

Young Grower™ of the year



NATIONAL FINAL

4 - 5 OCTOBER 2023

Competition and gala dinner venue:
Pukekohe Indian Community Centre
59 Ward Street
Pukekohe 2120

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Winners from each regional competition will have the opportunity to win further prizes at the National Final on 4-5 October 2023 in Pukekohe including:



Meryn Whitehead
Winner of the 2022
National Final

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- \$12,000 plus trophy
- Entry to compete at the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition and represent the commercial fruit and vegetable sectors.

Young Grower of the Year Runner Up

\$1,500

NZ Young Vegetable Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

NZ Young Fruit Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

Best Practical \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the practical section.

Best Business \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the business section.

Best Speech \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the speech section.

Best Innovation \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the innovation section.

Outstanding Leadership \$500

The finalist who demonstrates outstanding promise and leadership during the competition including the panel session, voted by the judges.

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The Young Grower of the Year competitions aim to inspire and acknowledge the talents of young people employed in the fruit and vegetable sectors across New Zealand.

To enter the regional competitions, contestants must submit entry forms by the designated date. Entry forms for each event can be found on the regional pages of the Young Grower website:

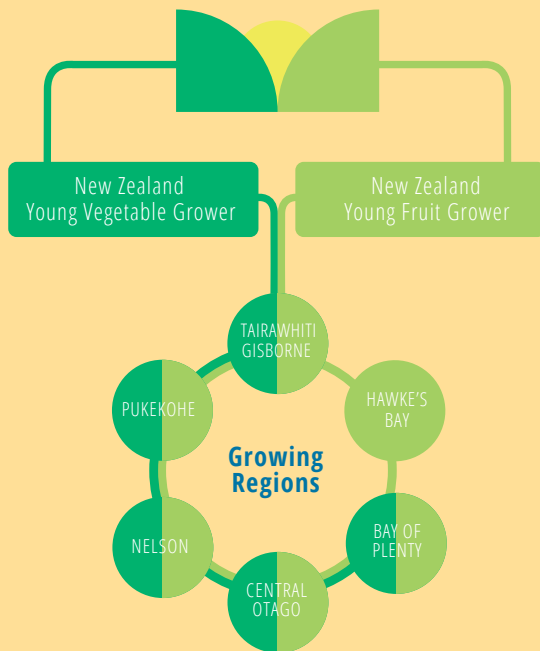
<https://younggrower.co.nz>

The winner from each of the six regional competitions automatically goes on to compete for the grand title at the National Final in Pukekohe on 4-5 October 2023.

***The regional competitions are open to:**

Eligible commercial fruit and vegetable growers, with the exception of Hawke's Bay, which is a fruit grower competition only. The winner from each region goes to compete at the National Final for the New Zealand Young Vegetable and Fruit Grower titles as well as the national title.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Contestants must be currently working full-time in the fruit and vegetable industry in an organisation that is closely associated with growing.
2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2023.
3. Contestants must show evidence of completing a minimum of three years practical work experience in the fruit and vegetable industry with the regional coordinators ensuring the 3 years practical experience is met. Eg., letter from employer.
4. To enter the competition the application form must be completed and posted or emailed to the contact person on or before the close-off date.
5. Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the Young Grower of the Year competition in Pukekohe, 4-5 October 2023. (All travel costs will be met by Horticulture New Zealand).
6. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.
7. All entrants must be familiar with health and safety issues associated with competition activities and follow the procedures set in place on the day.

8. Must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
9. The winners of the competitions will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and give interviews as required to the media at and following the event.
10. The contestant will be available to promote the competition where applicable. Contestants may reapply to regional competitions even if they have won young fruitgrower or young vegetable grower. However, the winner of the young grower of the year cannot reapply at a regional or national level.

CONTACT

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