

## BGS Grassland Farmer of the Year competition 2024

**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:

<b>Judges Scoring System 2024</b>		<b>Max Marks</b>
A	<b>Grassland and Forage policy</b> Nutrient management (including manure) Use of non-grass forages Weed control Re-seeding policy	40
B	<b>Grazing and Forage Management</b> 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	<b>Livestock Production</b> Production data ( <i>e.g. kg lwt gain; yield; finishing dates</i> ) Balance of bought- in feeds Replacement policy Welfare of livestock	20
D	<b>Environmental Management</b> Water quality protection Soil resource management Carbon management Biodiversity and habitat management	20
E	<b>Overall Impression</b> For example: Use of resources; business sustainability/resilience; staff management and development; wider participation.	20
	<b>Total Marks</b>	140