



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Danske Bank

Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster
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Competition	Ulster Young Farmer
Sponsor	Danske Bank

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.

When

This first stage of the competition takes place in November, second stage in January with the finals then taking place in March. Exact dates and venues will be distributed to secretaries and leaders by HQ.

Where

Stage 1:

Online Questionnaire (Survey Monkey)

Junior – answer 30 questions in 1 hour 30 minutes

Senior – answer 60 questions in 1 hour

Stage 2:

Questionnaire in person (Survey Monkey)

Junior – answer 75 questions in 2 hours

- Countryside Management Section
- General Section
- Livestock Section
- Farm Safety Section

Senior – answer 120 questions in 2 hours

- General Section

- Farm Safety Section
- Sheep Section
- Pigs & Poultry Section
- Countryside Management Section
- Innovation Section
- Grass Section
- Dairy Section
- Beef Section
- Arable Section

Stage 3:

- Final – interview stage

Junior Interviews – normally in the evening

- Livestock
- Farm Safety
- Countryside Management
- General

Senior Interviews – 2 time slots, one throughout the day and the second in the evening

- Sheep
- Beef
- Dairy
- Countryside Management
- Finance
- Farm Safety
- Arable
- Grass
- Pigs & Poultry
- General
- Innovation

25–30 Presentations – Set by Danske Bank, ran in the evening, the week after the senior interviews.

It is 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.

Eligibility

Participants must hold a valid full or transit YFCU membership.

Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties

Stage 1:

- Members must complete all tasks within the required time.
- All questions are of equal value.

Stage 2:

- Competitors who gain a place in the second stage are invited to undertake a 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

Proficiency

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.

Prizes

Best Under 21:

- 1st: Cup, Certificate and Monetary Prize
- 2nd: Certificate

Overall Winner (not including 25 – 30):

- 1st: Cup, Certificate and Monetary Prize
- 2nd & 3rd: Certificate and Monetary Prize

Junior Young Farmer:

- 1st: Cup, Certificate and Monetary Prize
- 2nd: Certificate and Monetary Prize

Ulster Young Farmer (25 – 30)

- 1st: Cup, Certificate and Monetary Prize
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th: 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

All ancillary prizes are awarded to senior members only

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 the 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.