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Subject: Seeking nominations for Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year Award

The search is on once again to find Australian agriculture's biosecurity champions. If you or someone you know goes the extra mile to protect their property from diseases, pests and weeds, nominate now for the 2019 Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year Award.

Our primary producers are on the front lines of the national biosecurity system. Small, everyday actions on-farm go a long way to ensuring Australia is secure against exotic, endemic and emerging diseases, pests and weeds.

Australian primary producers, including individuals and organisations can be nominated. This comprises all forms of Australian farming, including large commercial operations and hobby-level farmers that:

- Demonstrate a sound understanding of the six biosecurity essentials of the [Farm Biosecurity Program](#):
 - Farm inputs
 - People, vehicles and equipment
 - Production practices
 - Feral animals and weeds
 - Farm outputs
 - Train, plan and record.
- Apply biosecurity practices relevant to their property/properties.
- Carry out biosecurity activities as best-practice preventative measures, rather than in response to specific threats.
- Show evidence of their biosecurity activities through planning, records, procedures etc.
- Advocate for proactive on-farm biosecurity practices among their peers.

Winners will be announced and presented with their award at the ABARES Outlook Conference in March 2019 in Canberra.

Closing date for nominations is **Friday 9 November 2018**. For more information, nomination forms and contact details of organisers, go to www.agriculture.gov.au/aba

Extensions to the deadline will be considered. Please contact the ABA Secretariat ABA@agriculture.gov.au.

Thank you in advance for your support of this award.