



THE ROYAL ULSTER WINTER FAIR

NORTHERN IRELAND'S PREMIERE CATTLE EVENT

in association with:

Northern Bank

Prize Schedule

24th WINTER FAIR

Thursday 10th December 2009

9.00am-5.00pm

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THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2009



ONLINE ENTRIES
www.winterfair.org.uk

ENTRY CLOSE:
WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2009 [5.00pm]

If you require Entry Forms please telephone 02890 665225
or email: joanne2@kingshall.co.uk

ENTRY FEES

STALL FEES [per stall]	RUAS Member, £22	Non-Member, £26
ENTRY FEES [per entry]	RUAS Member, £4	Non-Member, £6

Note: All Stall and Entry Fees are non-refundable, All Entry Fees include VAT

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JUDGING PROGRAMME [PROVISIONAL]

Final timetable of judging will be published following Close of Entries

9.00 am	Judging of Showmanship Classes
10.00 am	Judging of Dairy Shorthorn, Jersey, Ayrshire and Holstein Breed
12.00 noon	Lunch Break
1.00 pm	Judging recommences
3.00 pm	Judging of Breed Championships
4.00 pm	Judging of Supreme Championship

JUDGE: Mike Heath, USA

Best Kept Dairy Stall

JUDGE: William Cromie, 54 Doughery Road, Banbridge, Co Down. BT32 3JZ

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society
Balmoral, Belfast BT9 6GW

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PRIZE MONEY

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Northern Bank will present prizes 1st - 3rd

PRIZES FOR CLASSES (5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21)

1st £150, **2nd** £100, **3rd** £50, **4th** £45, **5th** £40, **6th** £35, **7th** £30, **8th** £25, **9th** £20, **10th** £15, **11th** £10, **12th** £10.

PRIZES FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

1st £200, **2nd** £150, **3rd** £100, **4th** £90, **5th** £80, **6th** £70, **7th** £60, **8th** £50, **9th** £40, **10th** £30, **11th** £20, **12th** £20.

Cash Prizes to be awarded provided the Judges find sufficient merit [Reg 37]

SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST UDDER AWARDS

Rosette and red tail ribbon for Best Udder in each class. Only IN MILK animals are eligible

EXHIBITOR BRED AWARDS

Best Exhibitor Bred animal in each class £50.00. Exhibitor bred status is defined in relevant Breed Society rules.

BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champion, £250; Reserve Champion £150

JUNIOR HOLSTEIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion, Rosette and Sash, Reserve Champion, Rosette

INTER BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

Supreme Inter Breed Champion, £500 & Crystal Bowl; Reserve Inter Breed Supreme Champion, £300; Honourable mention, £200; A further £150 will be paid to the Inter Breed Champion if Exhibitor Bred.

BEST KEPT DAIRY STALL AWARD

1st, £75; **2nd**, £50; **3rd**, £25

All exhibits will be entered automatically for this Award which is confined to individual exhibitors. The Judges will take into consideration presentation of cattle, cleanliness of lines, marketing and promotion of the herd and the attendants associated with the herd.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Exhibitors must book the number of Stalls which they wish to use during the Show and may enter as many animals as they wish on or before the Closing Date for Entries. **Exhibitors may not bring to the Show more animals than the number of Stalls reserved at the time of entry.**

Exhibitors from outside Northern Ireland

"In the case of entries from outside Northern Ireland, it is the sole responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that their animals meet all veterinary import and export regulations in force to enable their animals to travel to the Royal Ulster Winter Fair, and return, with the necessary import and export certification"

Stall dimensions - Holstein, 4'2" wide, all other breeds, 3'9" wide.

Stalls must not extend beyond 10'.

Cattle may only be entered in one Class.

Regulations for the Movement of Animals Entering and Leaving a Show

Movements to a Show

On arrival at the Show, the cattle must be accompanied by a fully completed MC2 document and proof of a negative result to the Brucellosis Pre-Movement Test. The top three copies (MC2A-White, MC2B-Yellow and MC2C-Pink) must be brought to the Show. All three copies will be checked by a Show representative then stamped with the Show stamp. The MC2A(White) will be retained by the Show operative to electronically move the animal/s to the Show.

