

FARM BUILDINGS

Annual Canadian farm building awards announced

The awards showcase talent and expertise within the farm building industry

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The Canadian Farm Builders Association has chosen its 2026 award winners recognizing outstanding construction projects in the field.

Twenty awards across 10 building categories were handed out at an awards ceremony recently held in Stratford.

Submissions were assessed by a panel of judges on a set

of scoring criteria and awarded gold, silver or bronze.

The Member's Choice Competition determines the top three projects across all categories through a ranked ballot system voted on by CFBA members at the ceremony.

Each of the top three projects receive a Member's Choice Award. The top-ranking building in this category receives the Glen White Project of the Year Award.

Dutch Masters Design & Construction Services took

home the 2026 Glen White Project of the Year Award for its work on a Skyfall stable with loft.

Speaking of all the award recipients this year, the CFBA said, "their dedication, hard work and innovative approaches have upheld the highest standards of excellence in farm building construction."

A full synopsis and look at the 2026 winners are spread across the following pages.

Horse | Gold

- Awarded to Dutch Masters Design & Construction Services
- Skyfall Stable with Loft
- Member's Choice Award Winner
- Glen White Project of the Year Award Winner

- 49 ft. x 58 ft. plus loft area and lounge.
- Four-stall stable area of 4,910 sq. ft.
- Pony gate and foam stall mattresses.
- Wash bay, feed and expansive tack room.
- Tumbled pavers, covered canopies, shaded dog run.
- Fully opening Dutch windows and cupola.



Dairy | Gold

- Awarded to HFH Inc.
- Cross-Vent Robot Barn

- 240 ft. x 260 ft. cross-vent robotic dairy barn.
- Aesthetic 75 ft. x 55 ft. milkhouse attached.
- Six milking robots, robotic feed pusher, and aisle scrapers.
- Flexible feed fronts for cow comfort.
- Floor heating in the front milkhouse area.
- Air exchange every 40 seconds for cow comfort.



Dairy | Bronze

- Awarded to Rural Building Solutions
- Cow Shed

- 160 ft. x 380 ft. x 16 ft. modern cow shed.
- Open side walls fitted with automated turnkey curtains.
- Built-in feed troughs and bedding pack.
- Temperature and timer-activated ventilation.

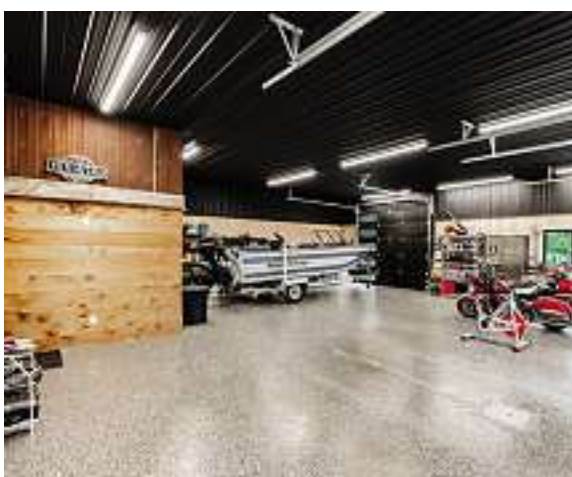


Multipurpose Agricultural | Silver

- Awarded to HFH Inc.
- Second Dwelling Barndominium

- Personal workshop combined with second dwelling.
- Shop finished with epoxy flooring.
- Contemporary overhead doors.

- Two-bedroom, two-bathroom living space.
- 10 ft. ceilings, four exit points.
- In-floor heat throughout.



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Poultry Gold

- Awarded to Sylvain Cheff Construction
- Poultry Barn

- 26,048 sq. ft. poultry barn.
- Capacity for 52,992 birds.
- Automated enriched cage and egg packing system.
- Automatic manure removal system.
- Tunnel ventilation, high-efficiency LED lighting.
- Reverse osmosis water treatment system.



Poultry Gold

- Awarded to VanHeugten Contractors Inc.
- Twin Poultry Barns

- Two 65 ft. x 300 ft. poultry barns.
- Shared secured cuddy connects two barns.
- Cuddy includes farmer wash area and office equipment.
- Tunnel ventilation with matching airflow regulation.
- Dedicated control room in each barn.
- Exterior finished with metal cladding.



Farm Storage Silver

- Awarded to True.Line Contracting
- Fertilizer Shed

- 9 bay fertilizer shed.
- Storage capacity 11,000 tonnes.
- 28 ft. wood-framed wall on 12 ft. concrete wall.
- Tie rods between each bay.
- Peak height 50 ft. 3 in.
- Computer automated blending system.



Hobby & Recreational II Gold

- Awarded to Post Structures Inc.
- Hobby Barn

- Stable-inspired architectural design.
- Compliments existing equestrian structures.
- Entertainment space, kitchen, bar, and second-floor studio.

