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The Royal Ulster Premier Beef & Lamb Championships PRIZE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 23 November 2021

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society Balmoral Park, Halftown Road, Lisburn BT27 5RD Tel: 028 90 665225

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ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021 (5.00pm)

ONLINE ENTRIES www.beefandlamb.org.uk

ENTRY FEES

| SECTION | RUAS MEMBER | NON MEMBER |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Beef Cattle (per animal, inc stall) | £50 | £55 |
| Calves (per animal, inc stall) | £30 | £35 |
| Lamb (pair of lambs, inc pen) | £10 | £15 |
| Young Handler | £5 | £5 |
| | CATTLE (per animal) | LAMB (pair of lambs) |
| YFCU CLASSES (incs stall/pen) | £50 | £10 |

Note: All entry fees are non-refundable. All entry fees include VAT

- Cattle and Lambs may only be entered in one class.
- Bull calves and ram lambs will be excluded from the Show.
- Cattle Entries will not be accepted without full tag numbers.
- Entries for the YFCU classes will only be accepted with a valid YFCU membership number. Animals entered in the YFCU class CANNOT be entered in any other Breed Class.
- All competition stock must be offered for sale by auction, with the exception of calves
 which have opted out at the point of entry. Champion and Reserve Champion Calves
 MUST be offered for sale by auction.

(See rules and regulations regarding entries)

PRIZE MONEY

Below is the number of cash prizes to be awarded provided the Judge finds sufficient merit.

| Class | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6th |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| BEEF CATTLE CLASSES | £50 | £30 | £20 | £15 | - | - |
| YFCU CATTLE CLASS | £100 | £50 | £30 | £20 | £10 | £5 |
| CALF CLASSES | £50 | £30 | £20 | - | - | - |
| LAMB CLASSES | £30 | £20 | £10 | - | - | - |
| YFCU LAMB CLASS | £50 | £30 | £20 | £10 | - | - |
| YOUNG HANDLERS | £20 | £15 | £10 | £5 | £5 | - |

Judges & Auctioneer

Auctioneer: Mr Richard Beattie

Judges: Mr James Nesbit Cattle Classes & Championship

Mr Garry Jennings Ulster Housewife Championship

Mr John Kingham Breeding Heifer

Mrs June Dowie Calf Classes

Mr Alfie Murray Lamb Classes

Mrs June Dowie Young Handler Classes

LAMB CLASSES

Lambs will be shown in pairs. Ram Lambs are excluded from the show

(Classes with less than three exhibits will be amalgamated with the nearest or similar relevant class.)

| Class 1 2 | Beltex Beltex | 36 – 42.5 kg over 42.5 kg | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 3 | Charollais | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 4 | Charollais | over 42.5 kg | |
| 5 | Suffolk | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 6 | Suffolk | over 42.5 kg | |
| 7 | Texel | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 8 | Texel | over 42.5 kg | |
| 9 | Dorset | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 10 | Dorset | over 42.5 kg | |
| 11 | Dutch Spotted | 36 – 42.5kg | |
| 12 | Dutch Spotted | over 42.5kg | |
| 13 | Hill Breeds | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 14 | Hill Breeds | over 42.5 kg | |
| 15 | Any Other Breed | 36 – 42.5 kg | |
| 16 | Any Other Breed | over 42.5 kg | |
| 17 | Commercial | 36 – 42.5kg | |
| 18 | Commercial | over 42.5kg | |
| 19 | YFCU Any La | amb Breed/Weight | |

Lamb Championship

S17 Champion Prizes £100 and £50 for Best Butcher Pair and Reserve Best Butcher Pair

CALF CLASSES

BULLOCKS MUST WEIGH BETWEEN 200 – 380 KGS HEIFERS MUST WEIGH BETWEEN 200 – 340 KGS

Bull Calves are excluded from the Show

Class 20 Charolais Sired Heifer 21 Charolais Sired Bullock 22 Hereford Sired Heifer 23 Hereford Sired Bullock

| 24 | Beef Shorthorn Sired Heifer |
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| 25 | Beef Shorthorn Sired Bullock |

| 26 | Limousin Sired Heifer |
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| 27 | Limousin Sired Bullock |

| 28 | Simmental Sired Heifer |
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| 29 | Simmental Sired Bullock |

| 30 | British Blue Sired Heifer |
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| 31 | British Blue Sired Bullock |

| 32 | Aberdeen Angus | Sired | Heifer |
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| 33 | Aberdeen Angus | Sired | Bullock |

34 British Blonde Sired Heifer35 British Blonde Sired Bullock

Calf Championship

S18 Champion Prizes - £200 and £100 for Champion Calf and Reserve Champion Calf

The Calf Champion will receive the Duke of Bedford Perpetual Cup

CATTLE CLASSES

Class

Charolais Sired Heifer 36 Charolais Sired Steer 37

S7 Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion

Charolais

38 Hereford Sired Heifer 39 Hereford Sired Steer

S8 Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion

Hereford.

