**RHEOLAU 2024-2025 RULES** 

## PRIF GYNHYRCHYDD ŴYN | PRIME LAMB PRODUCER



#### **ELIGIBLITY**

- 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 must be 28 years of age or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.
- 3. 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 <u>not</u> be allowed to compete.

#### **ENTRIES**

- 4. One entry is permitted per member, although entries maybe in the form of a single competitor entry, two competitors, or a group.
- 5. The competition closing date is **2nd of October 2024**. All lambs must have been secured by this date and must be made available for tagging 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2024. No late entries can be accepted.
- 6. An entry fee of £5.00 must accompany all entries.
- 7. Entries to be made through the Royal Welsh Winter Fair Entry Portal this year.

### **COMPETITION DETAILS**

- 7. All lambs, to be born in the year of the competition final. Each exhibit must, at the time of entry, be the bona fide property of the person in whose name the entry form is submitted.
- 8. Maximum weight for the pair of live lambs is **110kg**, in line with the Royal Welsh Winter Fair rules. Lambs over this weight will be disqualified.
- 9. Five lambs to be selected by the member, all of which should be within one of the following three categories:
  - Native Hill
  - Native Lowland
  - Pure Continental

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**Breeds eligible for Native Hill are**: Balwen; Badger Face – Torddu; Badger Face – Torwen; Black Welsh Mountain; Brecknock Hill Cheviot; North Country Cheviot; South Country Cheviot; Kerry Hill; South Wales Welsh Mountain; Tregaron Welsh; Talybont Welsh; Welsh Hill Speckle Face; Beulah Speckled Face; Welsh Mountain (Pedigree); Welsh Mountain (Hill); Hill Radnor; Jacob and any other native hill breed.

**Breeds eligible for Native Lowland are**: Lleyn; Llanwenog; Coloured Ryeland; Poll Dorset / Dorset Horn; Suffolk; Ryeland; Southdown and any other native lowland breed.

**Breeds eligible for Pure Continental are:** Beltex, British Texel, Dutch Texel, Charollais, Blue Texel, British Berrichion, Zwartbles, Bleu du Maine, Charmoise Hill, British Rouge and any other pure continental breed.

- 10. All lambs must be pure native hill, pure native lowland or pure continental and in accordance with your live pair. Lambs will be inspected upon arrival and if not found to be typical recognisable examples of that breed, they will be disqualified.
- 11. All lambs to be pure bred and non-accredited. Registered or non-registered lambs accepted.
- 12. Members to select five lambs of the same breed, which will be tagged by a Wales YFC official. From the five, two are to be selected by the member to come forward to the Royal Welsh Winter Fair.
- 13. The prime lamb producer award will be presented to the competitor with the Supreme Champion Pair at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair.
- 14. All lambs, must be clean ewe or wether lambs, **NO** tup lambs will be accepted; any lambs showing male characteristics will be disqualified.
- 15. All judging will take place at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, Llanelwedd on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Lambs must not leave the show until after the sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
- 16. Lambs to arrive at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, between the times of 9.00am and 2.00pm. Lambs will be penned in a dedicated YFC section, as appointed by the Stewards.
- 17. Lambs must be weighed at the Winter Fair on the Sunday at the set time. Exhibitor numbers will be given out during the weighing.
- 18. Dependent on entries, categories may be divided if the need arises according to weight but this will be at the sole discretion of the RWAS.

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19. The animals entered by the YFC member must only compete in the YFC classes at the 2024 Winter Fair. Competitors may enter the Baby Beef Competition as well as the Prime Lamb Producer.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 20. 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.
- 21. Each competitor will be provided with an area to erect a board in which they are requested to present details about their lambs, including all relevant costings, details of feed and information regarding their sponsor. Maximum size of board; 3ft x 3ft.
- 22. The live lambs entered into the Fair must arrive in a washed state and no trimming or shearing is permitted; except for squaring of the tail and cleaning of dags. The lambs will be inspected by an independent expert during the weigh in and if lambs are found to be trimmed then they will not be allowed to compete. No lambs exhibited are to have been dipped in a dip to which any bloom or colour has been added. All preparations must be used to the manufacturers' directions.
- 23. During the Winter Fair, all competitors will be required to present their lambs in the main ring for judging. All lambs must be halter led. Two persons, the competitor and one further member 28 years of age or under to lead the lambs. Membership cards for both members will be required to be shown during the competition.
- 24. Awards: Live Lambs will be judged on the day in three classes;

Native Hill Breed Section, Native Lowland Breed Section Pure Continental Breed Section.

The Wales YFC Native Hill champion will go through to compete in the Royal Welsh Winter Fair Hill or Upland Championship and the Wales YFC Native Lowland Champion will go through to compete in the Royal Welsh Lowland Championship.

- \*A special prize will be awarded to the highest placed new competitor.
- \*A trophy will be awarded to the 'Best Prime Lamb Producer Award' in the competition.

#### **Best Prime Lamb Producer Award**

50% of the marks will be awarded for the board and costings and will take into consideration;

- Costings,
- Details of Lambs,
- Information advertising the 'Sponsor',
- Overall effect of the presentation
- Any other relevant information presented.

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50% of the marks will be awarded for stockmanship at the show, judged over the two days, taking into consideration;

- Handling and showing of the live lambs,
- Presentation and welfare of the animals,
- Cleanliness of pens,
- Verbal information to the public and
- Attitude and co-operation of members, parents and guardians with the section stewards and YFC staff and officers. No verbal abuse will be tolerated.
- A prize will also be awarded to the best Prime Lamb producer after all 3 elements have been judged and the competitor totals have been calculated.

Members will be asked to complete an information sheet regarding themselves and the lambs at the time of 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 lambs into the auction. It is the responsibility of the member to inform the sale auctioneers of any reserves they wish to place on the animals. It is the members' responsibility to present their lambs to the sale ring when required.
- 26. The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion **must** be offered for sale.
- 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 on 01982 553502 or email <a href="mailto:materiongwledig@yfc-wales.org.uk">materiongwledig@yfc-wales.org.uk</a>

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# 2024 PRIME LAMB PRODUCER COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

To be eligible to compete in the 2024 Prime Lamb Producer 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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