

Feast of honours Jamie First

Victorians have dominated the eighth annual ABC *Delicious* Produce Awards, claiming half the major honours.

With more than 3000 nominations received this year, the awards recognise outstanding contributions by small and artisan producers, and a growing interest in sustainability.

Otway Forest Shiitake won for its mushrooms and Mount Zero Olives for its green lentils, while Piper Street Food Company's pork rillettes and The Myrtleford Butter Factory's butters also took out top prizes.

Delicious editor Danielle Oppermann said the awards can help small businesses with economic sustainability by giving them a competitive edge.

"It's like the Oscars for growers. We're connecting the general public with small producers and the top people and chefs in the food industry," Ms Oppermann said.