The Hereford Cattle Society will give £1000 if the Supreme Champion is sired by a registered Hereford Bull. Please Note: The prize money for this special award will only be paid following a DNA test of the winning animal to verify the identity of the sire.

40 Beef Shorthorn Sired Heifer Beef Shorthorn Sired Steer 41

> (Entries for classes 40 & 41 must be sired by a registered pedigree Beef Shorthorn Bull).

Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Shorthorn.

The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society will give £500 if the Supreme Champion is sired by a registered Beef Shorthorn Bull. Please Note: The prize money for this special award will only be paid following a DNA test of the winning animal to verify the identity of the sire.

42 Limousin Sired Heifer 43 Limousin Sired Steer

S10 Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion

Limousin.

The Limousin Cattle Society will give £200 if the Supreme Champion is sired by a registered Limousin Bull. The prize money for this special award will only be paid following a DNA test of the winning animal to verify the identity of the sire.

S9

CATTLE CLASSES

| Class | |
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| 44 45 | Simmental Sired Heifer Simmental Sired Steer |
| S11 | Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Simmental |
| 46 47 | British Blue Sired Heifer British Blue Sired Steer |
| S12 | Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion British Blue. |
| | The British Blue Society will give £500 if the Supreme Champion is sired by a registered British Blue Bull. The prize money for this special award will only be paid following a DNA test of the winning animal to verify the identity of the sire. |
| 48 49 | Aberdeen Angus Sired Heifer Aberdeen Angus Sired Steer |
| S13 | Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Aberdeen Angus. |
| 50 51 | British Blonde Sired Heifer British Blonde Sired Steer |
| S14 | Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion British Blonde. |
| | The British Blonde Society will give £500 if the Supreme Champion is sired by a registered British Blonde Bull. <i>The prize money for this special award will only be paid following a DNA test of the winning animal to verify the identity of the sire.</i> |
| 52 53 | Any Other Cross Bred Heifer Any Other Cross Bred Steer |
| S15 | Champion Prize- £100 and £50 for the Champion and Reserve Champion Any Other Breed. |
| 54 | YFCU Any Cross bred under 30 months. Exhibitors must be a current member of the Young Farmers Club of Ulster. |

Breeding Heifer Championship Class – Commercial Heifer under 30 Months most suitable for use as a breeding cow. (*this championship class cannot go forward for Supreme*)

£100 and £50 for Champion Breeding Heifer and Champion Reserve Breeding Heifer

Championship Classes

\$16 £100 and £50 for Champion Native and Champion Reserve Champion Native

<u>Ulster Housewife Championship</u>

- **\$3** £300 for Ulster Housewife's Champion
- **\$4** £150 for Reserve Ulster Housewife's Champion
- **\$5 £100** for Best of Opposite Sex to Ulster Housewife's Champion
- **\$6 £50** for 4TH Place Housewife
 - PLEASE NOTE: Maximum weight of animals for Housewife Championship is 590kgs.

Supreme Champion

The overall breed champion will receive the Allam Cup

- **\$1 £500** for Supreme Champion
- **\$2 £250** for Reserve Supreme Champion

The Top Priced Animal of The Royal Ulster Premier Beef & Lamb
Championships will receive the

Sam Milliken Perpetual Cup

YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION

ONLY CATTLE AND LAMBS ENTERED IN CLASSES 1 – 55 ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE PRESENTED FOR THE YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION

Personal Presentation - White Coat, Shirt and Tie, Leather Boots/Shoes, Jeans or Trousers

Handling

Breeding detail of the animal
Age of animal
Control of animal
Eye contact with the Judge
Positioning of animal
Response to the Judges requests/alertness

CATTLE YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION

Class

- The Gary Pickering Memorial Cup. Handlers 8-12 years old (must be accompanied by an adult)
- 57 The Stanley Reid Cup. Handlers 13 to 16 years old

LAMB YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITION

Class

- Handlers 8-12 years old (must be accompanied by an adult)
- 59 Handlers 13 to 16 years old

Judging and Sale Timetable

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| 1.30pm | Housewife Class followed by Beef Cattle |
| 3.00pm | Lamb Classes followed by Young Handlers |

Calf classes followed by Young Handlers

6.00pm Sale of Lambs

11.30am

7.00pm Housewife Championship followed by Supreme Championship

7.30pm Sale of Calves followed by Sale of Beef Cattle inc Breeding Heifer

Final Judging and Sale Timetable will be confirmed after entries close

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SHOW HERD NUMBER: Cattle: S09001

Lambs: 799998

Entries/Eligibility of Entry

Intending exhibitors are requested to carefully read the following regulations and instructions and only lodge entries if they are prepared to comply strictly with them.

