

BGS Grassland Farmer of the Year competition 2023

Competition aim: The judges are looking for excellence in management and utilisation of grassland and forages as part of a sustainable farm business.

Scoring system:

| Judges Scoring System 2023 | | Max Marks |
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| A | Grassland and Forage policy Nutrient management Use of non-grass forages Weed control Re-seeding policy | 40 |
| B | Grazing and Forage Management Production from forage: grazing system/silage system Forage budgeting and forage quality Grass measurement and forage analysis Integration of grazing/silage Stocking rate | 40 |
| C | Livestock Production Production data (<i>e.g. kg lwt gain; yield; finishing dates</i>) Balance of bought- in feeds Replacement policy Welfare of livestock | 20 |
| D | Environmental Management Manure management Environmental management (including water quality protection) Soil resource management | 20 |
| E | Overall Impression For example: Use of resources; business sustainability/resilience; staff management and development; wider participation. | 20 |
| | Total Marks | 140 |