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WALES YFC BABY BEEF 2026

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 2026. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Failure to produce a valid membership card 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 **7th of October, 2026**. No late entries will be accepted.
5. An entry fee of **£15.00**.

COMPETITION DETAILS

6. Classes:
 - (a) Any Continental Heifer (Purebred or Crossbred)
 - (b) Any Purebred Native Heifer **(NEW)**
 - (c) Any Continental Steer (Purebred or Crossbred)
 - (d) Any Purebred Native Steer **(NEW)**

7. All calves must be under 425KG live weight at weigh in. Any calf not adhering to this rules will be disqualified.

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. All male calves MUST BE CASTRATED.
12. The animal entered by the YFC member must **only** compete in the YFC classes at the 2026 Winter Fair.

PROCEDURE

13. Members will be asked to complete an information sheet regarding themselves and the calf before the Winter Fair and will need to be returned by Sunday the 29th of November 2026. Information will be used by the commentator during the showing.
Information Sheet - <https://forms.gle/dmMoVeZQSZnjY1aC8>
14. Calves to arrive at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair on Sunday 29th of 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.
15. Passports will be required to be handed in at the Livestock entry gate on arrival along with all other relevant documents.
16. Calves must be weighed at the Winter Fair between 1.30pm and 3.30pm on the Sunday. Exhibitor numbers will be given out during the Weighing.
17. Calves to be brought to the Winter Fair clipped.
18. Competitors have the **option** to be supported by a 'Sponsor', such as a breed society or association local business, a marketing organization or other industry supporter.
19. Each competitor will be provided with an area to erect a board on which they are requested to present details about their calf, including all relevant costings, details of feed and information regarding their sponsor (if applicable). Maximum size of board 3ft x 3ft.
20. Calves will be judged on Tuesday the 1st of December following the catalogue order of the Winter Fair.

21. During the Winter Fair, all competitors will be required to parade their own calf in the Main Ring for Judging. Each competitor will be allowed to have **an additional competent livestock handler** in the ring to assist them if necessary, but they must also be a YFC member.

22. Our 1st place Continental Heifer will proceed on to compete in the Champion Continental Heifer Baby Class.

Our 1st place Native Heifer will proceed on to compete in the Champion Native Heifer Baby Class

Our 1st place Continental Steer will proceed on to compete in the Champion Continental Steer Baby Class.

Our 1st place Native Steer will proceed on to compete in the Champion Native Steer Baby Class

All 4 1st placed YFC Calves will then be called back into the ring to choose the Wales YFC Baby Beef Champion and Reserve. The 2nd place animal to the champion will be eligible to compete for reserve Wales YFC Baby Beef Reserve Champion.

23. Rosettes will be awarded to the 'Supreme Champion YFC Baby Beef' and 'Reserve Supreme Champion YFC Calf', 'Best Information Board' and 'Highest Placed Newcomer'

24. 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.

25. The Champion **must** be offered for sale.

26. Please note that the Wales YFC general rules and RWAS general rules apply to this competition.

27. If you have any queries, please contact the Wales YFC Centre 01982 553502 or materiongwledig@yfc-wales.org.uk

Mark Scheme

70% of the marks will be awarded on the showing of the animal with 15% of the marks coming from the Information Board and 15% from the questions.

- 70% 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
 - Attitude and co-operation with the section stewards and YFC staff and officers.
- 15% 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.
 - Details of Calf – to include the location of purchase,
 - Information advertising the "Sponsor",
 - Overall effect of the presentation and
 - Any other relevant information presented.
- 15% of the marks will be awarded for answering questions with the Judge of the Information Board for no more than 10 minutes per competitor.

The following Prizes will be given out during the competition.

1. Highest placed animal in the showing
2. Best Information Board
3. Highest Place New Competitor Overall
4. Overall Winner

WALES YFC BABY BEEF COMPETITION **ENTRY**

To be eligible to compete in the 2026 Wales YFC Baby Beef competition, please complete the **Royal Welsh Winter Fair Online Entry** by no later than the **7th of October 2026**.

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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