



BGS Grassland Farmer of the Year Competition Nomination Form (2016)

**** LOCAL SOCIETY ENTRANTS SHOULD COMPLETE SECTIONS A AND B ****
****REGIONAL WINNERS SHOULD COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS A TO E ****

2016 Timeline

Local Societies to notify its winner to Regional Council Member Friday 3rd June
Regional Council Member to notify BGS of regional round winner Friday 15th July
National round judging (3 finalists) Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August

First Name:
Surname:
Local Grassland Society
Address:
Postcode:
Email:
Tel:

SECTION A: FARM DETAILS

Farm Area: (acres/hectares)
Annual Rainfall: (in/mm)
Altitude: (m/ft)
Forage Area
Total forage area: (acres/hectares)

Select the main soil type(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay
<input type="checkbox"/> Peat
<input type="checkbox"/> Chalk
<input type="checkbox"/> Loam
<input type="checkbox"/> Sand & Gravel
<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow soils over chalk/rock
Mark as appropriate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent pasture



<input type="checkbox"/> Long term leys (PRG)
<input type="checkbox"/> Short term leys (IRG)
<input type="checkbox"/> Turnips / Kale
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals fed to stock
<input type="checkbox"/> Maize
Other Forage Crops:
Arable Crops
Total arable area: (acres/hectares)
Mark as appropriate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereals - sold grain
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil seed rape
<input type="checkbox"/> Set-aside
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship areas
Other:
Number of people involved with livestock & forage
Family: (labour units)
Paid: (labour units)

SECTION B: STOCK

Please fill in all the sections below that apply by selecting the stock type

DAIRY COWS

Please list the number of dairy cows for each breed, including youngstock and outline your breeding policy:
Milk Production(conventional/organic)
If organic, please state conversion date:
Herd type:
<input type="checkbox"/> Pedigree herd
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk Record (NMR or CIS)



Average age of heifers at calving:	
Milking frequency:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	once a day
<input type="checkbox"/>	twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/>	three times a day
<input type="checkbox"/>	robotic milking
State calving period:	
Housing System	
Cubicles:	% of herd
Loose yards:	% of herd
Herd Costings	
Please complete the following section or upload/enclose a copy of your latest 12 month rolling results.	
Costings for year ending:	
Average cows in herd: (number)	
Milk sold per cow:	litres
Yield from forage:	litres
Yield from grazed grass:	litres
Butterfat:	%
Protein:	%
Bactoscan:	
Cell count:	
Milk Price:	pence per litre
Concentrate use: kg per cow	
Concentrate price: £	per tonne
Total purchased feed costs: £	
Average stocking rate: cows per ha	

WINTER FEEDING AND SUPPLEMENTATION

Winter forage feeding system:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self feed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easy feed using a loader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forage box
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixer wagon



Concentrate feeding when (please tick):

	In parlour feeders	Out of parlour feeders	On top of silage in feed troughs	Forage box	Complete diet
Housing:					
Grazing:					

Type of concentrates fed:

- Compounds
- Sugar beet pulp
- Brewers grains
- Blends
- Maize gluten
- Wheat
- Soya
- Rape

System of concentrate allocation (please tick):

	Feed to yield	Step rate	Flat rate	Total mixed ration only
Housing				
Grazing				

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

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Please list the number of cattle for each breed (including youngstock and bulls) and outline your breeding policy:

Heifer Replacements:

- Home reared
- Purchased

Heifer calving age:

Calving period:



Please include spring/autumn herd and to/from dates:

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

How are stock marketed?:

FINISHING CATTLE

Are the cattle homebred or purchased?:

Homebred

Purchased

If purchased, explain purchase policy, breeds and numbers:

Finishing start age: (Hiefers/Steers/Young Bulls)

Please state the age at purchased and weaning

Finishing system (please tick):

	Forage based throughout	Intensive throughout	Forage based followed by intensive
Heifers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Steers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young Bulls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Performance:

Slaughter Age:

Conformation:

Fat Grade:

Slaughter Weight:

Length of Finishing Period:



Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

How are stock marketed?:

SHEEP

Breeding Flock

Please list the sheep breeds and numbers (including ewes and rams) and outline your breeding policy:

Ewe replacements:

Home reared

Purchased

Flock type:

Pedigree

Commercial

Weaned Lambs:

Sold at weaning

Sold as stores

Finished

Lambing Period: From To:

Lambing Period: From To:

Finishing Lambs

Performance:

Growth Rate:

Laughter Age:

Conformation:

Fat Grade:

Slaughter Weight:



Include reports as appropriate	
Finishing System:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forage based throughout
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intensive throughout
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forages based followed by intensive
Source of Lambs:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home reared
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchased
Finishing start age:	at purchase: <input type="text"/> at weaning: <input type="text"/> months
Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:	

**** SECTIONS C to E SHOULD ONLY BE COMPLETED BY REGIONAL WINNERS CONTINUING TO THE NATIONAL ROUND OF THE COMPETITION ****

LOCAL SOCIETY ENTRANTS CAN SKIP THESE SECTIONS -

SECTION C: GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT

Grazing System
Turnout dates: <input type="text"/>
Please include the dates for all stock that applies to your farm
Housing dates: <input type="text"/>
Please include the dates for all stock that applies to your farm
System(s) used:
<input type="checkbox"/> Set stocking
<input type="checkbox"/> Block grazing
<input type="checkbox"/> Paddock grazing
<input type="checkbox"/> Strip grazing
<input type="checkbox"/> Zero grazing
How do you optimise your use of grazing?:
Describe your policy for supplementing grazing stock - Include concentrate/forage type:



What is the clover content of grassland? (please tick)

None Low <10% **Mod 10% - 40%** **High >40%**

Grazing:

Silage:

Grass Improvement & Reseeding Policy

Explain your grassland improvement policy including details of grass & clover varieties sown:

Nutrient Use:

What is the nitrogen use on grassland (kg/ha or unit/acre)

Explain your policy on Nitrogen (N) use and why this is appropriate on your farm:

Explain your policy on Potassium (K) use:

Explain your policy on Phosphorus (P) use:

Conserved Forages - Grass Silage

Please give quantity and quality details for conserved forages fed in winter

Quantity:

Please include the area of 1st and 2nd cut etc. and the type i.e. clamped, round bailed etc.

Silage Quality - First cut

Date silage made:

DM: %

ME:

CP: %

Ammonia N:

Silage Quality - Second cut

Date silage made:

DM: %

ME:



CP: %

Ammonia N:

Describe alternative forages grown and how they are utilised, including Maize and Wholecrop:

Machinery Policy:

Please give details of your machinery policy including the proportion of field operations carried out by contractors.

SECTION D: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental Schemes

What schemes do you participate in?:

Proportion of farm in an NVZ: %

Summarise what actions you have taken to farm in an environmentally beneficial way:

SECTION E: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please give details of any farm assurance schemes which you are certified:

How have you cooperated with other farmers to improve efficiencies and save costs?:
e.g. Labour sharing, buying groups etc.

Describe what you have done to put research into practice or innovative practices which improve your grassland management:



Is there anything you would like to add to your application?:

Please upload or enclose any supporting documents or images.

THANK YOU

The preferred method for entry is via the webform at <http://www.britishgrassland.com/page/bgs-uk-grassland-farmer-year>

If you experience difficulty with the webform please complete and return this form to BGS via charlotte.evans@britishgrassland.com