- Entries may be made on the printed entry form obtained from the RUAS Office
 OR by entering online at www.beefandlamb.org.uk
 Telephone entries are not possible.
- All entry forms must be completed and signed by the exhibitor or agent and must be lodged with or sent along with correct payment to the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society. Lodgement of entries shall be deemed to be a full acceptance of the Regulations and Instructions.
- 3. Cattle and Lambs can only be entered in **one** class
- 4. Cattle entries will not be accepted without a full tag number
- 5. No entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date Friday 29 October (5.00pm). Late entries will not be accepted.
- 6. All exhibits must be bona fide property of and in possession of, the exhibitor for at least **one month** prior to the show and sale.
- 7. No Society staff member is permitted to fill in the entry form for an intending exhibitor.
- 8. A condition of entry is that all Exhibitors names and addresses will be printed in the catalogue.
- 9. The RUAS Council reserves to itself the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason. In the event of the RUAS Council being unable to accept an entry, notice will be given not later than 6 days after the final closing of the entries, and the fees lodged will be refunded, or in any case of their being insufficient entries in a class, the RUAS Council will withdraw the class from competition and return the entry fees.

- 10. Each exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the entry form in any manner the RUAS Council may require.
- 11. All livestock may be subject to a DNA test.
- 12. Only cross bred cattle are eligible for exhibiting.
- 13. Bull calves and ram lambs will be excluded from the Show.
- 14. All competition stock must be offered for sale by auction, with the exception of calves which have opted out at point of entry.
 Champion and Reserve Champion Calves MUST be offer for sale by auction.
- 15. Payment will be held on any animal (sold and slaughtered the same week) because of the use of clenbuterol, or any other drugs for growth, promotion purposes. Where cattle have been treated with licenced veterinary products, the stipulated withdrawal period must be observed.
- 16. Terms: 2% in the £ commission, payable by vendor.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

- 17. Exhibitors and their stock attendants must be competent and take total responsibility of their stock at all times whilst on the Showground. All persons in charge of exhibits will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at times as directed by the Stewards of the Show. Stock attendants must be in attendance at least a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for exhibiting the animals under their charge in the Judging Ring. No stock attendants shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the Judging Ring.
- 18. **All animals must be haltered and halter led.** The chief steward reserves the right to exclude any animal which cannot be properly halter led.
- 19. Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their stock attendants and for the consequences of any misconduct.
- 20. **Dress**. White coats, shirt and tie to be worn by exhibitors during judging and auction.
- 21. All exhibits and persons in charge of them will be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Show. The RUAS Council delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce all the Show conditions and regulations.

- 22. Except in the case of death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Show, its servants or agents, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground.
- 23. The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against, and take full responsibility for all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground.
- 24.Owners of stock are reminded that any act or disobedience or discourtesy to the officials of the Show on the part of the owner, or attendant will disqualify the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication or from taking a prize. The RUAS Council reserves the power to remove from the Show, any owner or attendant, together with the exhibit or exhibits concerned. Penalties as laid down in Regulation 24 shall apply.
- 25. Any infringement of any of these regulations or conditions will subject the exhibitor to a fine of £50, and to the forfeiture, by order of the Show, of any prize to which he may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement).
- 26. Please note that CCTV is in operation.
- 27. All exhibitors and young handlers must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times. Handlers must be in good health and properly trained in safe work methods

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 28. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation.
- 29. Smoking is prohibited in the Stock lines and all buildings.
- 30. No oil, gas or electric cooking equipment of any description must be used in the Dr E F Logan Hall. Fridges, toasters etc are also not allowed.
- 31. All electrical equipment being used on site must have a current PAT Test Certificate.

