



Young Farmers'  
Clubs of Ulster

## Silage Making Competition

*One member per club may enter his/her Silage. The competition is organised in two stages with one member from each County winning through to the Final stage.*

### Stage 1:

Organised by County Committees. Each Young Farmers' Club is allowed to nominate/enter one member to have his/her Silage inspected by a panel of Judges.

### Stage 2:

The top in each County will have his/her silage inspected by a panel of Judges to select the YFCU Silage Maker of the Year.

### Where:

All stages take place on the member's farm.

### Eligibility:

The Silage Making Competition is open to practical farmers between the 18-30 years who are involved in the decision making and management of the farm. Participants must hold a valid YFCU membership.

In the event of two or more members from a Club wishing to enter, Club Officials should hold a Club Competition and ask a judge to select the top Silage.

### Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties:

#### Stage 1:

- Competitors will be forwarded a questionnaire which must be completed and returned to YFCU HQ within the required time limit.
- Any competitors failing to return questionnaires will be eliminated from the competition.
- Competitors should arrange to be present when County Judges are available to inspect their Silage.

Silage will be assessed according to the following scale of marks:

Heading	Max. Score
Digestibility	35
Dry Matter Content	10
Absence Of Waste	20
Fermentation	35
Feeding efficiency /use of silage on the farm	50
Pollution Control on the farm.	50

**Stage 1:** County visits should take place during January.

**Stage 2:**

- Competitors who gain a place at the final stage will be visited by a panel of judges and interviewed about their silage making.
- Judges will expect to see silage the competitor has made.
- A maximum of 150 marks can be awarded.
- The judges will visually re-assess each finalist's silage according to the scale used in Stage 1 as a tie-break.
- All Stage 2 competitors/Finalists will be visited during January.

**Closing Date:**

The closing date for entries will be provided by HQ.

**Fees/ Deposits:**

Refer to participation/fee list.

**Proficiencies:**

Proficiency Certificates cannot be Awarded for this event as entries are restricted to one member per club.

**Prizes:**

The cup will be awarded to the winner.

**Protests:**

See Protests in General Rules Section.

The Executive Committee of the YFCU reserves the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing rules as it may consider necessary.