

CYSTADLEUAETH BIFF IFANC CFFI CYMRU

WALES YFC BABY BEEF COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to members of the Wales Federation of YFC, as well as members of the Herefordshire and Shropshire Federation and Cheshire YFC
2. Competitors may enter the Prime lamb producer competition as well as the baby beef competition.
3. Competitors must have attained their 14th birthday by the first day of the Winter Fair and be 28 years of age or under on the 1st September 2024. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £10 penalty charge. Any member whose name is not listed as a current paid up member of the Federation and who cannot produce a membership card at the start of the competition will not be allowed to compete.

ENTRIES

4. Competition entry forms to be submitted via the **Royal Welsh Winter Fair Portal** by the **2nd of October, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
5. All calves must be under 425KG live weight at weigh in. Any calf not adhering to this rules will be disqualified.
6. An entry fee of **£10.00** must accompany all entries.

COMPETITION DETAILS

7. Class: Steer or Heifer, any breed or cross.
8. Calves will be judged on merit as a commercial beef calf intended for bringing into the food chain. The Judges decision is final. (Please note the Baby Beef judge will be the same across the classes including YFC)
9. If the need arises, cattle will be split into weight sections at the discretion of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.
10. Competitors must purchase the calf from a market / another farm or homebred. If homebred, the price must reflect the current market prices.
11. Two calves may be initially entered; however only one calf may be presented at the Winter Fair and competitors must let Wales YFC know by the 31st October which calf they will be bringing to the competition. Calves can NOT be changed after this date.
12. All male calves MUST BE CASTRATED.

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13. All judging will take place at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, Llanellwedd on Tuesday 26th of November 2024 at 09.15am. Calves may not leave the show until after the sale on the 26th November 2024.
14. The animal entered by the YFC member must only compete in the YFC classes at the 2024 Winter Fair.
15. All calves to have been purchased by the closing date and must be made available for tagging between 31st October and 14th November. Passports to be shown.
16. Calves to arrive at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair on Sunday 24th November between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Calves will be tied in a dedicated YFC section of the cattle shed in stalls, as appointed by the Stewards.
17. Calves must be weighed at the Winter Fair on the Sunday at the set time. Exhibitor numbers will be given out during the Weighing.
18. Passports to be handed in during the weighing.

PROCEDURE

19. Competitors have the option to be supported by a 'Sponsor', such as a breed society or association local business, a marketing organisation or other industry supporter.
20. Each competitor will be provided with an area to erect a board in which they are requested to present details about their calf, including all relevant costings, details of feed and information regarding their sponsor. Maximum size of board 3ft x 3ft.
21. During the Winter Fair, all competitors will be required to parade their own calf in the Main Ring for Judging. Competent livestock handlers will be available to assist YFC members if necessary.
22. Awards: Calves will be judged on the day in 2 classes, a steer and a heifer class. Rosettes will be awarded to the 'Supreme Champion YFC Baby Beef and Reserve Supreme Champion YFC Calf'. The champion will then go on to compete against other section winners in the Baby beef for the champion of champions in the Baby Beef.

* A special prize will be awarded to the highest placed calf, property of a competitor competing for the first time.

* A trophy will be awarded to the 'Best Stockman' in this section.

- 50% of the marks will be awarded for the board and costings. And will take into consideration:
 - Costings – to include the purchase price of the calf,
 - If purchased from another farm / homebred it must reflect current market prices.

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- Details of Calf – to include the location of purchase,
 - Information advertising the "Sponsor",
 - Overall effect of the presentation and
 - Any other relevant information presented.
- 50% of the marks will be awarded for stockmanship at the show, judged over the 3 days taking into consideration:
- Handling and showing of the animal,
 - Preparation. Presentation and welfare of the animal,
 - Cleanliness of lines,
 - Verbal information to the public and
 - Attitude and co-operation with the section stewards and YFC staff and officers.
23. Calves to be brought to the Winter Fair clipped.
24. Members will be asked to complete an information sheet regarding themselves and the calf at weighing to be returned to the YFC steward. Information will be used by the commentator during the showing.

WINTER FAIR AUCTION

25. Competitors have the option of entering their calf into the auction. It is the responsibility of the member to inform the sale auctioneers of any reserve they wish to place on the animal. It is the member's responsibility to present their calf to the sale ring when required.
26. The Champion must be offered for sale.
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27. Please note that the Wales YFC general rules and RWAS general rules apply to this competition.
28. If you have any queries, please contact the Wales YFC Centre 01982 553502 or materiongwledig@yfc-wales.org.uk

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WALES YFC BABY BEEF COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

To be eligible to compete in the 2024 Wales YFC Baby Beef competition, please complete the **Royal Welsh Winter Fair Online Entry** by no later than the **2nd of October 2024**

The link to the Royal Welsh Online Entry Portal will be linked **HERE** once the entries open.

If you are under 18 years of age, you need consent from a parent to compete.

I HAVE READ THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

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