



2025 OPMA Annual Awards

Nomination Instructions

Each year, the Ontario produce industry honours individuals and organizations for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our great industry. These prestigious awards are presented at the OPMA Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

Nominations

To nominate a colleague or organization, complete a nomination form and provide a short summary outlining the nominee's contributions and achievements according to the award criteria.

Nominees must be current OPMA members or retired from a current OPMA member company.

Selection and Announcement

1. Nominations are accepted from **current OPMA members** up to the submission deadline.
2. The **Board of Directors** vote by anonymous electronic ballot to determine the winners. Selection is based on the nomination description provided and how well the nominee meets the award criteria. Board members are not eligible to vote if their company or they themselves are nominated.
3. Nominees are sent a message from the Board letting them know their peers have nominated them and thanking them for their service to the industry. Nominees are announced before the awards ceremony via OPMA channels to raise the profile of the awards.
4. Winners are announced at the OPMA Annual Gala in November. Winners are notified in advance to allow them time to prepare for the presentation and to allow the company to take advantage of promotion for the award.

Name of Person nominated _____

1. Cory Clack-Streef Produce Person of the Year Award

An individual that has demonstrated on a regular basis for the last year, untiring efforts to improve the quality, distribution or consumption of fruits and vegetables marketed within or outside the province of Ontario through innovation, cooperation and hard work. This person should be currently active in the Ontario produce industry.

This person may have dedicated their time to share expertise that benefited the whole industry, demonstrated leadership to advocate on behalf of the industry or implemented an initiative to improve the lives of the people of Ontario through distribution of fresh produce.

Nominations should include:

- A description of the significant contribution this person has made to the produce industry and the impact this has had on the industry this year and will have in the future
- Examples of how this person has had a positive impact on the produce industry
- Examples of significant contributions to raising awareness of the industry, if relevant

Name of Nominator: _____ **Company**

JPG or PNG of your signature

Nominator's phone number/ email: _____

Mark nomination form "CONFIDENTIAL" and return by October 10, 2025

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