Movements from a Show

1. To cover the return of animals from the show, the Show staff will issue a 'move out' MC2 (issued to the Show by the local DVO /DDO) referencing the serial number of the inbound MC2. The MC2A(White) copy should be sent to the DVO and the MC2B(Yellow) and MC2C(Pink) copies should be given to the exhibitor. The MC2B, with a yellow sticker attached, must be returned to the herd keeper's local DVO within **7 days** (to avoid an NMN status) and the MC2C, with corresponding pink sticker attached, should be kept for his/her records.
2. Where the exhibitor has their Sticker Book with them the Show will issue them an MC2 endorsed with the herd number of the exhibitor and the serial number of the 'move in' MC2. The MC2A (White) and MC2B(Yellow) 'move out' copies should be stapled to the Yellow 'move in' copy and have a yellow confirmation sticker applied. This should then be sent to the DVO by the Show Operatives. The MC2C(Pink) 'move out' copy should be stapled to the Pink 'move in' copy and have the corresponding pink sticker applied. This should be given to the Herd keeper for his/her own records.

Please also read bio-security note on page 12.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- 1 Novice and Junior Showmanship (handlers under 12 years of age on 1st January 2009)
- 2 Intermediate Showmanship (handlers aged between 13-15 years on 1st January 2009)
- 3 Senior Showmanship (handlers aged between 16-20 years on 1st January 2009)
- 4 Mature Showmanship (handlers aged between 21-26 years on 1st January 2009)

DAIRY SHORTHORN

All animals must be entered in the Dairy Shorthorn Register of Coates's Herd Book. The Shorthorn Society Show Regulations (latest) will apply to all exhibitors and exhibits in the Dairy Shorthorn section.

CLASS

- 5 MAIDEN HEIFER
- 6 HEIFER, in calf or in milk
- 7 COW, in calf
- 8 COW, in milk

SPECIALS

- S1 Best Exhibitor Bred Dairy Shorthorn - £100
- S2 Premier Exhibitor in Section Award (Points from class placings **1st**=10, **2nd**=9, **3rd**=8, **4th**=7, **5th**=6, **6th**=5, **7th**=4, **8th**=3, **9th**=2, **10th**=1.
- S3 Novice Exhibitor Award (Highest placed premier exhibitor, not having exhibited in the preceding 5 years).

JERSEY

All animals must be entered in the Herd Book of the Jersey Cattle Society of the United Kingdom.

The Jersey Cattle Society of the United Kingdom Showing Rules (latest) will apply to all exhibitors and exhibits in the Jersey section.

CLASS

- 9 MAIDEN HEIFER, born on or after 1st June 2008
- 10 HEIFER, in calf
- 11 HEIFER, in milk
- 12 JUNIOR COW, in milk, in second lactation
- 13 SENIOR COW, in milk, in third or later lactation

SPECIALS

- S4 Best Exhibitor Bred Jersey - £100
- S5 Premier Exhibitor Award (Points from class placings **1st**=10, **2nd**=9, **3rd**=8, **4th**=7, **5th**=6, **6th**=5, **7th**=4, **8th**=3, **9th**=2, **10th**=1.
- S6 Novice Exhibitor Award (Highest placed premier exhibitor, not having exhibited in the preceding 5 years).

AYRSHIRE

All animals must be entered in the Herd Book of the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

The Ayrshire Cattle Society Constitution & Rules (latest) will apply to all exhibitors and exhibits in the Ayrshire section.

CLASS

- 14 MAIDEN HEIFER, born on or after 1st June 2008
- 15 COW, in calf, any age
- 16 HEIFER, in milk, must have calved by three years of age
- 17 COW, in milk, in second lactation
- 18 COW, in milk, in third or later lactation

SPECIALS

- S7 Best Exhibitor Bred Ayrshire - £100
- S8 Premier Exhibitor in Section Award (Points from class placings **1st** = 10, **2nd** = 9, **3rd** = 8, **4th** = 7, **5th** = 6, **6th** = 5, **7th** = 4, **8th** = 3, **9th** = 2, **10th** = 1.
- S9 Novice Exhibitor Award (Highest placed premier exhibitor, not having exhibited in the preceding 5 years)

HOLSTEIN

All animals must be entered in the Herd Book of Holstein UK or classes B and C of the Supplementary Register or the equivalent herd book in the Country of the animals residence.

