

**BGS GRASSLAND FARMER OF THE YEAR 2019**

**COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

**LOCAL SOCIETY ENTRANTS – Complete the section below (A & B)**

### Candidate Details

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| First Name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Surname: |  |
| Local Grassland Society: |  |
| Address: |  |
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| Postcode: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Telephone: |  |

### Section A: Farm Details

Farm Area

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| Total Farm Area: | Acres/Hectares |
| Annual Rainfall: | Inches/mm |
| Altitude: | Feet/Meters |

Forage Area

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| Total Forage Area: | Acres/Hectares |

Main soil type(s): Clay  Peat  Chalk  Loam  Sand & Gravel  Shallow soil over chalk/rock

Please give details of the area of each forage type on your farm.

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| Permanent pasture | Acres/Hectares |
| Long term leys (up to 10 years) | Acres/Hectares |
| Short term leys (less than 5 years) | Acres/Hectares |
| Very short term leys (1-2 years) | Acres/Hectares |
| Other crop: forage type | Acres/Hectares |
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For other forage crops, please indicate type e.g. turnips, kale, cereals fed to stock, maize….

Arable Crops

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| Total Arable Area: | Acres/Hectares |

Mark as appropriate:  Cereals – sold grain  Oil seed rape  Set-aside  Stewardship areas

Other:

Labour

Please state the farm labour units (whole or part labour units)

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| Family: |  |
| Paid: |  |

### Section B: Stock

Dairy Cows

Please list the number of dairy cows for each breed, including youngstock and outline your breeding policy:

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| Milk production: | Choose an item. |
| If organic, please state conversion date: |  |

Herd type:  Pedigree herd  Milk Record (NMR or CIS)

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| Average age of heifers at calving: | months |

Milking frequency:  once a day  twice a day  three times a day  robotic milking

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| State calving period: |  |

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| Housing System   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Cubicles: | % of herd | | Loose yards: | % of herd | |

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| Herd Costings  Please complete this section or enclose a copy of your latest 12month rolling results   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Costings for year ending: |  | | Average cows in herd: |  | | 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: | £ Per tonne | | Average stocking rate: | Cows per ha | |

Winter feeding and supplementation

Winter forage feeding system: Self feed  Easy feed using a loader  Forage box  Mixer wagon

Concentrate feeding when:

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|  | 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:

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

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

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Suckler

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

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Heifer replacements:  Home reared  Purchased

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| Heifer calving age: |  |
| Calving period: |  |

Please include spring/autumn herd and to/from dates

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

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How are stock marketed?:

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Finishing Cattle

Are the cattle homebred or purchased?:  Homebred  Purchased

If purchased, explain purchase policy, breeds and numbers:

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Finishing start age:

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| Heifers  Steers  Young Bulls |

Please state the age at purchase and weaning

Finishing system:

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|  | Forage based throughout | Intensive throughout | Forage based followed by intensive |
| Heifers |  |  |  |
| Steers |  |  |  |
| Young Bulls |  |  |  |

Performance:

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| Growth rate  Slaughter age  Conformation  Fat grade  Slaughter weight  Length of finishing period |

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

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How are stock marketed?

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Sheep

Breeding flock

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

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Ewe replacements:  Home reared  Purchased

Flock type:  Pedigree  Commercial

Weaned lambs:  Sold at weaning  Sold as stores  Finished

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| Lambing period: |  |
| From: | To: |
| Lambing period: |  |
| From: | To: |

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| Finishing Lambs  Performance:   |  | | --- | | Growth rate  Slaughter age  Conformation  Fat grade  Slaughter weight  Length of finishing period |   Include reports as appropriate  Finishing System:  Forage based throughout  Intensive throughout  Forages based followed by intensive  Source of lambs:  Home reared  Purchased  Finishing start age:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | At purchase: | At weaning: | months |   Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:   |  | | --- | |  | |