

The search is on for the Gawad Saka

In recognition of the exemplary performance of livestock and poultry raisers, the Department of Agriculture (DA) teamed up with the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVET Office) and the Municipal Agricultural Offices (MAO) to conduct search for the Gawad Saka – Outstanding Small and Large Animal Raisers Adopting Integrated Farming System.

For this year, nonimations for the contested categories must be submitted to the MA Office or to the PVET Office on or before February 20, 2014 to beat the deadline.

Qualifications for OUTSTANDING SMALL ANIMAL RAISER ADOPTING INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM

- A Filipino citizen of good moral character as certified by the Barangay Chairman;
- At least 21 years of age;
- A farmer by principal occupation, practicing integrated farming system in continuous area of not more than five (5) hectares with animal inventory of not less than ten (10) animal units but not more than thirty (30) animal units at any given time. If ever there are large animals, it must not be more than 50% of the animal unit;
- Must not be an employee/official of the Department of Agriculture;
- Must have complete records or documentation of his farm operations' expenses and income for the two (2) years immediately preceding the evaluation period;
- Have a good credit standing, if a loan borrower; and
- Must be a member of any farmer association/organization.

Qualifications for OUTSTANDING LARGE ANIMAL RAISER ADOPTING INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM

- A Filipino citizen of good moral character as certified by the Barangay Chairman;
- At least 21 years of age;
- A farmer by principal occupation, practicing integrated farming system in continuous area of not more than five (5) hectares with animal inventory of not less than ten (10) animal units but not more than thirty (30) animal units at any given time. If ever there are small animals, it must not be more than 50% of the animal unit;
- Must not be an employee/official of the Department of Agriculture;
- Must have complete records or documentation of his farm operations' expenses and income for the two (2) years immediately preceding the evaluation period;
- Have a good credit standing, if a loan borrower; and
- Must be a member of any farmer association/organization.