





PRIF GYNHYRCHYDD WYN **PRIME LAMB PRODUCER**

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. One entry is permitted per member, although entries maybe in the form of a single competitor entry, two competitors, or a group.
5. Competition entry forms to be submitted via the **Royal Welsh Winter Fair Portal** by the **7th of October, 2026**. All lambs must have been secured by this date and must be made available for tagging from the **2nd of November 2026**. No late entries can be accepted.
6. An entry fee of **£5.00**.

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. 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.

10. Up to 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

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, Chamoise Hill, British Rouge and any other pure continental breed.

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. All lambs, must be clean ewe or wether lambs, **NO** tup lambs will be accepted; any lambs showing male characteristics will be disqualified.

14. 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.

15. The animals entered by the YFC member must **only** compete in the YFC classes at the 2026 Winter Fair.

PROCEDURE

16. 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. Information will be used by the commentator during the showing. Information Sheet - <https://forms.gle/dmMoVeZQSZnjY1aC8>

17. Lambs to arrive at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair on Sunday 29th of November, between the times of 9.00am and 2.00pm. Lambs will be penned in a dedicated YFC section, as appointed by the Stewards.

18. The lambs must be weighed on the Sunday at the Winter Fair as they arrive.

19. All judging will take place at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, Llanelwedd on the 30th of November and the Championship will take place on the 1st of December, 2026. Lambs must not leave the show until after the sale on the 1st of December, 2026.

20. The live lambs entered into the Fair must arrive in a washed state and **no trimming or shearing is permitted of the body**; except for squaring of the tail, cleaning of dags and bellying the lambs out. The lambs will be inspected by the chief Sheep Steward of the Winter Fair during the weigh in and after arrival and if lambs are found to be trimmed then they will not be allowed to compete.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. Lambs will be judged on the day in three classes;

Native Hill Breed Section,

Native Lowland Breed Section

Pure Continental Breed Section.

26. The first place pair of lambs in every one of the YFC Classes will go on to the representative Championship and against other Section Winners in the Open Section:

- 1st place YFC Native Hill Pair of lambs will go into the Winter Fair Native Hill and Upland Breed Championship on the Tuesday
- 1st place YFC Lowland Pair of Lambs will go into the Winter Fair pure Lowland breed section Championship on the Tuesday
- 1st place YFC Continental Pair will go into the Winter Fair Pure Continental Breed Section Championship on the Tuesday

27. 1st place pairs of lambs in all three classes then compete against each other to find the Wales YFC Prime Lamb Champion. The 2nd place animal to the champion will be eligible to compete for reserve Wales YFC Prime Lamb Champion.

28. Rosettes will be awarded to the 'Supreme Champion YFC Prime Lamb' and 'Reserve Supreme Champion YFC Prime Lamb'.

29. 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.

30. The Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion must be offered for sale.

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

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

Mark Scheme

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 the lambs– 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 for no more than 10 minutes per competitor.

A total of 4 Prizes will be given out over the competition.

- Highest placed animal in the showring
- Best Information Board
- Highest Place New Competitor Overall
- Overall Winner

2026 PRIME LAMB PRODUCER COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

To be eligible to compete in the 2026 Prime Lamb Producer 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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