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UK BEST FARM RETAILERS AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Farm Retail Association (formerly FARMA) has announced the list of finalists in the annual awards celebrating the best farm shops, farm cafés and restaurants, farmers' markets, Pick Your Own farms and trade suppliers. They are the only awards that are judged by fellow farm retailers.

David Leon, from the Farm Retail Association said, "the range and standard of award entries demonstrates the exceptional quality of the produce and customer service customers can expect from our members. Savvy shoppers know that by buying directly from their local farm shop, farmers' market and Pick Your Own farm they are getting the very best of local food and service."

"The judges have carefully examined all the entries to produce the list of finalists who will now go forward to the second round which includes a secret shopper visit and a further round of judging to determine the overall winner in each category."

The winners will be announced at the Awards dinner as part of the Farm Retail Association's Annual Conference and Trade Show on Tuesday 26th February in Oxford.

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EDITORS NOTES:

List of Finalists

Large Farm Shop of the Year (turnover over £1m)

Back to the Garden, Norfolk
Cannon Hall Farm, South Yorkshire
Denstone Hall Farm Shop & Café, Staffordshire
Essington Farm, Wolverhampton
Farmer Copley's, West Yorkshire

Small Farm Shop of the year (turnover under £1m)

Hutchinson Hobbs Farm Shop & Butchers, Stockton-on-Tees
Knights Farm Shop, Devon
Morris's Farm Shop, Usk
Three Trees Farm Shop & Café, Swindon

Pick Your Own of the Year

Lotmead Farm, Swindon
Maxeys Farm Shop, Nottinghamshire
Parkside Farm Pick Your Own, Middlesex

Farmers' Market of the Year

Abbey Leys Farmers' Market, Cheshire
Headingley Farmers' Market, Leeds
Oakwood Farmers' Market, Leeds
Shipbourne Farmers' Market, Kent
West Malling Farmers' Market, Kent

Farm Café/Restaurant of the year

Battlefield 1403, Shrewsbury
Cannon Hall Farm, South Yorkshire
Denstone Hall Farm Shop & Café, Staffordshire
The Dairy Barn Café, Melton Mowbray

Associate Member Supplier of the year

The EPOS Bureau, Northern Ireland
Greenspan, Southampton
The Cress Co, Dunfermline
Field Fare, Kent

The Farm Retail Association (formerly FARMA) is the UK trade association representing over 400 real farm shops, farmers' markets and Pick Your Own farms across the UK. Established in 1979 the Farm Retail Association champions the people and businesses who farm and sell their produce directly to consumers. www.farmretailassociation.co.uk

The Award winners will be announced at a special dinner on Tuesday 26th February 2019 as part of the Farm Retail Association Annual Conference and Trade show which takes place at the Oxford Belfry Hotel from Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th February 2019 and includes tours of local farm shops, conference and a trade show.

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