



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.

2025 OPMA Outstanding Achievement Award

Deadline for nominations October 2, 2026

Name of Person/Company nominated _____

Nominees LinkedIn URL

1. OPMA Outstanding Achievement Award

An organization or individual retail store, wholesaler, grower, packer/shipper or corporation (e.g. chain of stores, farm operation, logistics etc.) that has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the produce industry through their efforts to improve the quality and distribution of fruits and vegetables marketed within or outside the province of Ontario.

The winner of this award could also be responsible for a new technology or innovation introduced within the last year to the produce industry. The company, campaign or initiative or should be currently active or available in the Ontario produce industry.

Nominations may include:

- Companies who are leading initiatives in the fields of sustainability, food loss and waste reduction, technology
- A sustainable solution that has brought about significant improvements in the industry
- New company leading the way in an emerging area of produce
- A campaign or initiative that promotes diversity in the industry

Nominations should include:

- A description of how this company has made a significant contribution to the industry.
- Examples of how they have improved the quality or distribution of produce in Ontario.
- A description of the innovation or initiative they have developed to improve the industry and the impact it will have on the industry.

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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