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Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower of the Year 2021

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New Zealand's Young Grower of the Year Competition

Young Grower of the Year is an annual competition to find the best young fruit and vegetable growers in New Zealand.

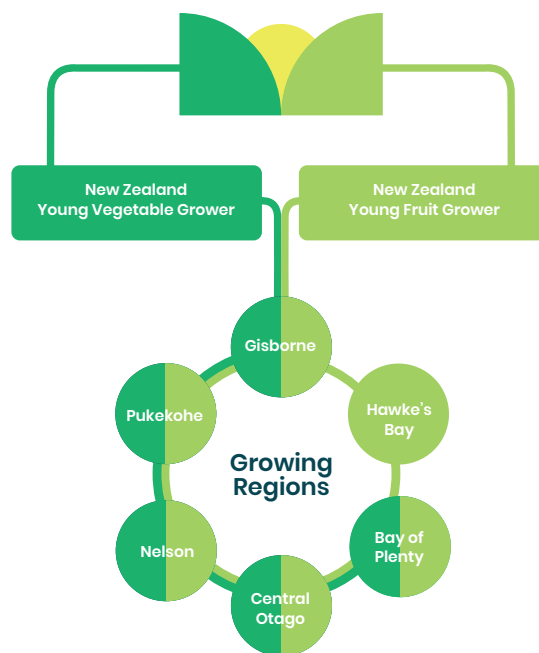
Young fruit and vegetable growers from around the country compete in one of six regional heats, testing their horticultural skills and knowledge. The winners of the regional competitions continue on to compete in the New Zealand Young Fruit Grower of the Year and then contest for the Young Grower of the Year* title and for their share of \$12,000 worth of prizes.

The Young Grower competition pushes contestants out of their comfort zone and teaches individuals valuable new skills. The competition provides exceptional professional development and networking opportunities, providing a massive career boost to all who enter.

For more information about the Young Grower of the Year visit www.younggrower.co.nz

*Event run by Horticulture New Zealand

Young Grower
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Competition structure: Young Grower of the Year



About the Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower Competition ...

The Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower of the Year Competition is an annual and highly contested event. It is an opportunity for up-and-coming young horticulturists to challenge their knowledge and practical skills against other young future leaders of the industry.

The regional competition is held on the 3rd June at the Showgrounds Hawke's Bay and runs in conjunction with the BNZ National Horticulture Fieldays.

A formal Awards Dinner is held on the 4th June at the Toitoti Hawke's Bay Art & Events Centre. Contestants participate in a speech competition and awards are presented to the winners.



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Thinking of entering this year's competition?

The competition provides a platform to network and interact with other aspiring young horticulturists, to explore different aspects of the industry and develop new skills, whilst learning from experienced industry leaders.



The competition has an emphasis on practical production skills, business skills associated with growing and industry knowledge.

Contestants must be under the age of 30 as at 31 December 2021, working in the industry and are studying towards or have already completed their Level 4 Industry Training Scheme (refer to the conditions of entry).

Contestants will be challenged with practical and theoretical testing stations based on the day-to-day activities of post apprenticeship employees. Past events have included, but are not limited to the following topics:

- Pest and disease identification
- Fruit variety identification
- Sprayer calibration
- Plant support systems
- Pruning
- Grafting
- Equipment assembly
- Tractor safety/maintenance
- Weed identification
- Chemical application
- Irrigation systems
- Business skills
- Health and safety
- First aid

The competition also involves a quiz where contestants have 20 industry related questions. Contestants are required to present a speech at the Awards Dinner. Speech topics are provided to contestants a couple of weeks before the competition.

For more information, entry form and conditions visit:
www.hbfa.co.nz/yfoty



Win

All contestants compete to win the title of Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower are eligible for the following prizes:



Overall Winner

\$1,000 cash and a wheelbarrow packed with sponsors goods

A study trip to Nelson including travel and accommodation

A one day media and presentation development course in Hawke's Bay

All expenses paid trip to compete for the title of Young Grower of the Year

All expenses paid trip to attend the New Zealand Apple and Pears Conference (including travel, meals, registration fee and accommodation)

All expenses paid trip to attend the National Horticulture Conference (including travel, meals, registration fee and accommodation)

Annual subscription to The Orchardist magazine

1st Runner Up

\$750 cash plus a study trip to Nelson including travel and accommodation

All expenses paid to attend the New Zealand Apple and Pears Conference (including travel, meals, registration fee and accommodation)

Annual subscription to The Orchardist magazine

2nd Runner Up

\$500 cash

Annual subscription to The Orchardist magazine

Section Prizes

Each sponsored testing station provides a prize for the top competitor and there are individual prizes for Hortisports, quiz and speech sections

How to enter

1.

An entry form can be found on www.hbfa.co.nz/yfoty or email yfoty@hbfa.co.nz

2.

Download, complete the form and email to yfoty@hbfa.co.nz

3.

All entries must be fully completed and received by **5.00pm Friday 30 April 2021**

Conditions of Entry

1. Contestants must be currently working full-time in the fruit industry in an organisation that is closely associated with growing (excludes bankers, consultants and providers of professional services to the industry).

2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2021.

3. Contestants agree to be available for pre-competition meetings as advised by the organisers.

4. Contestants must show evidence of completing a minimum of three years practical work experience in the fruit industry e.g. letter from employer.

5. Entrants must have completed, or be currently working towards completing the Fruit Industry Level 4 qualification, or have achieved a higher qualification.

6. To enter the competition, all entries must be fully completed and received by 5.00pm Friday 30 April 2021.

7. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.

8. All entrants must be familiar with health and safety issues associated with competition activities and follow the procedures set in place for the competition.

9. Entrants must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.

10. Prize winners of the Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower competition must ensure that all cash, travel, conference attendance, personal development and scholarship prizes are taken up or redeemed within 18 months of the competition.

11. Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the New Zealand Young Grower of the Year competition in Wellington on 22-23 September 2021 (travel costs will be covered by Horticulture New Zealand).

12. The contestant agrees that if they win Young Grower of the Year they must be available to compete in the AGMARDT Market Innovation Project and the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition in Auckland on 10-11 November 2021.

13. The winners of the competitions will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and give interviews as required to the media at and following the event.

14. The winners will be available to promote the competitions where applicable.

15. Any competitor can win the regional competition twice only and after that is no longer eligible for entry to the regional competition.

16. Contestants agree that images and recorded footage may be used for competition publicity, promotions and social media.

Contestants may reapply to regional competitions even if they have won Young Fruit Grower or Young Vegetable Grower of the Year. However, the winner of the Young Grower of the Year cannot reapply at a regional or national level.

