



December 5th, 2006

Notice to all Island Farm Organizations; Nominations are invited for the:

Honorable Gilbert R. Clements Award for Excellence in Environmental Farm Planning "Promoting Sustainable Agriculture in Prince Edward Island"

The award will be given to an enterprise which is economically viable, environmentally sound and socially responsible in the production and/or marketing of high quality food from a sustainable system. Eligible applicants are producers of Island produced food which is marketed as such. Commodity groups are also eligible.

Nominations should detail sustainable practices or procedures such as use of recommended soil conservation practices, integrated pest management practices, nutrient management practices, Environmental Farm Plans, on-farm or in-plant quality assurance programs, value-added production or innovation in the marketplace (See attached application form).

The deadline for nominations is January 31st, 2007.

The establishment of an award for excellence in sustainable agriculture was one of the recommendations of the Round Table on Land Use and Stewardship. It is named in recognition of the Honorable Gilbert R. Clements's commitment to the environment. The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Aquaculture are once again partnering with the Environmental Farm Plan Program to recognize producers or commodity groups that are doing exemplary work in the field of environmental farm planning and implementation.

The award, a cash sum of \$2500.00 along with an appropriate keepsake will be presented at the Excellence In Agriculture Awards Gala, held at the Loyalist Inn, Summerside on Friday, February 16th, 2007. Previous award winners include George Webster, Barry Cudmore, Modhaicdh Farms, Peter Bulger, and Bonzo Farms Ltd.

Nominations should be submitted to:

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