



# CHAMPION ORGANIC/SUSTAINABLE FARMER COMPETITION

## Calling All Organic Farmers!

to enter the Denbigh Agricultural Show's first ever  
Champion Organic Farmer Competition!!



- ❖ First Prize: \$15,000 or International Organic certification
- ❖ Second Prize: \$10,000 or Local Organic certification
- ❖ Third Prize: \$5,000 or Training towards certification

**ENTER Today! Deadline - June 30, 2016**

Complete the application on the back of this flyer

The application fee is waived for this competition

Winner announced at Denbigh – July 30 – Aug 1<sup>st</sup> in Clarendon

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**For More Information:**

Email JDAT:

[ChampionOrganicFarmer@gmail.com](mailto:ChampionOrganicFarmer@gmail.com)

Call JOAM:

564-3770 (Digicel)  
or 788-6713 (Flow)

# Champion Organic/Sustainable Farmer Competition Guidelines

*Sponsored by the Jamaica Diaspora Agriculture Task Force (JDAT) in partnership with JOAM and SOURCE Farm*

The champion organic/sustainable farmer competition will be an annual competition aimed at promoting organic and sustainable agricultural practices among farmers. Organic farming leads to improved productivity, resilience to weather fluctuations and increased access to emerging organic market opportunities.

Organic agriculture is standards based therefore a knowledge of the standards which outlines practices which should be followed is essential. There is limited knowledge about the requirements of organic standards in Jamaica. Therefore, it is not expected that many applicants this year will be certified organic or meet the requirements of organic standards. The champion organic/sustainable farmer would be the farmer who has created the most sustainable farming system. The focus this year will be on crop production.

The following categories are the areas which will be assessed:

- Soil management
- Water management
- Diversity
- Nutrient management
- Pest management
- Post harvest management
- Measures to avoid contamination

## Entry requirements

The competition is open to farms of all sizes. The top five farms will be short listed and the Champion farmer as well as two runner ups will be selected. The applicant must:

1. Use sustainable agronomic practices
2. Maintain organic production practices
3. Be registered with JAS/JOAM/RADA. If not already registered must register when selected as a finalist.

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## Application *(the application fee is waived for this competition)*

Complete the form below and submit it to the JAS Office, the closest RADA Office

Or email your answers to **ChampionOrganicFarmer@gmail.com**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been a Farmer? \_\_\_\_\_ How long has the farm been in operation? \_\_\_\_\_

What crops are being produced on your farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the principles of organic agriculture? YES or NO (Circle One)

Have you ever used synthetic chemicals, GMO's on your farm? YES or NO (Circle One)

If YES, what are the names of the chemicals you've used and when was the last time you used them?

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Other Comments? \_\_\_\_\_