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Hawke's Bay Young Fruit Grower of the Year 2022

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New Zealand's Young Grower of the Year Competition

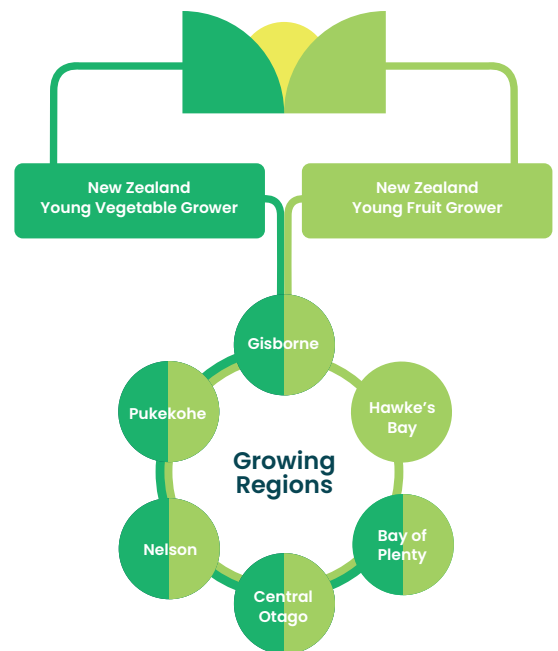
Young Grower of the Year is an annual competition to find the best young fruit and vegetable growers in New Zealand.

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 Young Grower of the Year Competition and then contest for the Young Horticulturist 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

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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 practical competition will be held on the 26 May at the Tomoana Showgrounds.

A formal Awards Dinner will be held on the 27 May at the Toitoti Arts and Events Centre. Contestants participate in a speech competition and awards are presented to the section winners and overall winner.



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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 2022, have a minimum of two years of full-time employment in the fruit growing industry or a horticulture-related sector closely associated with fruit growing, or finished studying Level 2 and working towards or have already completed the Level 4 Industry Training Scheme (refer to the conditions of entry) or achieved a higher qualification.

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

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 two 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 two day study exchange 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 two day study exchange 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

Eight sponsored testing station prizes for the winner of each section.

Prizes for the winner of the 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 22 April 2022**

Conditions of Entry

1. Contestants must have a minimum of two years of full-time employment in the fruit growing industry or a horticulture-related sector closely associated with fruit growing (this excludes bankers, consultants and providers of professional services to the industry), or finished studying Level 2 and working towards/completed the Level 4 Industry training Scheme or have achieved a higher qualification.

2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2022.

3. Contestants will be required to provide written evidence of completing a minimum of two years practical work experience in the fruit industry or horticulture-related sector.

4. To enter the competition, all entries must be fully completed and received by 5.00pm Friday 22 April 2022.

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

6. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.

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

8. Contestants must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.

9. 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.

10. Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the New Zealand Young Grower of the Year competition on 21-22 September 2022 (travel costs will be covered by Horticulture New Zealand).

11. 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.

12. Placegetters will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and to participate in media interviews as required at and following the event.

13. Placegetters will be required to promote the competitions where applicable.

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

15. All contestants must be fully vaccinated and provide a copy of their vaccine pass with the application form.

The winner of the Hawke's Bay competition is not eligible to re-enter the regional competition again. All other contestants can compete in the competition no more than two times.

