

## Australasian Winners announced in the 2016 Syngenta Growth Awards

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Nominations for the 2017 Growth Awards are now open, recognising growers and advisers whose innovative work is helping to ensure a sustainable future for Australasian agriculture. Pictured are the 2016 Growth Awards winners.

- **Seven agricultural professionals named winners of the 2016 Syngenta Growth Awards**
- **Winners were recognised across three award categories for their achievements and dedication to improving the industry**
- **Two growers received special recognition as testament to the quality of this year's competitive pool**

Syngenta has demonstrated its continued support of the agricultural industry with the announcement of the seven winners of the 2016 Syngenta Growth Awards.

[Michael Fels](#), [David Cameron](#), [Randall Wilksch](#), [Tayah Ryan](#), [Duc Nguyen](#), [Tommy Le](#) and [Allan Fong](#) were awarded this year's top honours at a gala dinner held in Sydney last night.

This group of seven represent the very best of Australian and New Zealand growers and advisers. They were recognised for their outstanding contributions to the industry across three award categories: Productivity; Sustainability; and Community and People.

Paul Luxton, Syngenta's Territory Head - Australasia, said all the winners are worthy recipients.

“The winners are passionate about their work and dedicated to improving our industry. They have made great achievements across the board, from developing farming apps to implementing successful extension work and championing other growers across their communities,” Mr Luxton said.

The Australasian Winners were chosen from an initial group of 57 nominees and were selected based on a set of rigorous selection criteria for each category, including their overall contribution to improving the industry.

With such strong competition in this year’s Awards, the judging panel selected two growers to receive a special mention.

Naresh Singh, Head Grower of D’VineRipe in SA, and Trevor and Wendy Cross, of Cross Family Farms in QLD, received special recognition for their work in productivity and sustainability, respectively.

The Growth Awards are presented by Syngenta in partnership with Case IH and Fairfax Agricultural Media. Currently in its third year, the Awards aim to champion growers and agricultural advisers who lead the way in their profession.

“As in previous years, the calibre of nominations for the 2016 Growth Awards has been outstanding,” Mr Luxton said.

“It was a difficult decision for the judges, but our award winners have had unparalleled success and are very deserving.”

Video of Highlights from the 2016 Growth Awards Gala Dinner

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**The Growth Awards support the goals of Syngenta’s Good Growth Plan, which tackles the challenges of producing more with less, protecting the viability of farmland and promoting prosperous rural communities. Under the plan, Syngenta has made six specific commitments designed to increase crop productivity, improve land fertility, enhance biodiversity, empower smallholders, train farm workers and strive for fair labour conditions across the entire supply chain.**

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