

Annual Canadian farm builder awards announced

The Canadian Farm Builders Association recently announced its 2024 award winners recognizing outstanding construction projects in its field.

Held in Stratford, the awards dinner presented 13 CFBA Building Awards across 10 categories. Submissions, assessed by a panel of judges based on a set scoring criteria, were awarded gold, silver or

bronze.

Over and above this, the top three buildings were chosen in The Members Choice Competition. Here, winners were determined through a ranked ballot voted on by CFBA members at the conference.

Taking home first place in the Members Choice Competition, and receiving the Glen White Project

of the Year award, was HFH Inc. for an 11-stall mare barn.

HFH Inc. took home Project of the Year in 2021 and 2022 for a timber event barn and a 19-stall equestrian facility respectively.

For a full synopsis and look at all of this year's winners, see below.

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Swine SILVER Award

Awarded to Bender Contracting Inc.
106' x 205' Hog Barn



Highlights

- Features 10" poured insulated concrete sandwich walls, sitting on 13" poured insulated concrete sandwich foundation walls.
- Solar guard reflects and minimizes heat gain for attic air.
- Energy efficient fans and inlets positioned along exterior walls.
- LED lights, R20 insulation and energy-efficient windows and doors.
- Front entrance room includes laundry and shower-in/shower-out facilities.



Swine SILVER Award

Awarded to Frey Building Contractors
U of Guelph Ontario Swine Research Centre



Highlights

- 5,400 sq. m. swine research facility.
- Contains all research levels of swine life including farrowing, breeding, gestation and finishing.
- Acclimatization area for new animals entering the barn (for disease control).
- Viewing rooms attached to barn.
- South facing barn roof trusses designed to allow for future solar panels.
- 500kW Standby Life Safety Generator.



Horse II GOLD Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Eleven-Stall Mare Barn
Glen White Project of the Year Award



Highlights

- Unique custom Y-shaped, two-story barn.
- 4,635 sq. ft. of complete floor areas with over half of that dedicated to housing for the horses.
- Built to compliment a stallion-breeding barn previously built on the property.
- Custom designed, hidden ventilation system, camera security, Internet, in-floor heat in all rooms, custom Dutch doors, and custom designed clean out bays in each stall wing.



Hobby/Recreational II GOLD Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Timber Hobby Barn



Highlights

- 40' x 60' traditional bank barn design.
- 20' x 24' mezzanine, open to below.
- Engineered timber frame structure.
- Heavy timber floor joists with 1.5" thick tongue and groove ash hardwood flooring.
- Solid pine timber stair and railing systems.
- Heated concrete floor and workshop space in lower barn.



Hobby & Recreational II SILVER Award

Bender Contracting
50' x 80' Shop



Highlights

- 50' x 80' shop for recreational equipment.
- Generator room, which provides emergency power to the farm.
- Semi-transparent overhead doors.
- LED lights, low-flow plumbing for water conservation, energy-efficient windows and doors, R20 insulation.
- Front entrance timber frame overhang roof.



Horse I GOLD Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Four-stall Private Horse Barn



Highlights

- All-black exterior with accented stained wood.
- Interior natural white ash, tongue and groove clad walls and matte black ceilings.
- Custom industrial lighting.
- Each of the 4 stalls includes a walk-through Dutch door.
- Large indoor wash stall, feed room, tack room/lounge, bathroom, mechanical room and large hay/shavings storage.
- Variable speed, temperature-controlled fans for energy efficiency.



Commercial GOLD Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Timber Wedding Venue
Members Choice Award Winner



Highlights

- 40' x 80' building with flanking 12' wide covered porches.
- Authentic eastern white pine timber structure with hammer style bents.
- Structural insulated panels on walls and roof.
- Epoxy coated, heated concrete floors.
- Wet bar serving space, crystal black quartz countertops.
- Barrier free accessibility throughout the building and surrounding grounds.



Dairy SILVER Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Cross-Vent Robotic Dairy Barn



Highlights

- 87,030 sq. ft. building.
- Seven milking robots.
- Cross ventilation design for maximum cow comfort.
- Maximus control system for lighting, ventilation and feeding.
- Fire and heat detection system with direct monitoring.
- Sand bedding for cow comfort with a sand recovery/recycling system.



Farm Storage GOLD Award

Awarded to Bender Contracting Inc.
120' x 140' Shop



Highlights

- 120' x 140' pre-eng shop provides storage.
- Ample space for washing, repairing and maintaining farm equipment.
- A 20' x 50' x 4' deep cistern below the floor collects rainwater from the roof, used for farm-related washing and spraying.
- Five 30' wide polycarbonate overhead doors.
- LED lights, low flow plumbing fixtures for water conservation, energy-efficient windows and doors, R20 insulation.



Farm Storage BRONZE Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Farm Storage Barn



Highlights

- 14,400 sq. ft. barn built for storing sheep wool from around the world.
- In the off-season, the building houses farm equipment.
- Simple but bright LED lighting.
- Natural 6' banner window around the perimeter.
- 6" thick concrete floor and a large outdoor loading ramp.
- Condensation prevention built into the steel roof to keep product dry.



Farm Storage BRONZE Award

Awarded to Powerhouse Management Group Inc.
Carrot Storage & Processing Facility



Highlights

- 33,000 sq. ft. carrot storage and processing facility.
- DoubleLok SSR roof.
- Reverse roll PBR wall.
- PBR wall liner panel.
- Dock doors with dock seals.
- Dock levellers.



Other Livestock GOLD Award

Awarded to Frey Building Contractors
Semex Phase 3, Barn #1 and #2
Members Choice Award Winner



Highlights

- Barn #1
- 145' x 347' including attached covered manure storage and additional feed transfer building.
 - 88 pens configured in four quadrants, each with perimeter drover alley and center feed alley.
 - 8 large clear glass overhead doors.
 - -Building slope allows for passive drainage of liquid into manure storage.
 - Link to main building allows for constant protection from the elements during animal travel.

Barn #2

- 120' x 300' with separate covered manure storage and shavings shed.
- 96 pens configured in four quadrants, each with perimeter drover alley and center feed alley.
- 5 large clear glass overhead doors.
- -Building slope allows for passive drainage of liquid into manure storage.
- Attachment to main building allows for constant protection from the elements during animal travel.



Hobby & Recreational | SILVER Award

Awarded to HFH Inc.
Timber Pavilion

Highlights

- 15' x 30' covered structure with suspended connecting link to existing house.
- Solid steel mainframe wrapped in 1.5" thick douglas fir.
- Solid douglas fir upper roof structure with exposed rafters and tongue and groove ceiling boards.
- Handcrafted wood framed windows.
- Concrete floor topped with electric floor heating and porcelain tiles.
- Fully concealed automatic Phantom screen system.

