

AHUWHENUA TROPHY
EXCELLENCE IN
MĀORI FARMING
AWARD 2027
DAIRY



ENTRY FORM

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The winner will be awarded the prestigious Ahuwhenua Trophy and prizes of up to \$100,000

BENEFITS OF ENTERING THE COMPETITION

- It's easy to enter.
- The opportunity to become part of the Ahuwhenua Trophy legacy.
- Participating provides a great source of pride and satisfaction for whānau, owners and shareholders.
- The Competition enables you to benchmark your operation with industry standards and compare with your peers. An experienced agribusiness advisor will benchmark your enterprise at no cost to you.
- Our judges are seasoned agricultural and primary production professionals who are able to offer quality independent advice that will greatly assist your business – feedback from participants is that the judging process enables a high degree of reflection and focus on the business, often triggering improvement, refinement, change and adaptation.
- All entrants receive written feedback from the judges and the opportunity to debrief, and our industry partners are happy to provide any on-going support services that may be required.
- The Competition aims to help realise your business' potential, and the process provides a great template for self-analysis and critique of how the business will stand up to ever changing world – for example with environmental, social, consumer, shareholder and market concerns.
- Excellent networking opportunities across the agribusiness industry leading to strengthened and new relationships, aiding business development and improvement.
- We cover costs for the finalist's field days.
- All finalists receive cash and related prizes of up to \$30,000. The winner will receive a further cash and prize pool of up to \$70,000.

The Awards Dinner to honour the finalists and announce the supreme title winner of the Ahuwhenua Trophy, Excellence in Māori Farming Award for Dairy will be held on Friday 28 May 2027.

Contact info@ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz or call Cedric on 027 554 0061 with any queries.

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WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

- ☐ The completed entry form set out below, which is also available in electronic format at www.ahuwhenuatrophymaori.nz/enter/dairy-competition
- ☐ Complete the *DairyBase registration form* (if not registered) and the *Farm Business Description (L1)* questionnaire
- ☐ The financial accounts for the 3 years of 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and if available please provide financial accounts for 2025/2026. If those for 2025/2026 are not available at the time of entry please advise when they will be provided but meanwhile submit what is available
- ☐ Please provide whakapapa/tribal affiliations as appropriate.
- ☐ Please read the *Conditions of Entry* and *Judging Process* information available online.

ENTRANT DETAILS

NAME OF TRUST, INCORPORATION, OR INDIVIDUAL OWNER	
KEY CONTACT	
POSITION	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
PROPERTY ADDRESS	
PHONE	E-MAIL

ACCOUNTANT

NAME	
ACCOUNTING FIRM	
ADDRESS (POSTAL & PHYSICAL)	
PHONE	E-MAIL

ADVISOR / CONSULTANT (IF RELEVANT)

NAME	
ADDRESS (POSTAL & PHYSICAL)	
PHONE	E-MAIL

Please email all of the above to info@ahuwhenuatrophymaori.nz

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 2nd December 2026

Please refer to the Entry Information available online. Any questions can be emailed to info@ahuwhenuatrophymaori.nz or call Cedric on 027 554 0061.

- For conditions of entry refer to www.ahuwhenuatrophymaori.nz/enter/dairy-competition/conditions-of-entry
- For judging criteria refer to www.ahuwhenuatrophymaori.nz/enter/dairy-competition/judging-process

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Te Puni Kōkiri and the Ahuwhenua Trust are united in celebrating Māori excellence. Te Puni Kōkiri is proud to be the Platinum Sponsor of this prestigious award. The competition exemplifies Māori achievement in land based industries where a legacy of hard work, fortitude and innovation is demonstrated. Te Puni Kōkiri stands beside those responding to the wero, who are creating jobs, engaging young people and developing new ways of succeeding. We are proud to support their commitment and drive towards sustainable prosperity for the economy, the whenua and the people.

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



The Ministry for Primary Industries is a proud Platinum sponsor of the Ahuwhenua Trophy, which showcases and celebrates excellence in Māori farming. Māori agribusiness and horticulture are growing contributors to New Zealand's economy, and we are committed to partnering with Māori to unlock the potential in New Zealand's regions. We congratulate all entrants for their continued and relentless commitment towards achieving the aspirations of their people and shareholders, and their outstanding accomplishments in farming.

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Te Tumu Paeroa is committed to supporting excellence in Māori agribusiness and horticulture. We are proud to continue our sponsorship of the Ahuwhenua Trophy and congratulate all the entrants who are committed to delivering new and innovative ways of working, showing leadership in this growing sector and creating a legacy for future generations.

BNZ is proud to continue our long history in supporting Ahuwhenua Trophy. In evolving our support across the whenua sector we are excited to have commenced our Natural Capital Programme recognising the Kaitiaki aspirations of our community and enhancing our Māori specialist support.



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