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NEW SOUTH WALES DECLARED THE 2021 AUSTRALIAN YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

The 2021 Australian Young Farmer Challenge was delivered with a difference this year, with the team from New South Wales doing their State proud in a true test of agricultural general knowledge.

An initiative of Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA), the Australian Young Farmer Challenge provides an opportunity for representatives from each Australian State and Territory to battle it out in a series of challenges to be crowned the national champions.

Whilst the current COVID-19 restrictions put a halt on plans to host this year's National Final at the Adelaide Royal Show, ASA responded to positive feedback from various State representatives and this year hosted an online quiz, livestreamed throughout Australia.

The New South Wales team of Toni Dakis, Kate Lumber, Byron Birch and Tamara Fechner-Head proved to have the broad agricultural knowledge and understanding required to win the agriculturally themed quiz, conducted online over five entertaining rounds.

In what was an extremely close finish to the minor placings, second place went to the team from Western Australia, third place was Victoria, fourth place Queensland and fifth place was awarded to the host state of South Australia.

Agricultural Shows Australia Executive Officer, Katie Stanley was thrilled to see teams from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia come together online and enjoy a night of fun entertainment.

“With the ongoing travel restrictions affecting most of the country, Agricultural Shows Australia innovated our approach to delivering this year's event and we were proud to see it delivered in great spirits between the States.”

“Whilst we were unable to come together in person this year, the teams all did a terrific job and I thank the State representatives from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia for their exceptional support and assistance in delivering a successful night of agriculturally themed trivia and good fun,” said Katie.

The 2022 Australian Young Farmer Challenge is planned to be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show with Agricultural Shows Australia already planning to deliver its usual fun, entertaining and interactive format in front of thousands of Easter Show patrons.

“Agricultural Shows Australia is proud to deliver the Young Farmer Challenge as it plays an important role in educating the broader community on the role of farmers, engaging youth in agriculture and promoting farm safety to both participants and the audience,” explained Katie.

“We now turn our attention towards the 2022 Young Farmer Challenge National Final that will be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show,” concluded Katie.





The 2021 Australian Young Farmer Challenge was jointly funded by Agricultural Shows Australia and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Be sure to like and follow the Australian Young Farmer Facebook Page @AusYFC to keep up to date with all AYFC information by following on Instagram @ausyoungfarmerchallenge and Twitter @AusYFC.

The event tag was: #2021AYFCNationals

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About Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA)

Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) has been established to promote the role and significance of Australian Agricultural Shows to the wider community.

The ASA's vision is a strong and vibrant network of Agricultural Shows working together to engage, influence and promote the essential value of Australian agriculture.

The membership of the ASA is made up of capital city Royal Agricultural Societies and state-based Agricultural Show bodies, together representing over 580 agricultural shows, with a combined economic value of \$965 million annually.

ASA is committed to ensure:

- A unified and greater voice for agricultural shows in Australian society
- Advocating for the Agricultural Show movement to government and industry
- Providing tools to minimise the risks associated with running agricultural shows
- Engaging young people in agriculture through education and employment opportunities
- Educating the public and other stakeholders regarding the importance of Agricultural Shows, and agriculture in general





About the Young Farmer Challenge

The Australian Young Farmer Challenge provides Young Australians with an opportunity to network and engage with other young Australians and industry leaders from across the country.

The YFC provides industry with the opportunity to celebrate, support and recognise Australia's future leaders in Agriculture.