



THE ONTARIO PRODUCE  
MARKETING ASSOCIATION

# 2026 OPMA Annual Awards

## Nomination Instructions

Each year, the Ontario produce industry honours individuals and organizations for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our great industry. These prestigious awards are presented at the OPMA Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

### Nominations

To nominate a colleague or organization, complete a nomination form and provide a short summary outlining the nominee's contributions and achievements according to the award criteria.

***Nominees must be current OPMA members or retired from a current OPMA member company.***

### Selection and Announcement

1. Nominations are accepted from **current OPMA members** up to the submission deadline.
2. The **Board of Directors** vote by anonymous electronic ballot to determine the winners. Selection is based on the nomination description provided and how well the nominee meets the award criteria. Board members are not eligible to vote if their company or they themselves are nominated.
3. Nominees are sent a message from the Board letting them know their peers have nominated them and thanking them for their service to the industry. Nominees are announced before the awards ceremony via OPMA channels to raise the profile of the awards.
4. Winners are announced at the OPMA Annual Gala in November. Winners are notified in advance to allow them time to prepare for the presentation and to allow the company to take advantage of promotion for the award.

**Name of Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominees LinkedIn URL**

## 1. OPMA Fresh Award

A young individual, or newcomer to the industry, that has demonstrated innovation, passion, spirit and dedication towards the produce industry in the past year and consistently exhibits a fervent determination to improve the quality, distribution or consumption of fruit and vegetables marketed within or outside the province of Ontario. This person is an inspirational and dedicated young professional, and stands out because they are excelling in their role by:

- Seeking out innovative solutions,
- Advancing sustainable solutions for the industry,
- Demonstrating leadership among their peers,
- Raising awareness of the produce industry to promote a positive reputation for the industry or educate consumers, or
- Dedicating their time to improve the industry.

**Nominations should include:**

- A description of how this person has shown initiative and commitment to the industry.
- A description of the impact the nominee has had on the industry or the community.

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Company

Jpg or png of your signature

Nominator's phone number/ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark nomination form "CONFIDENTIAL" and return by October 2, 2026**

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