



Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster  
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<b>Competition</b>	<b>Silage Making</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Fane Valley</b>

The competition is organised in two stages with one member from each County gaining a place in the final stage. All stages take place on the member's farm.

### **Stage 1:**

One member from each club may enter their silage into the County heats. In the event of a club having more than one entry, the club should hold their own heats before a member can progress through to the County heats.

### **Stage 2:**

The winner of each County heat will have their silage inspected by a panel of Judges to identify the YFCU Silage Maker of the Year.

### **Eligibility**

The silage making competition is open to members between the ages of 18 and 30 who are involved in the decision making and management of the farm. Participants must hold a valid YFCU membership.

### **Marking Scheme / Timing / Penalties:**

#### Stage 1:

- Competitors will be forwarded a questionnaire which must be completed and returned to YFCU HQ before the deadline.
- 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:

- 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 the 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.

### **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.

### **Discipline**

Clubs must appoint one person to be responsible for their members' behaviour.

### **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.