- 32. All Gas appliances coming onto site must be covered by a gas safety cert carried out by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.
- 33. Fitting may only take place in the allocated areas. Designated preparation stalls must be used. The use of electrical appliances with long leads which trail along the floor of the hall is prohibited. Extension leads may only be used uncoiled.
- 34. Livestock exhibitors are reminded that the show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground. Any animal considered to be in a dangerous or infuriated state will not be admitted and should any animal, in the opinion of the stewards, become dangerous in the Showgrounds, must be removed immediately, or if removal be impracticable or attended with risk, it shall be destroyed.
- 35. Use of petrol generators is strictly prohibited.

ENTRY WRISTBANDS

36. Cattle exhibitors will receive 2 admission wristbands per animal entered and Lamb exhibitors will receive 1 per pair of Lambs entered. (maximum wristbands for per exhibitor is 10)

STALLING OF LIVESTOCK

37. Exhibitors must ensure that cattle and sheep are placed in the stalls/pens allocated to them. The movement of stall or pen positions without the chief cattle or sheep steward's consent can lead to disqualification.

ADVERTISING

38. Placards or advertising material will be permitted to be placed over animal's stalls but only in reference to animals exhibited and herd represented. It is not permitted to display rosettes/awards won at previous shows.

BEDDING/FODDER

39. The show will provide sawdust as bedding for all stock. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding their own livestock.

ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS

- 40. The Showground will <u>only</u> be open for the arrival of cattle between 6am and 9am and Sheep between 6am & 12pm on Tuesday 23 November 2021.
 - Arrival outside of the above times will result in refusal of admission to the Showgrounds.
- 41. All livestock must enter the Showground via Gate 1 (Halftown Road). Livestock must not arrive before the stated times.

DEPARTURE OF ANIMALS

42. All livestock must leave Balmoral Park on Tuesday 23 November 2021.

WEIGHING OF ANIMALS

- 43. Weighing of Cattle will commence at 9.00am and finish at 10.30am sharp. Weighing of Sheep will commence at 1pm and finish at 2pm sharp.
- 44. All animals **must** be weighed before judging starts.
- 45. Only one handler will be permitted at the weigh bridge.
- 46. The RUAS reserve the right to re-weigh any animal.
- 47. Bullock calves must not weigh less and 200kgs and not more than 380kgs. Heifer calves must not weigh less than 200kgs and not more than 340kgs.

ANIMAL WELFARE/ MALPRACTICES

- 48. The RUAS expects all exhibitors to observe best practice at all times.
- 49. No artificial device, substance or technique whatever may be adopted for the purpose of interfering with cattle or sheep.
- 50. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the stewards that an exhibitor or competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect certificate, or knowingly given an incorrect pedigree of any animal, or brought forward an animal whose ear number does not correspond to that on the entry form, or has attempted to enter any animal or other exhibit or to obtain a prize by any other unfair means at this or any other Agricultural Society's Shows, or is under exclusion from any Breed Society for fraudulent practice, the Show may in its absolute discretion cancel all

awards made to such exhibitor, to disqualify him or her from exhibiting at future shows, and to inform other Agricultural Associations of their action in this respect.

VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS/DISEASED ANIMALS

- 51. Where the judges are in doubt, as to age or soundness, or where the stewards may consider it necessary, the decision of a vet in such cases shall be final and conclusive. Should it be against the animal to which a prize has been awarded, such animals and/or exhibitor shall be disqualified from receiving such prize.
- 52. Exhibitors shall be liable to pay for all drugs used by the vet in the treatment of their animals. It is a condition of entry that the vet may on their own authority give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his representative cannot be found.
- 53. Exhibitors are hereby warned against bringing any diseased animal into the Show premises and, if under any circumstances this regulation be violated, the exhibitor of the diseased animal will be solely responsible for any claims that may arise for damage or loss to other exhibitors or any other persons, and the RUAS Council holds itself free from liability in such cases. Should any animal manifest symptoms of disease during the Show, it must be removed immediately from the premises, on an order to that effect by the Chief Executive, or by a senior member of the staff, or by a vet appointed by the Society.
- 54. Exhibitors are specially cautioned not to send to the Show animals which are suffering from Ringworm in any stage. Any animal found to be so affected will, on the certificate of the vet, be disqualified from competition and removed from the Show, and will subject the exhibitor to a fine not exceeding £50 in each case.

OBJECTIONS

- 55. Any Exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection, having reference to livestock exhibited at this Show, must make the same in writing on a form to be obtained from the RUAS Office, and deposit the sum of £20. Any objection must be made within seven days of the Show and will be considered at the next meeting of the RUAS Council. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained the sum thus deposited shall, be forfeited to the funds of the Show. If the objection is sustained the sum lodged will be refunded.
- 56. The RUAS Council reserves the right of determining all disputed cases etc., and the decision of the RUAS Council shall be final in all respect.