The Holstein UK Bye laws and Showing Rules (latest) will apply to all exhibitors and exhibits in the Holstein section.

CLASS

- 19 HEIFER, born on or after 1st June 2008
- 20 HEIFER, born on or after 1st June 2007 and on or before 31st May 2008
- 21 COW, in calf but not in milk
- 22/23 JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR HEIFER, in milk
- 24

Class allocation to be decided based on entries received.

25/26 COW, in milk, having had two calvings at date of Show

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27 COW, in milk, having had three calvings at date of Show

28 COW, in milk, having had four calvings at date of Show

29 COW, in milk, having had five or more calvings at date of Show

30 COW, in milk or in calf, having produced a minimum of 50,000kgs in her lifetime

SPECIALS

- S10 Best Exhibitor Bred Holstein - £100
- S11 Premier Exhibitor in Section Award (Points from class placings **1st**=10, **2nd**=9, **3rd**=8, **4th**=7, **5th**=6, **6th**=5, **7th**=4, **8th**=3, **9th**=2, **10th**=1.
- S12 Novice Exhibitor Award (Highest placed premier exhibitor, not having exhibited in the preceding 5 years).

REGULATIONS and INSTRUCTIONS

Intending exhibitors are requested to read carefully the Regulations and Instructions below and elsewhere in the Prize Schedule, and not lodge entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with them.

1. Exclusion of Liability - The Society being a charitable institution which organises the Show in order to promote agriculture and its ancillary industries within Northern Ireland and requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that the Society whether or not due to its own negligence or that of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees or otherwise shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the holding abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animal or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, or attendant from the Show, or the appointment, decision, act or omission of any Judge, Officer, Official, employee or other person connected with the Show nor shall the Society nor any of its Judges, Officers, Officials, employees or other persons be in any way responsible or accountable for anything that may happen [from any cause or circumstances whatever] to the exhibitors or their attendants, or to any exhibit or property brought into the Show Grounds, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to the Society's Show. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other Loss, Injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or item exhibited by him whether or not due to the negligence of the Society or any of its servants, agents, sub-contractors or other entrants, exhibitors or invitees and for its description as given in the catalogue. Exhibitors shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceedings.

2. Lodging Entries - All Entry Forms, electronic or otherwise must be completed and signed by the exhibitor or agent, must be lodged with or sent along with correct payment to the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society. Lodgement of entries shall be deemed to be a full acceptance of the Regulations and Instructions.

Exhibitors shall familiarise themselves with the various breed society rules which apply to their breed section as they relate to showing, particularly regards eligibility to enter, exhibitor bred status and showing ethics.

3. Entries Close - No entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the Closing Date - **Wednesday 25th November 2009 (5.00pm)**.

4. Ownership - All exhibits must be bona fide the property of the exhibitor at the close of entry.

5. Filling up Entries - No Society staff are permitted to fill up the Entry Form for an intending exhibitor.

6. Rejection of Entries - The Council reserves to itself the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. In the event of the Council being unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days after the final closing of the entries, and the fees lodged will be refunded, or in any case of their being insufficient entries in a class, the Council will withdraw the class from competition and return the Entry Fees.

7. Verification of Statements - Each exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the Entry Form in any manner the Council may require.

8. Amalgamation and Division of Classes - A class with less than 4 entries will, where possible be amalgamated with the nearest similar or relevant class. If there are too many entries in any one class, the class may be divided. Where a class is divided similar prize money will be paid in each division.

9. Notification of Calving - Animals entered in in-milk classes may be transferred to the appropriate in-calf classes if they are uncalved at time of judging. Animals entered in in-calf classes may be transferred to the appropriate in-milk classes if they have calved at time of judging. Exhibitors are responsible for drawing the Society's attention to this requirement where it arises.

10. Arrival - All cattle should arrive at the Show Grounds between 10.00am and 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th December 2009. Arrival by Gate A [Lisburn Road]. Animals will be stalled in the Granville Nugent Hall.

11. Departure - Cattle will be permitted to leave the Show Grounds after 4.15pm on Thursday, 10th December 2009.

12. Delivery or Removal - The Society shall not be responsible in any way for the delivery of any exhibit at the Show, nor for the removal of any exhibit at the close of the Show.

