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CAMROSE COUNTY FARM FAMILY AWARD

A. <u>PURPOSE</u>

To better the understanding and awareness between urban and rural people by presenting to the general public an example of the quality of life within the Agricultural Community, and to display the opportunities of a rural citizenship.

B. **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To annually acknowledge a farm family from the Camrose County which best represents the values of the farm family to our rural and urban communities and to society in general.
- 2. To recognize the farm family at the Northlands Farm Family Awards held in November.

C. <u>DEFINITION OF TERMS</u>

- 1. Agriculture the production of food and fibre.
- 2. Farm Family Any group of related people (parents, offspring, or siblings) who are operating a farm by any combination of the above and whose major source of income is derived by agriculture.

D. <u>ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES</u>

- 1. A farm family which resides on the farm, in Camrose County.
- 2. A farm family which has not be a successful candidate for this award in the past ten (10) years.

E. **NOMINATIONS**

- 1. Nominations may be submitted by an individual with the endorsement of a community group, Agricultural Society, 4-H Clubs, Church Groups, Elks, Lions, etc.
- 2. Nominators may only nominate one candidate in each year.

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- 3. All nominations must be submitted in writing in the prescribed application form attached hereto, to the Camrose County Agricultural Services 4728 41 Street, Camrose, Alberta T4V 0Z6.
- 4. Nominations will be accepted until April 30th in each year.
- 5. Nominations received, but unsuccessful, will be returned to the nominator.
- 6. The unsuccessful families may be re-nominated the following year but will not be automatically re-nominated.

F. <u>SELECTION GUIDELINES</u>

- 1. The Farm Family Selection Committee shall consider all the information supplied within the application form and shall mark each application in accordance with the point system outlined on the Application Form.
- 2. Consideration shall be given to the number of years the farm family has resided in the community and the number of years it has been active in agriculture.
- 3. Equal consideration is to be given to the family's role in agriculture and their community involvement.
- 4. If only one farm family is nominated, it may be selected only if it achieves at least **35/50** points in each section of the assessment guide.
- 5. Due consideration shall be given to the remarks written on the Application Form. This DESCRIPTION will be the basis upon which the Selection Committee will make their decision.
- 6. The Farm Family receiving the most points shall be selected.

G. FARM FAMILY AWARD WINNERS

1. Award winners' names shall be appropriately recognized by the Agricultural Communications Committee during the bi-annual Camrose County Awards night.

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2. A news release will be mailed following the announcement of the Farm Family Awards recipients to the major local paper or other relevant publications serving the Farm Family area.

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H. SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, COMPOSITION AND TERM

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 1. A Farm Family Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Agricultural Communications Committee.
- 2. The said Selection Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members of the Agricultural Communications Committee.
- 3. The Selection Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Agricultural Communications Committee at the meeting at which the members are appointed.
- 4. Should a member of the Selection Committee be nominated, the member becomes exempted from the Committee and replaced by an alternate on the Selections Committee.

I. SELECTION COMMITTEE FUNCTION

- 1. The Committee shall meet in September, at the call of Chairman, for the purpose of receiving the nominations of the candidates for the Farm Family Award, Assessing the Farm Family candidates and selecting the candidate to be recommended to the Agricultural Communications Committee as the winner of the Farm Family Award for the current year.
- 2. Shall submit its recommendation to the Agricultural Communications Committee at its first regular meeting of the new year.

In order to organize the competition the following is a suggested list of target dates:

- i. MARCH 1st initiate award campaign
- ii. APRIL 30th nominations close and all nominees are informed of their nomination prior to final selection. Farm visits may be initiated.
- iii. MAY 15th final selection and presentation to Agricultural Communications Committee
- iv. JUNE 1st submission of the selected candidate sent to Northlands.

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APPLICATION (Application		April 30th,	_)
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TOTAL FAM	IILY MEMBERS 1	TO ATTEND:	
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Previous Re	sidence		
Type of Farr	ning Operation _		
Scale of Ope	eration		

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The following is a guide for Selection Committees to use in assessing Farm Family Candidates. There are two areas - the Farm and the Community - each worth 50 points. Local conditions may suggest additional areas for consideration in selection but these points cover the basic areas to be considered. Each of two areas should receive equal weight in making a decision. Be sure to consider the entire family, not just one member of a family.

ASSESSMENT GUIDE

THE FARM (50 Points Maximum) Please provide a description in each category.

- a) Use of modern farming practices.
- b) Use of farming technology.
- c) Involvement in self-improvement programs (e.g. extension courses, 4-H programs, short courses, etc.).
- d) Soil conservation practices.
- e) General appearance / upkeep of farmstead: (buildings, machinery, Land/Driveway).
- f) What agricultural awards have been won by any members of the family, if any, please specify.
- g) Family participation in the farm operation.

THE COMMUNITY (50 points Maximum)

Organizations to which any members of the family belong (Please list position or responsibilities held and length of membership or service). Please indicate any special projects any one of the family have been involved in or responsible for. Please indicate any community awards that have been received by family members.

ORGANIZATIONS

- a) Business.
- b) Social.
- c) Local Government.
- d) Charitable.
- e) Service Clubs.

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- f) Agricultural.
- g) Youth.
- h) Other Organizations.
- Length of Time of Service to the Community. i)

ABOUT THE FAMILY

A Farm Family award winner:

- Is highly involved in the community
- Depends on agriculture as the primary source of income
- Demonstrates leadership in the farming industry
- Engages in innovative and environmentally sustainable business practices

Tell us about the family on this application and how they demonstrate these values within your community.

- a) Special projects / awards won: (please give examples)
- b) How does the family spend time together?
- c) How do the family members act as role models in their community?
- be read during the

ď)		rt family bio (no more than 300 words) to be not be read word for word).
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<u>PLEA</u>	SE COMPLETE BELO	<u>w</u>
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Posta	l Code	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOMINATION:

Telephone Number

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We, the family herein nominated for Farm Family of the Year, have been notified and give consent for submission of this nomination.

Adult Member of Nominated Family (Signature)

Nominations to be submitted to:

SELECTION COMMITTEE Farm Family Award Camrose County Agricultural Services 4728 - 41 Street Camrose, Alberta T4V 0Z6