

**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

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| Cubicles: |  % of herd |
| Loose yards: |  % of herd |

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| Herd CostingsPlease complete this section or enclose a copy of your latest 12month rolling results

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| 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 |

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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 LambsPerformance:

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

Include reports as appropriateFinishing System: [ ]  Forage based throughout [ ]  Intensive throughout [ ]  Forages based followed by intensiveSource of lambs: [ ]  Home reared [ ]  PurchasedFinishing start age:

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| At purchase:  | At weaning:  | months |

Briefly describe your winter feeding regime:

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