



Young Farmers'  
Clubs of Ulster

## Ulster Young Farmer of the Year

*Competitors are required to be able to demonstrate their knowledge of farming and farming practice.*

*The competition is organised in three stages,  
with a number of participants winning through to the next stage.*

### **Stage 1:**

Takes place at club level, where Members are asked to meet on a specified evening and complete 60 question multiple choice paper.

### **Stage 2:**

The top participants from stage 1 are invited to attend a central venue to complete a 120 multiple choice question paper comprising of the following sections:

- (1) Grass
- (2) Beef Husbandry
- (3) Sheep Husbandry
- (4) Dairy Husbandry
- (5) Farm Safety
- (6) Pigs & Poultry Husbandry
- (7) General
- (8) Arable
- (9) Countryside Management
- (10) Innovation

### **Stage 3:**

- The best participants from stage 2 are invited to the practical day.
- Tests and questions are in the same categories as stage 2 with an added section on finance.
- Competitors are tested by a separate judge for each category.

It should be stressed that even if members do not wish to aim at winning the overall competition there are trophies on offer for ancillary competitions in the various enterprises (see Prizes).

### **Where:**

**Stage 1** - Takes place at club level.

**Stage 2** - Participants attend a central venue(s)

**Stage 3** - Participants attend an Agricultural College

### **Eligibility:**

The Ulster Young Farmer Competition is open to all members between the ages of 18 and 30, who hold a valid YFCU Membership.

Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties:

### **Stage 1:**

- Members must complete all tasks within the required time.
- A total of 60 minutes are permitted to complete the 60 multiple choice questions.
- All questions are of equal value.

### Stage 2:

- Competitors who gain a place in the second stage are invited to undertake a 120 multiple choice question paper.
- Members are permitted a maximum of 2 hours for this and all questions are of equal value.
- If a member is unable to participate in the second stage they can be replaced by the next highest scorer in their club.

### Stage 3:

- Competitors who gain a place at this stage are interviewed and tested by a separate Judge for each of the sections.
- Competitors may gain equal marks for each section.
- 25-30 will differ in this round, final to be decided by YFCU HQ

### Marking:

- The marks gained at Stage 1 are only used to award Proficiency Certificates and select the best participant(s) in each club for Stage 2.
- The marks from Stage 2 (**Max 12 marks** per section) are added to those gained at Stage 3 (**Max 50 marks** per section) to calculate the overall and section winners.
- The maximum score possible for the competition is **620 marks**

### Closing Date:

The closing date for entries will be provided by HQ.

### Proficiencies:

Proficiencies will be awarded on marks gained at Stage 1 of the competition.

### Prizes:

**1<sup>st</sup>:** £30.00 Prize Money, Trophy & Certificate

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** £20 Prize Money & Certificate

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** £10 Prize Money & Certificate

**Best under 21:** £15 Prize Money, Trophy & Certificate

**25- 30 Winner:** £30 Prize Money, Trophy & Certificate

### Ancillary Competitions:

Countryside Management Trophy & Certificate

Machinery Trophy & Certificate

Grassland Trophy & Certificate

Arable/Crops Trophy & Certificate

Pig/Poultry Husbandry Trophy & Certificate

Dairy Husbandry Trophy & Certificate

Beef Husbandry Trophy & Certificate

Sheep Husbandry Trophy & Certificate

Innovation Certificate

### Discipline:

Clubs must be responsible for their members' behaviour during the competition and appoint an invigilator to oversee the completion of the multiple choice papers.

**Protests:**

See Protests in General Rules Section.

**Additional Information:**

All Competitors must follow the directions of the Stewards and adhere to the time permitted for each of the tasks.

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