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Finalists announced in 2021 Australian Cotton Industry Awards

The Australian cotton industry's top performers from the past year have been identified, with the finalists in the 2021 Australian Cotton Industry Awards announced today.

Cotton Australia CEO Adam Kay said the awards, which recognise resilience and innovation through the cotton supply chain, presented challenges for judges who had the difficult task of assessing nominees.

"We had many high-caliber nominations for this year's awards program, which was pleasing after a tough few years for our growers, as they managed their operations through drought and the pandemic," Mr Kay said.

"Our judges had the challenge of whittling down the nominations to select this year's awards finalists, which I am proud to announce today. The finalists are all high achievers in their own right and have attained significant success in adapting their farming operations to be as efficient and sustainable as possible.

"I thank everyone who nominated for the awards, and I wish the finalists all the best for the next stage in the awards process."

The finalists in the 2021 Australian Cotton Industry Awards are:

Bayer Grower of the Year and AgriRisk High Achiever of the Year

- Howard Rother, Rother Farming, Cecil Plains, QLD
- Ian Carter, Connamara Partnership, Quirindi, NSW
- Thomas Popp, RMI Pty Ltd, Goondiwindi, QLD
- Tony Quigley, Quigley Farms, Trangie, NSW
- Ashley Geldard, Columboola Cotton, Miles, QLD

ADAMA Chris Lehmann Trust Young Cotton Achiever of the Year

- James Kanaley, Kanaley Agricultural Consulting, Griffith, NSW
- Emma Ayliffe, Summit Ag, Lake Cargelligo, NSW
- Angus Dalgliesh, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Dalby, QLD

Cotton Seed Distributors Researcher of the Year

- Oliver Knox, University of New England, Armidale, NSW
- Iain Wilson, CSIRO, Canberra, ACT
- Mick Bange, CSIRO (formerly), Narrabri, NSW

Awards recipients will be announced at the 2021 Australian Cotton Collective in Toowoomba in August.

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