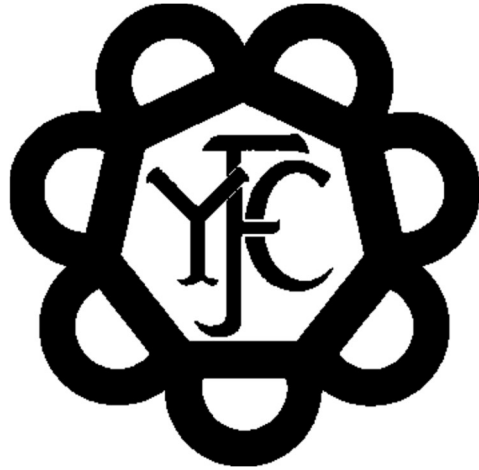


HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG
FARMERS' CLUBS



SPRING STOCK JUDGING 2024 – 2025

on

Sunday 6th April 2025

At

**Marston Court Farm, Marston, Leominster HR6 9JA
By kind permission of the Williams family**

COMPETITION RULES

Name of Trophy	Contributing Competition/Awarded to
Hereford Time Efficiency Shield	The overall results will count towards the Efficiency Shield – this is the overall competitions trophy for the year
Junior Competitions Cup	
Intermediate Competitions Cup	
The Harris Trophy	

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

Please read the below carefully and follow instructions clearly to avoid mistakes and confusion.

a) Closing date for entries to be received at the County Office is:

9PM ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We realise that some of the names on your form may change after this date. Providing the changes are notified to the competition steward this will cause no problem.

b) All competing members must have a **VALID CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**.

c) Two sets of schedules are enclosed for each Club. A booklet set is for the Club Secretary's reference and the A4 stapled set is for dismantling and passing on rules to the competing members, you may need to copy extra.

d) A link to the entry form, to be completed via JotForm, has been included. One form to be completed per club and submitted by the deadline.

e) Any trophies relating to this competition held by any Club member must be returned to the County Office by the above deadline date, along with the entry form.

f) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times.

g) **HELPING MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL or LEARNING REQUIREMENTS.** HFYFC seeks the inclusion of the full membership in its endeavours. Should a member require assistance to compete at a County Final due to any additional physical or learning requirements, every effort shall be made to ensure inclusion of any member with dignity, respect and confidentiality. HFYFC requests prior knowledge of assistance required in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

HFYFC GENERAL RULES

These General Rules are to be adhered to for all HFYFC Competitions

1. The competitions listed herein are open to members of Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) holding a valid, current YFC membership. (Valid is classed as being fully processed and authorised and of the current year, a copy of the card can be a printed copy or electronic version shown on a device.)
2. Failure to produce a fully processed and authorised valid membership will mean that the member will be unable to compete in the competition.
3. Age ranges for competitions are as follows:
 - Senior – Open to members 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024
 - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2024
 - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024, and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
4. Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times
5. Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
6. No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during the competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol, or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified. Alcohol will also not be used or displayed in any competition (unless specified in the competition rules). Empty bottles can be used for display purposes only.
7. The use of mobile phones by competitors during competitions is prohibited.
8. A white coat must be worn where specified.
9. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
10. All work must have been made by members in the last 12 months.
11. All work must be that of the competitor who has booked in, if the entry is being booked in by somebody else then the person booking it in must have a copy of the competitor's card.
12. The entry to a competition cannot have been entered into a previous HFYFC competition.
13. Club or County names must not be displayed on any part of entries or displays (unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules) – please be careful when using photographs including club tops.
14. Where more than one entry per club is allowed in a competition, where applicable, only the points of the highest scoring entry will count towards the cups and trophies and overall results.
15. Competitors must arrive on time and report to the competition steward before the start time of the competition to book in with necessary equipment to complete the competition.
16. In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
17. All staged items or exhibits must remain the responsibility of the competitor. Neither HFYFC nor the site host accepts any liability for loss, damage or theft of any item.
18. No staged items or exhibits can be removed before prize giving, at penalty of disqualification.
19. The Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition rule at any time.
20. In all competitions the decision of the Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen will be final.
21. Unacceptable behaviour or questionable material by competitors or supporters which brings YFC into disrepute; or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors/performers will be penalised. This includes maintaining a respectful attitude towards all judges, stewards, officers and any other event helpers.

Deductions

22. *Late entries*

- a) Any entry received by the County Office after the date and time specified on the rules for the competition, will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and the decision will come from the County Chairman and Competitions Chairman, on whether they can compete and if any deductions will apply to the club's score.
- b) The member partaking in the competition is still eligible to get a prize card and compete at the next round.
- c) The deduction will occur **after the prize cards have been written out**. The deduction will apply to any trophy handed out on the day, overall day scores and the end of year trophies.

