

# Young Farmer Challenge



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

# History

- Young Farmer Contest held in New Zealand since 1969
- In 1996 the RAS ran the similar Agri-Challenge for individuals in regional NSW however it was discontinued when the RAS moved to Sydney Olympic Park.
- In 2009, the RAS Youth Group proposed reviving the initiative and adapting the competition to become a teams, rather than an individual, challenge.
- In 2011, the event extended its reach regionally, with the inaugural RAS Regional Young Farmer Challenge.
- The RAS Youth Group works alongside the ASC Next Gen to attend 3 Regional local shows a year.



# Today

- The Young Farmer Challenge is the ultimate test of skill and ability, with young farmers showcasing their expertise in a series of on-farm challenges, from animal handling to fencing, driving tractors, putting out fires, first aid, heavy lifting and transport challenges.
- The competitors are aged 18-35, and teams must have at least one female and one male member.
- NSW, QLD, SA, and Vic hold State Finals at their respective Royal Show. The winning team from the state final competes at the National Final.
- Teams must have won a Young Farmer Challenge at an agricultural show in regional NSW to qualify for the State final hosted at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.



# Young Farmer Challenge 2015

- The 2015 RAS Young Farmer Challenge competition was held on Saturday 4th April 2015.
- The competition brought together 16 teams of young farmers, each of which had been victorious at their local competition, to fight it out for the state title. These 16 teams competed in four heats throughout the morning of Youth in Ag Day on the Schmidt Arena, with the heat winners qualifying to contest the state final that evening on the Main Arena.



# Opportunities and Benefits

- Engage with Rural Youth
- Provides Entertainment at your Show
- Challenges can be customised to cater for the region
- RAS will provide your show with support to hold a challenge, including prize money, staff, equipment, media, sponsors



# 2016 YFC



- Seeking expressions of interest for 2016
- Regional Competitions \$2,400 in prize money
- 2016 State Final at Sydney Royal Easter Show



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