmental farming methods on the winning farms are to be freely disclosed and may be incorporated into the ongoing development of the Deer Industry farming resource material or presented in Deer Industry News.
8. Preliminary judging to select finalists may be conducted on a regional/branch basis and involve consultation with a Quality Assurance assessor or other local region assessors. Judging is planned for April.
9. Entrants must declare any issues (e.g. environment court actions pending or completed) that may affect the credibility or reputation of the Deer Industry awards programme.
10. Previous entrants are welcome to enter again in following years, except for the Premier Winner who is not eligible for re-entry for 5 years.
11. In the event of a low number of entrants, the organisers may postpone the event to the following year.
12. If the judges decide that a premier award-winning standard has not been achieved, they may defer issuing this award to the following year.
13. The judge's decision is final and assessment methods and calculations are confidential.
14. Judges assessment notes may be used to assist writing the publicity profiles of award-winning entrants.
15. Entry requirements: Additional information other than your contact and location details are not required, however you may submit more material about your farm with this entry form or at a later date if you wish.