23. *Entry of classes where no entry was originally planned*

- a) If a club wishes to enter a competition or class for which the club has not submitted an entry to the County Office prior to the date and time specified on the rules, they must request this from the Competitions Chairman or the Chief Steward if on the day of the competition. The Competitions Chairman or Chief Steward have the right to refuse entry to the class as judging time, resources or the schedule may not make this possible. If agreed, the member or club may compete in the class. If their score puts them in contention for a prize card the member may receive the prize card and also are eligible to compete at the next round if appropriate. However, their score will not be counted towards any trophies awarded on the day of the competition or the end of year trophies.

24. *For entries not according to schedule*

- a) 25% of marks awarded will be deducted for all entries that are not according to the schedule - This includes any exhibits oversize, missing items (recipe/photos etc). If there are multiple things wrong with the entry, there will only be one deduction of 25% applied.
- b) 25% is deducted from the total score given by the judge, but if they still place after a deduction is awarded the Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.

25. *In competitions with time limits*

- a) In competitions with time limits, the following marks will be deducted if the competitor overruns - (unless otherwise stated in rules – i.e., stock judging):

COMPETITION LENGTH	PENALTY
Up to 30 minutes	5% of total marks per minute or part thereof
31 to 60 minutes	5% of total marks per two minutes or part thereof
61 to 120 minutes	5% of total marks per five minutes or part thereof
121 minutes & over	5% of total marks per ten minutes or part thereof

- b) The Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.
- c) 5% is deducted from the total score given by the judge.

26. Any disagreements from clubs/competitors about markings or deductions must be made on the day of competition to the Chief Steward or Competitions team, and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

27. In the event that a deduction is applied for any reason and the subsequent mark results in a decimal place, if the decimal place is 0.5 or above, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. If the decimal place is 0.49 or below, it shall be rounded down to the next whole number.

Classes 7S, 8S & 9S: Stock Judging (Senior Section)

Time: Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am
Entries: Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class per Club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

Placing – 1 st Ring	50
Placing – 2 nd Ring	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
Total per Competitor per Class	150
Maximum Marks	450 (150 per class)

Rules:

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class 7S	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class 8S	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class 9S	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Senior competitors are also required to give PLACINGS ONLY on the Intermediate ring and will be allowed TEN minutes to view, handle and place this ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stock judging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
5. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

Protocol:

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. **Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.**

4. Competitors **MUST** wear White Coats
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

Awards: The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Spiller Stock Judging Shield and the Rally Shield.

Information for Subsequent Rounds

Representation: One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2024) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stock judging sections may represent the county in the Stock judging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Rule Changes: Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. Any members under 18 years of age on the competition day must complete a signed parental consent form and bring a photocopy as well. One is to be handed to the show Office on the morning of the show. The Parental Consent form will be checked and exchanged for a wristband that the competitor **MUST** wear. Stewards are to check that any members that are Under 18 are wearing a wristband before the start of the competition. The second copy is to be kept hold of by the Under 18 for the duration of the competing day. If a Parental Consent is not handed into the Show Office for a member that is Under 18, they will not be able to compete in the Show.

Classes 7I, 8I & 9I: Stock Judging (Intermediate Section)

Time: Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am
Entries: Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class per Club. Competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

Placing	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
Total per Competitor per Class	100
Maximum Marks	300 (100 per class)

Rules:

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class 7I	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class 8I	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class 9I	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stock judging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
5. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

Protocol:

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. **Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.**
4. **Competitors MUST wear White Coats**
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

Awards: The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Spiller Stock Judging Shield and the Rally Shield.

Information for Subsequent Rounds

Representation: One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2024) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stock judging sections may represent the county in the Stock judging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 14th June 2024.

Rule Changes: Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. Any members under 18 years of age on the competition day must complete a signed parental consent form and bring a photocopy as well. One is to be handed to the show Office on the morning of the show. The Parental Consent form will be checked and exchanged for a wristband that the competitor **MUST** wear. Stewards are to check that any members that are Under 18 are wearing a wristband before the start of the competition. The second copy is to be kept hold of by the Under 18 for the duration of the competing day. If a Parental Consent is not handed into the Show Office for a member that is Under 18, they will not be able to compete in the Show.

Classes JFD2, JFD3 & JFD4: Stock Judging (Junior Section)

Time: Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am
Entries: Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class per Club. Competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

Placing	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
Total per Competitor per Class	100
Maximum Marks	300 (100 per class)

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class JFD2	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class JFD3	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class JFD4	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stock judging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
5. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

Protocol:

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. **Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.**
4. **Competitors MUST wear White Coats**
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

Awards: The highest marks gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the E D Bevan Stock Judging Trophy and NFU Trophy awarded at Junior Field Day.

Information for Subsequent Rounds

Representation: One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2024) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stock Judging sections may represent the county in the Stock Judging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Rule Changes: Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. Any members under 18 years of age on the competition day must complete a signed parental consent form and bring a photocopy as well. One is to be handed to the show Office on the morning of the show. The Parental Consent form will be checked and exchanged for a wristband that the competitor **MUST** wear. Stewards are to check that any members that are Under 18 are wearing a wristband before the start of the competition. The second copy is to be kept hold of by the Under 18 for the duration of the competing day. If a Parental Consent is not handed into the Show Office for a member that is Under 18, they will not be able to compete in the Show.