Application Form: NSW Farmer of the Year 2017 **Section A** Name Address..... Phone Fax Email Location (if different to address)...... Are you a member of NSW Farmers? Applications must be received by Wednesday 27 September 2017. Send completed applications to: Mary Lockton, NSW Farmers, PO Box 459, St Leonards, NSW 1590 locktonm@nswfarmers.org.au **Section B - General Information** Brief description of your farm/property (eg location, history, commodities grown etc) Major issues that impact on your farm Number of people employed (if applicable) Applicant's position on farm:

Size of property:

Section C - Essential Criteria

1. Farm Management Please describe how your farm is managed. Include a description of how it balances production
and profit requirements with environmental and sustainability needs. Include specific examples.

2. Use of Innovation and Research Describe how you use innovation and the latest agricultural research findings on your farm? Include examples of innovations you have developed or adopted which contribute to environmental, sustainability and/or profitability (for example marketing or production methods). How would you describe your ability or vision to contribute to future growth of NSW's primary industries sector?
3. Farming as a Business Describe how you apply monitoring, benchmarking or comparative analysis tools in your management.

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3. Risk Management Outline any risk management strategies you used to offset the effects of drought, disease, natural disasters and / or market downturns.
4. Safety Management Describe how you keep yourself, visitors and workers safe and healthy on your farm.
5. Farming Philosophy and Leadership Describe your attitude to farming and your community. This could include your views on the natural environment, agricultural industry or any aspect of living in a rural community. Alternatively, you could provide an example of how you provide leadership as a farmer general, or within a specific agricultural industry.

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Signature Date

Section D: Referees