- Dutch doors for aesthetics and functionality.
- Engineered roof truss system.
- Double exterior steel cladding.



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Farm Storage Bronze

- Awarded to Bender Contracting Inc.
- Farm Storage and Commodity Facility

- 60 ft. x 120 ft. farm shop.
- Clear spans and unobstructed floor area.
- In-floor radiant heating.
- Durable, easy to wash ag-liner wall finish.
- R-28 exterior wall system, R-40 attic insulation.
- Dedicated exterior storage for bedding.



Farm Storage Bronze

- Awarded to Rural Building Solutions
- Farm Shed

- 50 ft. x 100 ft. x 25 ft. farm shed.
- Two-tone contemporary design.
- Giant overhead door.
- Versatile layout for large equipment storage.
- Room to store hay and straw.
- Complete build time of three weeks.



Other Livestock Bronze

- Awarded to Bender Contracting Inc.
- Beef Barn

- 60 ft. x 150 ft. beef barn.
- Linear layout for smooth equipment movement.
- Full-length feed alley.
- Two full-length pack alleys.
- 16 ft. ceiling, LED lighting throughout.
- Adjustable curtain system.



Hobby & Recreational I Silver

- Awarded to Bender Contracting Inc.
- Hobby & Recreational Garage

- 36 ft. 6 in. x 65 ft detached garage.
- Room for three vehicles and golf simulator.
- Burnt pine accent wall.
- Dimmable LED lighting.
- Poured epoxy floor compliments white walls.
- Post and beam exterior timber frame.



Commercial & Institutional Gold

- Awarded to Vanderlaan Construction Ltd.
- Farm Store/Office
- Member's Choice Award Winner

- 800 sq. ft. retail store and reception.
- Three offices, including one meeting room.
- Scale room for incoming and outgoing deliveries.
- 300 sq. ft. cooler room with walk-in freezers.
- Outdoor kitchen, commercial BBQ.
- Concrete parking lot and sidewalks.



Commercial & Institutional Silver

- Awarded to Gara Farm Buildings Inc.
- Pickleball Facility

- 80 ft. x 200 ft. court room with six professional courts.
- Socializing and viewing area.
- Climate controlled for year-round play.
- Modern sprinkler system, emergency exits.
- Secure front entry with turnstiles into locker room.
- High ceilings and LED lighting.



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Horse I Gold

- Awarded to Dutch Masters Design & Construction Services
- Interior Renovation

- Existing 6,600 sq. ft. barn/hay shed.
- Renovated 5,000 sq. ft. into 8-stall stable.
- Interior timbers, black steel ceiling and upper wall.
- Wash bay lined with polymer.
- Large Dutch doors for natural light and ventilation.



Horse I Gold

- Awarded to Gara Farm Buildings Inc.
- Horse Stable

- 36 ft. x 48 ft. horse stable.
- Interior fully finished in dressed ash.
- Interlocking rubber flooring, 12 ft. x 12 ft. stalls.
- Accent ceiling fans.
- Wooden posts support two 10 ft. x 48 ft. overhangs.
- Cream-coloured metal siding.



Horse II Gold

- Awarded to HFH Inc.
- 20-Stall Equestrian Boarding Facility

- 38 ft. x 160 ft. stable and 80 ft. x 220 ft. riding arena.
- Adjoining 60 ft. x 70 ft. connecting link.
- Tack room, feed room, blanket room, groom stalls, wash stall.
- Large-scale hay and shavings storage.
- State of the art hidden ventilation system.
- Professional-grade outdoor sand ring.



Commercial & Institutional Silver

- Awarded to Post Structures Inc.
- Wedding Barn
- Member's Choice Award Winner

- Adaptive reuse of late-1800s Ontario bank barn.
- Minimal, respectful intervention.
- Retention of original timber frame and stone foundation.
- New timber roof system.
- Custom stained glass gable peak windows by local artisan.



Commercial & Institutional Bronze

- Awarded to Rural Building Solutions
- Workshop

- 50 ft. x 80 ft. x 16 ft. workshop for plumber.
- Equipment and tool storage.
- Roll-up doors on both end walls.
- Finished in modern dark metal guaranteed for 40 years.
- Complete build time of 12 days following permits and concrete.



Hobby & Recreational II Gold

- Awarded to Vanderlaan Construction Ltd.
- Horse Barn/Hobby Shed

- 2,650 sq. ft. heated shop.
- Shop features dry kitchen, washroom and mechanical room.
- 2,450 sq. ft. four-stable horse barn.
- 2,450 sq. ft. office/spare room.
- Ash planks on shop and stable walls.
- Heated concrete floors with separate thermostats.

