



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.

Deadline for nominations October 2, 2026

Name of Person nominated _____

Nominees LinkedIn URL _____

1. OPMA Lifetime Achievement Award

An individual that has over many years demonstrated untiring efforts to improve the quality and distribution of fruits and vegetables marketed within or outside the province of Ontario through innovation, cooperation and hard work. This person does not necessarily have to be currently active in the Ontario produce industry.

Nominations should include:

- Examples of the significant contributions the person has made to improve the industry.
- An illustration (description) of their commitment of time and energy.
- A description of their lasting legacy or positive effect on the produce industry.
- May include their actions for the advancement of the produce industry through innovation, support of the next generation, leadership, advocacy, community education or other field.

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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