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POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines, procedures and requirements for awarding the annual Rural Beautification Awards.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

The Rural Beautification Award was established by the County of Newell Agricultural Service Board to recognize residents that put countless hours into beautifying their yards and thus the County of Newell. The following Evaluation criteria, guidelines and eligibility requirements have been established by the ASB to provide a basis for nominating and awarding the Beautification award.



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EVALUATION SHEET RURAL BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITION

	Judge 1	Judge 2
Category 1: Landscape Design Principals		
Harmony and Rhythm	/10	/10
Contrast, Diversity and Texture	/10	/10
Balance	/10	/10
Emphasis	/15	/15
Use of Colour-	/5	/5
Category 2: Functionality	/5	/5
Category 3: Uniqueness	/10	/10
Category 4: Innovation and Creativity	/10	/10



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Category 4: Lawn/ Yard Maintenance

Trees and shrubs	/10	/10
Variety		
Pruning and care		
Freedom from pest and disease		
Lawn Care	/10	/10
Freedom from weeds		
Neat and trim		

Category 5: Conservation Efforts /5 /5

In case of a tie 1 additional bonus point will be awarded for the presence of each of the following objects:

- Yard/ gate sign
- Wagon wheel
- Pond
- Cow skulls
- Gnome
- Funny sign
- Cherry tree
- Stone pathway
- Windmill
- Sundial

Judged By:

Date:

COMMENTS:



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GUIDELINES:

1. Beautification awards will be handed out on an annual basis.
2. All nominees will be notified before any representatives of the County visit their premises.
3. Three awards will be awarded throughout the entire County. One award for first place, one award for second place and one award for third place.
4. A bus tour will be held to showcase the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place yards.
5. Pictures of each winner's yard will be placed on a wall display, the County Newsletter and County website.
6. Winners will receive a personalized gate sign.
7. All rural yards will be judged on their own merit including dryland and irrigated alike.
8. Request for nominations will be advertised yearly in the local paper.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. No employees or members of the County of Newell Council or A.S.B. are eligible.
2. To qualify, all candidates must maintain their own yards (i.e. no hired gardeners or landscapers).
3. Only owners of rural yards that own over 39 acres of land within the County are eligible.