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The 2018 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence is Open for Applications

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The Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program recognizes outstanding agriculture and agri-food related innovators including producers, processors, and agri-food organizations.

The objectives of the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence Program are to:

- Recognize and encourage innovators in the agri-food sector
- Foster farm-level innovation
- Raise awareness about the importance of agri-food innovation and its impact on the Ontario economy



Examples of innovation areas include but are not limited to:

- improved business practices
- response to consumer demands (e.g. new production and processing methods, product development)
- response to emerging consumer tastes (e.g. locally grown and produced, wild foods)

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- energy and bio-economy
- health and safety
- food safety and traceability
- education and marketing of the agriculture and food industry to society

Submit your [application](#) by **11:59 p.m. on May 25, 2018** to be eligible for a chance to receive one of the following awards:

- Premier's Award – one, \$75,000 award
- Minister's Award – one, \$50,000 award

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To read about the more than 575 innovation projects that have been recognized since the program started in 2006 visit [Agri-Food Innovation](#). These include innovations that have:

- Modified equipment to enhance production
- Responded to consumer demands by developing a new product
- Implemented new technology to increase efficiencies

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