

JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NATIONAL FARM QUEEN COMPETITION
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Parish Level

1. Contestants must be citizens of Jamaica between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five (18-25) years, before the national coronation.
2. Each contestant must be a member of a JAS branch, a member of an environmental organization, senior 4h club, related farming organization/association or attended an agricultural institution. The career objective of each contestant must be agriculturally related.
3. Each contestant should have received formal training in Agriculture, Environmental Science and related fields and/or a minimum qualification of four (4) CXC/GCE subjects.
4. Each contestant must be a resident for at least one (1) year in the parish for which she is representing; but should not be confined due to job location.
5. Judging in each parish should be completed by the latest **May** of each year.
6. The Parish Executive will be fully responsible for prizes and awards at the parish level.
7. The Parish Executive will be responsible for providing training in the areas of agriculture, home economics, deportment and poise, current affairs and communications skills (oral/written).
8. No contestants will be allowed to enter the competition twice if they were placed among the top three (3) finalists in the year they entered.

National Level

1. The Farm Queen Competition will be judged in the four (4) sections: general section, a research paper, the oral presentation of the research paper and a talent item. The general section will include areas of farm practices, knowledge in agriculture, home economics, deportment and poise, current affairs and communications skills (oral/written) and active agriculture involvement.
2. The JAS Board of Management will be responsible for prizes and awards at the national level.

3. All Farm Queens, both at the parish and national level should make themselves available to the service of the Society during their reign.
4. Any Farm Queen wishing to do any public appearance as a farm queen must get approval from the parish executive and/or the JAS Board of Management.
5. Parish Queens are required to be fully sponsored by their parish association.
6. The Judges' decisions are final at all levels.

Rules for the Winner

1. The National Farm Queen shall reign until her successor is selected and shall crown her successor at the next Farm Queen Coronation unless for any reason the title is withdrawn.
2. The National Farm Queen/Agricultural Ambassador will be required to represent the JAS and by extension the agricultural sector, both locally and internationally throughout the period of your reign at international events at the discretion of the JAS. She will be required from time to time to make appearances and perform duties in her official capacity. On all such occasions it is expected that she will fully honour the obligations.
3. The JAS shall approve itineraries for all official overseas trips arriving out of the contest. It will be the duty of the recipient of any such trips to co-operate with the chaperones and the JAS at home and abroad.
4. The National Farm Queen must have the permission of the JAS to undertake overseas trips during her reign.
5. You should not engage in or make any public appearance in your capacity as National Farm Queen without the approval of the JAS.
6. The JAS will liaise with groups or individuals for invitations to the Queen and reserves the right to approve or reject all or any request, by groups or individuals for the Queen.

7. The National Farm Queen shall be required to identify and implement/work with a community project, which might be an on-going project in consultation with the national committee, during her reign. Reports must be submitted at specified intervals.

Conditions for Disqualification

- If the National Farm Queen, during her reign, commits any breach of the guidelines or should be involved in any act or conduct which the JAS deems unbecoming or tarnishes the image of the JAS and the National Farm Queen Competition, the JAS shall declare the title forfeited and she shall relinquish her title and privileges attached.

- In the event of a forfeit of the title, the JAS may confer the title upon the Runner-Up in the competition.