RDS Spring Awards
Promoting sustainable farming and living in Ireland

2020 Application Form

**Sustainable Farming Award Category**
- This award celebrates the efforts made by an individual or farm family who are sustainably developing their on-farm activities.
- The winner in each section will receive €2,000 and an RDS Spring Awards Trophy
- Each runner-up will receive €1,000 and an RDS Certificate of Merit
- Application Deadline – **February 7, 2020**

With an overall prize fund of €23,000, the RDS Spring Awards celebrate and promote the principles of climate-smart agriculture. Building on a name from the past, but firmly focused on the future of the sector, the Awards will recognise the very best farmers, foresters, agri-entrepreneurs and innovators in Ireland.

The 2020 RDS Spring Awards will be presented in the RDS Concert Hall on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

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Introduction
Please provide a summary overview of your farm

For example:
- History and future ambitions
- General farm management approach

Tell us your Sustainability Story
Please describe your farm and tell us why you think your entry would make a worthy winner of this award.

What the Judges are looking for:
- How are you adding value to your on-farm activities i.e. through entrepreneurship, new product development, and marketing.
- How are you improving efficiency and reducing waste on farm
- Measures to reduce carbon footprint
- What are you doing to enhance biodiversity on your farm
- Personal benefits of your approach to farming

Further Information
Please feel free to add any additional information that will support your application
Please return completed application form to:

RDS Spring Agriculture Awards
RDS,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4

Or via email to agriculture@rds.ie

On or Before: Friday, February 7, 2020.

Please note the judges may wish, but are not obliged, to arrange a site visit following a study of the completed entry form.

For further information please contact the RDS on 01 240 7215, or email agriculture@rds.ie

The data you provide in this form will be processed for your entry to the RDS Spring Awards. The RDS Spring Awards is an event run and managed by the RDS. The purpose for the processing of personal data relating to you (“Data”) is to assess and evaluate your entry. Processing of your Data is done with your consent, or pursuant to our contract, or for pre-contractual steps, or done in the legitimate interest of the RDS to assist in the provision of its chartable aims.

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