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## Kwanalu 2017 KZN Young Farmer of the Year search is on

It's that time of year again when the KZN Agricultural Union (Kwanalu), embarks on its annual search for an exceptional farmer to be the Kwanalu Young Farmer of the year.

The winner will then go on to represent the province in the 2017 Toyota SA/Agri-SA National Young Farmer of the Year competition.

This year's competition has seen the age limit increase from 35 to 40 giving more of KZN's outstanding farmers a chance at the title.

The most recent national winner from KZN, Anthony Goble – a farmer from Tongaat, beat the competition to take home the coveted national trophy in 2015.

The national winner for 2017 will drive away in a brand new Toyota Hilux single cab vehicle with a dashboard big enough to proudly display the winner's trophy, among other great prizes.

Encouraging as many young farmers from KZN to enter the provincial competition, sponsored by Toyota SA. Kwanalu CEO

Sandy La Marque said: "This competition highlights the great skills and entrepreneurial spirit required to be a successful farmer. We know we are blessed with a very high calibre of farmer in our province but this competition is more than just how much a farmer is able to produce or how pretty their farm looks. It's about sound business acumen and strong agricultural practices among a whole range of other criteria."

Farmers, under the age of 40, whether they are owners or partners in a farm, male or female and who are full members of Kwanalu are eligible for entry. The provincial judging and evaluation of the farmers and the agricultural practices, takes place with the applicants being evaluated on all aspects of their business including their overall vision for the future of their farm/business.

Entries for the KZN Kwanalu Young Farmer of the Year competition close on July 28. For more information and to enter no visit [www.kwanalu.co.za](http://www.kwanalu.co.za) or call 033 342 9393.