ADJUDICATION OF PRIZES

- 57. Unless 3 or more entries are present in any class it will not be considered a competition. Rosettes may, however, be awarded nominally at the sole discretion of the judge.
- 58. The prizes are intended for and can only be gained by stock sent in for a bonafide sale, and should any prize animal be bought in by or on behalf of the exhibitor, the prize or prizes and any other honours will be awarded to the next in the same section in their respective order of merit.
- 59. Unless 4 entries are present in each Championship it will not be considered a competition.
- 60. No person shall in any way communicate with a judge engaged in adjudication without the sanction of the steward in attendance. If an attendant infringes this regulation and instruction he shall be removed immediately from the charge of the exhibit, and another attendant substituted by the stewards, at a cost of £20 per hour to the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who enters the space in which adjudication is proceeding may be disqualified from receiving a prize.
- 61. No marks which might indicate the ownership of stock whilst being exhibited for prizes will be permitted, nor will covers be allowed on animals during Show hours without special permission from the stewards

JUDGES/JUDGING

- 62. If, for any reason, a judge is unable to attend the Show or is more than 30 minutes late, the Show reserves the right to appoint a replacement. Every effort will be made to inform exhibitors of the change.
- 63. The judge shall not award a prize in any of the classes where sufficient merit does not appear.
- 64. The judge will be provided with a book specifying the classes to be adjudicated on, and the number of prizes to be awarded. The judge is particularly requested not to apply for any further information respecting exhibits under their adjudication or examination, except in regard to age.
- 65. Any breed class which has a mixture of heavy and light animals will be split at the judge's discretion.
- 66. Only **one** handler allowed per animal in the judging ring.

- 67. The decision of the judges shall in all cases be final, except where misrepresentation or breach of the regulations and instructions is discovered.
- 68. Immediately after judging each class the judge is to sign the Judges book, noting any disqualifications.
- 69. Ulster Housewife's Champion and Reserve cannot enter for the Supreme Champion of the Show.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

70. Cheques for the prizes awarded (except where further qualification of an animal is required) will be forwarded by post to the exhibitors to whom they have been awarded as soon as possible after the Show.

PENALTIES

71.In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the RUAS Council that the owner of an animal exhibited, or any person in his employment, or under his control, has been guilty of any violation of the regulations and instructions, had made a false statement in the entry form or substituted another animal for that described in the entry form, has placed an animal in a stall, by day or night, other than that to which he is entitled, or has been guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or to secure an unfair advantage, such exhibitor shall forfeit all prizes awarded to him at the Show, together with all fees paid by him, and his animal or animals shall be liable to be removed forthwith from the showgrounds, and such owner shall be liable to be prevented from competing at this or any further show of the Society.

INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

72. The Show reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Sheets, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions or difference in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Show. Also to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards of prizes or reserve numbers, and relax conditions, as the Show may deem expedient.

BIO SECURITY

- 73. Gathering animals together from many farms in different areas of the country has the potential to spread animal disease. It is the responsibility of every exhibitor to reduce this risk to a minimum and thus to protect his/her own livestock and that of other farmers. No animal under DAERA restriction, or showing signs or symptoms of any disease, must be brought to a Show.
- 74. Vehicles used to transport any animals to the Show must be cleansed and disinfected before leaving your farm, with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches. Any equipment brought to the Show should also be cleansed and disinfected with a DAERA approved disinfectant.
- 75. Clean protective clothing and footwear should be worn when handling animals.
- 76. If bedding is to be used at the Show, it should be fresh and clean. Contaminated bedding should not be removed from the transport vehicle at the Show grounds.
- 77. Contact between animals while at the Show should be kept to a minimum.
- 78. Prior to leaving the Showgrounds, or immediately on return home, protective clothing and footwear should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. Vehicles used to transport animals should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches.
- 79. Any clinical signs of disease occurring in animals that have been at the Show, during the following two to three weeks, must be reported to the Show operators. In the case of notifiable diseases, your local DAERA office should also be notified

Procedure for Movement of Northern Ireland (NI) Cattle into and out of Local Agricultural Shows

Disease Control

Only animals free from disease restrictions, including Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bluetongue and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (herd or individual animal restrictions) may be permitted to move to a Show.

