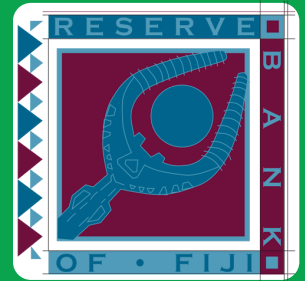




Ministry of Multi-Ethnic  
Affairs & Sugar Industry



# *Prime Minister's* **Sugarcane Farmers' Award 2025**

Entries open 20th October 2025  
and closes 31st January 2026.

All entries to be submitted to nearest FSC Sector Offices



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## 1. Introduction

This integrated document combines the strategic intent of the Cabinet Paper and the practical guidance of the Assessment Framework to serve as the foundational policy for evaluating sugarcane farmers in Fiji. It incorporates Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure inclusive, equitable, and sustainable agricultural development. This foundation will guide the application of the Assessment Form, used to measure and score farmer performance for award selection.

## 2. Objectives of the Sugarcane Farmers Award

- Recognize exceptional performance and innovation in sugarcane farming.
- Promote sustainable, resilient, and climate-conscious farming practices.
- Encourage equitable participation by recognizing women and young farmers.
- Inspire continuous improvement and peer learning through structured assessment and recognition.
- Support Fiji's national development agenda through alignment with the SDGs.

## 3. Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a registered sugarcane farmer in Fiji.
- Open to all ages, genders, and farm sizes.
- Self-nominations and third-party nominations are accepted.

## 4. Evaluation Framework Overview

The evaluation is conducted using an Assessment Form, which includes both quantitative and qualitative criteria. Scoring is objective, transparent, and aligned with the goals outlined in this document.

### 4.1 Quantitative Evaluation (60 Points)

- Productivity (t/ha) and total sugarcane production
- Farm record keeping and budgeting practices
- Environmental stewardship and compliance (e.g. trash management, non-burning)
- Soil health management and input efficiency
- Climate-smart agricultural practices
- Gender-inclusive practices on the farm
- Use of mechanization and modern technologies
- Participation in trainings and extension services
- Crop diversification strategies

### 4.2 Qualitative Evaluation (40 Points)

- Strategic planning (short-term and long-term vision)
- Community leadership and knowledge sharing
- Resilience and innovation in overcoming challenges
- Demonstrated alignment with SDGs 2, 5, 12, and 13

## 5. Integrity and Fairness in Evaluation

All assessors will receive bias-awareness training and must follow the principle of neutrality in scoring. Diverse assessment panels will be constituted, with at least one female assessor per team. Gender-anonymized evaluations may be used to ensure objectivity.

## 6. Recognition and Benefits

Awardees will be publicly recognized during the National Sugar Industry Awards Ceremony and will receive cash prizes, certificates, and tokens of appreciation. The initiative also builds their reputation within the farming community.

## 7. Award Categories

The following awards are proposed for sectors, districts and nation.

### 7.1 District Awards

- ✓ Best Sugarcane Farmer Award (Highest Production and productivity)
- ✓ Best Young Farmer Award
- ✓ Best Woman Farmer Award

### 7.2 National Award

- ✓ Prime Minister's Sugarcane Farmer of the Year Award
- ✓ Best Young Farmer Award
- ✓ Best Woman Farmer Award
- ✓ Best Innovative Farmer Award

### 7.3 Special Recognition

Senior farmers bring invaluable experience, resilience, and best practices to the sugarcane industry. To honor their contribution, the following awards are introduced:

#### 7.3.1 Most Senior Productive Farmer (Male)

- Recognizes the most productive senior male farmer (aged 60+), demonstrating high productivity and sustainable practices.

#### 7.3.2 Most Senior Productive Farmer (Female)

- Recognizes the most productive senior female farmer (aged 60+), demonstrating high productivity and sustainable practices.

#### 7.3.3 Eligibility Criteria for Senior Awards:

- Must be a registered sugarcane farmer in Fiji.
- Must be aged 60 years or older.
- Must demonstrate high productivity (average yield over the past three years).
- Must practice sustainable farming (non-burning, soil health management, crop diversification).
- Must maintain good farm records (production, finances, farm management).

### 7.4 - Special Green Champion Award

- Award that recognize the champion who has given due consideration to climate, quality, environment and harvested highest and 100 percent green cane from one or multiple farms under his or her name.

# PRIME MINISTER'S SUGARCANE FARMERS AWARD 2025 APPLICATION FORM

## Section 1: Applicant Details

DETAILS	VALUES
Full name	
Date of birth	
Gender	
Contact	
Email	
Residential Address	
Sector	
District	
FSC Farmer Registration Number	
Production record	2023: 2024: 2025:
Years in sugarcane farming	

## \*Section 2: Award Category

<input type="checkbox"/>	Prime Minister's Sugarcane Farmer of the Year Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Sugarcane Farmer Award (Highest Production and Productivity)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Young Farmer Award (Age 18–35)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Women Farmer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Innovative Farmer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Senior Farmer (Male, 60+)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Senior Farmer (Female, 60+)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Green Champion

**\*Tick only one. You may be considered for other relevant awards at the discretion of the panel.**

District Level	National Level
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*You may tick for District and also National Level**

## Section 3: Farm and Production Information (Quantitative)

DETAILS	VALUES
Total farm size (ha):	
Area under sugarcane cultivation (ha):	
Do you maintain production and financial records?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Practices used:	<input type="checkbox"/> No burning <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanization <input type="checkbox"/> Soil testing <input type="checkbox"/> Organic inputs ( <i>Trash Blanketing, Mill Mud, Green Manuring</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Crop diversification ( <i>Livestock, Vegetables, Intercropping</i> )
Number of training courses or workshops attended in past 2 years:	
Do women actively participate in farm operations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you employ or mentor young farmers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Section 4: Qualitative Assessment

### 1. Vision and Planning

**What are your short- and long-term plans for your farm?**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand current farm area     | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversify into livestock or other crops   | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop irrigation or drainage systems      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce new crop varieties | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve yield or productivity per hectare | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen record keeping and farm planning |



- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve soil fertility and sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in better machinery or equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Transition to organic or sustainable farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____             |  |   |

## 2. Innovation and Technology

**Which innovative practices or technologies have you adopted?**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of improved seed varieties       | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated pest management (IPM) practices          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanized land preparation and/or harvesting    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS/GIS mapping or precision farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse or nursery technology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile apps or digital tools for farm management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drip or sprinkler irrigation systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Composting, biofertilizers, or mill mud application | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil testing and fertilizer recommendation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____        |  |   |

## 3. Climate Resilience

**How have you adapted your farm to climate-related challenges (e.g., drought, flooding)?**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Built or improved drainage systems               | <input type="checkbox"/> Used organic matter or mill mud to improve soil structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Installed water storage or irrigation systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practiced mulching or soil moisture conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Planted drought- or flood-tolerant varieties              | <input type="checkbox"/> Reforestation or windbreak planting           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjusted planting and harvesting times           | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversified crops to spread risk                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____                 |

## 4. Community Leadership

**How do you contribute to your farming community?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor or train other farmers                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Share planting material or resources                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in farmer field days or workshops             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead or participate in a farmer group or cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration or trial plot host                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate for sustainable farming practices           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share knowledge through social media or informal meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____                        |

## Section 5: Declaration

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation may result in disqualification.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist (Required)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photo ID                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photos of the farm (optional) |