13. Exhibitors' and Wrist Bands - Exhibitors, not members of the Society, are entitled to a Free wristband, which is not transferable and must be attached to your wrist before being presented at the gate. Exhibitors are entitled to one admission wrist band per two stalls booked subject to a maximum of 4 wrist bands.

14. Attendants - Exhibitors must provide competent persons to take charge of their stock during the entire time such stock may be upon the Society's premises.

15. Dress - Exhibitors are requested to ensure that Official Breed Society uniforms are worn by all persons attending their animals in the rings.

16. Fodder - Exhibitors are requested to note that the Society does not take charge of or feed any description of stock.

17. Placards or advertising material Placards or advertising material will be permitted to be placed over animals' stalls but only in reference to animals exhibited and herd represented. It is not permitted to display Rosettes/Awards won at previous Shows.

18. Care of Animals and Safety - Each exhibitor must take all reasonable precautions to ensure safety. Exhibits must be under proper control at all times. Any animal considered to be in a dangerous or infuriated state will not be admitted and should any animal, in the opinion of the stewards, become dangerous at the event, it must be removed immediately, or if removal is impracticable or attended with risk, it shall be destroyed.

19. Electrical Appliances - The use of mains electrical appliances is prohibited in the stalls as these constitute a safety hazard. A separate cattle preparation area with power supply will be provided.

20. Diseased Animals - Exhibitors are hereby warned against bringing any diseased animal into the Show premises and, if under any circumstances this Regulation be violated, the exhibitor of the diseased animal will be solely responsible for any claims that may arise for damage or loss to other exhibitors or any other persons, and the Council holds itself free from liability in such cases. Should any animal manifest symptoms of disease during the Show, it must be removed immediately from the premises, on an order to that effect by the Chief Executive, or by a senior member of the staff, or by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Society.

21. Marks Indicating Ownership - No marks which might indicate the ownership of stock whilst being exhibited for prizes will be permitted, nor will covers be allowed on animals during Show hours without special permission from the Stewards.

22. Tampering with Exhibits - No artificial device, substance or technique whatever may be adopted for the purpose of interfering with the udders of cattle. No cows or heifers presented in the Judging Ring may have sealed teats and the RUAS reserves the right to scan the udder of any cow or heifer entered. Any exhibitor found infringing this Regulation and Instruction may be disqualified from exhibiting at the Show.

23. Fitting - Fitting may only take place in the approved areas allocated for this purpose.

24. Restricted Areas - Except when under adjudication, animals are restricted to the Nugent Hall and adjoining marquees and should not move outside these areas unless accompanied by a steward. Any breach of this Regulation will result in that animal being disqualified from the event.

25. Milking - Milking facilities will be available during the Show. Milk produced becomes the property of the Society and no direct payment will be made to exhibitors.

26. Adjudication - No person shall in any way communicate with a Judge engaged in adjudication without the sanction of the Steward in attendance. If an attendant infringes this Regulation and Instruction he shall be removed immediately from the charge of the exhibit, and another attendant substituted by the Stewards, at a cost of £20 per hour to the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who enters the space in which adjudication is proceeding may be disqualified from receiving a prize.

27. Objections - Objections to awards requiring reference to the Judge must be lodged with the Operations Director Rhonda Geary by 5.00 pm on 10th December 2009. Any other objection must be made within seven days after the Show, and will be considered at the next Meeting of the Council. No objection will be entertained by the Council unless made on the printed form, which can be obtained from the Society's offices in The King's Hall on payment of a fee of £20, which will be refunded if the objection is sustained.

28. Penalties - In case it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the owner of an animal exhibited, or any person in his employment, or under his control, has been guilty of any violation of the Regulations and Instructions, had made a false statement in the Entry Form or substituted another animal for that described in the Entry Form, has placed an animal in a stall, by day or night, other than that to which he is entitled, or has been guilty of any practice calculated to deceive or mislead, or to secure an unfair advantage, such exhibitor shall forfeit all prizes awarded to him at the Show, together with all fees paid by him, and his animal or animals shall be liable to be removed forthwith from the Show Grounds, and such owner shall be liable to be prevented from competing at this or any further Show of the Society.

