



AgForce to Recognise and Celebrate Grain Industry Leaders and Innovators

AGFORCE is again preparing to recognise the strongest leaders and innovators in the state's grain sector calling for nominations for the annual Queensland Grains Awards.

The awards, which seek to engage producers, businesses and other industry stakeholders, are hosted annually by the organisation to place emphasis on the outstanding performance of the industry and its contribution to the economy.

In 2014, the Awards will also incorporate a grains forum to provide a platform for discussion of a range of key issues including profitability, transport infrastructure and shaping the sector for the future. This forum will be held throughout the day in the lead up to the Awards ceremony.

AgForce Grains President, Wayne Newton, said the awards needed a collaborative effort to ensure the top achievers within the grains industry were showcased.

"Our industry is notorious for its modesty, however this is our opportunity to demonstrate our performance and showcase our skills and achievements," Mr Newton said.

"In Queensland we have some of the highest performing grain producers in the world with a true passion for what they do and we want to acknowledge their production and business expertise and hard work.

"It is also important to note these awards are not judged on crop output but on a range of other factors including innovation, business development, production techniques and long-term productivity.

"I urge grains stakeholders to nominate someone they know or to apply themselves for these important awards so as to promote innovation and leadership within our industry.

The 2014 awards categories include:

- 2014 Queensland Grain Grower of the Year – 'Jason Rae Memorial' *Sponsored by GRDC*
- 2014 Queensland Grain Industry Emerging Leader
- 2014 Queensland Grains Innovation Award

To nominate a grower, apply, view the judging criteria or for more information visit

www.agforceqld.org.au



The winners of the Queensland Grain Industry Awards will be announced and presented at the Gala dinner on 29 August at Black Toyota, Dalby. Tickets will soon be available for purchase from the AgForce website.

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Who is AgForce? AgForce represents thousands of Queensland broadacre producers who recognise the value in having a strong voice. AgForce leads the way to ensure agriculture's social, economic and environmental contribution is recognised by all levels of government. AgForce works alongside landholders, encourages and supports the next generation, builds industry partnerships and skills and promotes agriculture - for secure, sustainable, progressive and profitable food and fibre into the future.