To minimise the risk to other livestock, exhibitors are encouraged to have Show animals tested for Tuberculosis by their Private Veterinary Practitioner in the 30 days beforehand.

The Compulsory Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme (BVD).

Shows should put in place adequate bio-security measures to reduce the risk of transmission on the premises.

For cattle born on/after 01/03/2016, the show operator must have evidence that these animals have all been tested negative. It will be an offence for show operators to have in their possession, under their control (i.e. in Show herd number) or sold any animal that has moved to the show without a negative result. Results are held by AWHNI (Animal Health & Welfare Northern Ireland).

In respect of imported animals born on or after 1/3/2016, if a result from an approved laboratory has not already been provided by the vendor, the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 requires a valid BVD test to be completed within 20 days of the date of importation.

All queries relating to details of the compulsory BVD scheme should be directed to AHWNI:

Programme manager: Mrs Sharon Verner Box 10 1st Floor, Dungannon Business Cube Dungannon Enterprise Centre 2 Coalisland Rd Dungannon Co. Tyrone BT71 6JT

Phone: 028 7963 9333 (preferred) or 028 8778 9126

Email:info@animalhealthni.com

Web Site: http://www.animalhealthni.com/

Identification

All cattle must be properly identified and comply with the Cattle Identification Regulations.

General Principles

Cattle going to a Show(s) must be accompanied by a fully completed MC2 document identifying the Show premises as the destination.

Cattle moving from a Show must return to the herd they came from.

The number of Shows to which cattle may travel is not limited provided these conditions are met on all occasions.

Movements to or from a Show Movements to a Show

Pre-movement testing for Bovine Brucellosis is no longer required for movement to shows.

On arrival at the Show, the cattle must be accompanied by a fully completed MC2 document.

The top 3 copies (MC2A-White, MC2B-Yellow and MC2C-Pink) must be brought to the Show.

All 3 copies will be checked by a Show Representative and stamped with the Show stamp.

The MC2A (white) will be retained by the Show Operative.

Movements from a Show (including Show Operator's Responsibilities)

- 1. Where the exhibitor has their Sticker Book with them the Show will issue a movement out MC2 endorsed with the herd number of the exhibitor and the serial number of the 'move in' MC2. The MC2A (White) and MC2B(Yellow) 'move out' copies should be stapled to the Yellow 'move in' copy and have a yellow confirmation sticker applied. This must then be sent by the Show Operatives to be received at the local DAERA Direct Office at the latest by the next working day. The MC2C (Pink) 'move out' copy should be stapled to the Pink 'move in' copy and have the corresponding pink sticker applied. This must be given to the herd keeper for his/her own records.
- 2. Where the exhibitor does not have their sticker book with them the Show will issue a 'move out' MC2 with ALL details completed (including animal details). The move out MC2A (White) copy with the move in MC2B (yellow copy) must be sent to the local DAERA Direct Office at the latest by the next working day and the move out MC2B (Yellow) and MC2C (Pink) copies with the move in MC2C (pink) copy must be given to the exhibitor. The herd keeper must return the MC2B, with a yellow sticker attached and must be received by his/her local DAERA Direct Office within **7 days** (to avoid an NMN status) and the MC2C, with corresponding pink sticker attached, must be kept for his/her records.

YOUNG HANDLER COMPETITIONS

- 1. The minimum age for the Young Handler competition is 8 years old on the day of judging.
- 2. All competitors in the 8-12 age group classes must have a signed parental consent form.
- 3. All competitors in the 8-12 age group classes are required to have a nominated adult to stand with them in the preparation area and in the show ring.
- 4. All competitors in the 8-12 age group classes must have a nominated adult to lead their animal from the preparation area to the show ring.
- 5. Nominated adults are only allowed to communicate with competitors if a safety matter arises, otherwise strictly no communication is allowed between competitors or nominated adults.
- A competitor seen communicating with the nominated adult or a spectator, by either a judge or a steward, may result in disqualification or penalty points awarded.
- 7. The maximum penalty a young handler may receive is 50 points.
- 8. All competitors must follow the commands of the judges or stewards.
- 9. Should a dispute arise regarding a competitor's age, appropriate identification will be requested.
- 10. The failure to apply to any of the above rules may result in disqualification or penalty points being awarded.
- 11. The young handler must have experience in handling their animal prior to the competition.
- 12. All cattle must be fully halter trained.
- 13. If an animal is deemed to be unsafe/dangerous it is the judge's decision to eliminate the animal due to health and safety.
- 14. The judge's decision is final.
- 15. Only Cattle & Lambs entered in their respective classes are eligible.