29. Incivility - Owners of stock are warned that any act or disobedience or discourtesy to the Officials of the Show on the part of the owner, or attendant will debar the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication or from taking a prize. The Society's Council reserves the power to remove from the Show, any owner or attendant, together with the exhibit or exhibits concerned. Penalties as laid down in Regulation 26 shall apply.

30. Rejection - The Society reserves to itself the power to reject or remove any animal or other exhibit from the Show.

31. Power of Stewards - The Council delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce all the foregoing Regulations and Instructions.

32. Councils Decision Final - The Council reserves the right of determining all disputed cases etc., and the decision of the Council shall be final in all respects.

33. Appointment of Judges - Should any Judge be unable to fulfil their engagement the Council reserves the right to appoint another in their place, or additional Judges if required, and to make any alterations necessary to the success of the Show.

34. Judges' Decision - The decision of the Judges shall in all cases be final, except where misrepresentation or breach of the Regulations and Instructions is discovered.

35. Judging Book - Each of the Judges will be provided with a book specifying the classes to be adjudicated on, and the number of prizes to be awarded. The Judges are particularly requested not to apply for any further information respecting exhibits under their adjudication or examination, except in regard to age.

36. Hygiene - The Judges shall not attempt to draw the udders of dry cattle, and if milking cows are to be thus handled, the Judge shall wash and disinfect their hands before and after drawing each or any animal.

37. Prizes - The Judges shall not award a prize in any of the classes where sufficient merit does not appear.

38. Awards Slips/Judging Book - The Stewards are particularly requested, as soon as the prizes have been definitely awarded in each class, to distribute the rosettes and to deposit the Judge's award slips to the RUAS staff at the judging ring. The judging book for each section to be returned to the RUAS office at the conclusion of judging.

39. Steward/Exhibitor - No one shall act as Steward in a Ring while a class in which he is an exhibitor is under adjudication in that Ring.

40. Judges' Reports - The Judge will be asked to submit a report to the Society on the classes upon which they have adjudicated.

41. Blood Sampling - The Society condemns the use of prohibited or unlicensed drugs in livestock production and reserves the right to take whatever samples it considers necessary for analyses. Should, subsequently a trace of any prohibited or unlicensed drug be found penalties will be applied in line with Regulation 26 contained in the Regulations and Instructions to Exhibitors. Furthermore since such positive findings may be in contravention of the Food Safety [Northern Ireland] Order 1991 and its subordinate legislation the results will be reported to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland.

BIO-SECURITY PROTOCOLS

The Following bio-security protocols have been agreed with DARD Veterinary Division for the 2009 Winter Fair on 10th December.

Pre-movement testing for Brucellosis for breeding animals over 12 months will be required.

MC2 permit to the Fair must be presented prior to offloading animals.

All transport vehicles entering the RUAS must be cleansed and disinfected on the farm before coming to Balmoral. All vehicles not remaining in the showgrounds must be cleansed and disinfected by the exhibitor/agent prior to returning to the showgrounds to collect animals for return to the farm. A power wash facility and back sprayer containing disinfectant will be available.

BALMORAL SHOW : 12-14 MAY 2010	
CLOSE OF ENTRY DATES	
Horses, Ponies, Sheep	
[entries close Wednesday March 3]	
Cattle, Goats, Pigs, Poultry, Pigeons, Eggs, Rabbits	
[entries close Friday March 19]	
Show Jumping Competitions	
[entries close Wednesday April 7]	
Sheep Shearing Competitions	
[Entries close April 30]	
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Intending exhibitors at Balmoral Show who do not usually receive a copy of the Prize Schedule should note the above dates of closing of Entries. Further details from: -
Joanne Brady, Administrative Officer, Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, Balmoral, Belfast, BT9 6GW.



Stay ahead of the field

Northern Bank is once again proud to sponsor the Winter Dairy Fair in 2009.

As the principal supporter of the Fair for well over twenty years now, we have long proven our commitment to local farmers and local farming.

And that commitment endures because at Northern Bank, we understand the issues farmers face. That means you can rely on us to offer innovative and efficient solutions to meet all your business and personal banking needs - now and for the future.

To find out how Northern Bank can help your business stay ahead of the field, contact John Henning on 028 9004 7433 - or come and speak to us at our stand at the Winter Fair.

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