

# 40th NORFOLK COUNTY FARM BUSINESS COMPETITION 2019



ORGANISED BY THE AYLSHAM AGRICULTURAL SHOW ASSOCIATION

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**President: Mrs Clare Buxton**

**Judging Period:** Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June 2019

**Entries Close:** Entry Form to be sent in post, with cheque payable to AASA, or emailed as per details below, by Friday 31st May 2019

**Entry Fee:** £45 plus £55 Membership, if not already paid. All the usual Show privileges apply.

**Bank Details for**

**Online Payment:** Aylsham Show, Sort Code: 200326, Account Number: 70125334

**Administration:** Robert Mitchell, Flashpit Farm, Blickling, Norwich, Norfolk NR11 6NE  
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Website: www.theaylshamshow.co.uk

It is anticipated that the cups and trophies will be presented at the Farm Walk to be held at the Champion Farm in early July. Full details will be announced after the competition.

# RULES

- 1 All competitors must be members of the Aylsham Agricultural Show Association.
- 2 The competition is open to occupiers of farms, the main homestead or 60% of the total land farmed being within the County of Norfolk.
- 3 This Booklet and the Entry Form are available to be downloaded from the Aylsham Show Website.
- 4 The following points will be considered by the judges:-
  - (a) Judges are asked to judge the farm as they see it on the day, having regard to standards of cropping and livestock husbandry. They should also take into account the suitability of the chosen farming system to the basic resources in land type(s), buildings and other features such as availability of irrigation.
  - (b) Judges will have the discretion to inspect selected fields from a map provided by the competitor.
  - (c) Entrants can expect to be questioned on their cropping and stocking policy.
  - (d) Entrants will also be questioned on the utilisation of full time, part time, pool or contract labour and their use of pool or co-operative machinery and equipment. It will be for the entrants to make out their case for their particular system of farming having regards to modern practice and the need to adopt the best possible farming system for profitable utilisation of the available resources.
  - (e) The judges will not ask to see and should not be shown, annual statutory accounts. These are regarded by the Association as both historical and personal to the entrants. Farm records may be requested by the judges as will cropping plan and livestock records, past and current, and management/budgetary information.
- 5 Any question of ineligibility of a competitor or any dispute arising out of the competition shall be dealt with by the committee, whose decision will be final.
- 6 Subject to the option hereafter mentioned, competitors shall have been in occupation of the land in their entry since the previous Michaelmas and all land occupied by them in conjunction with and under the same management as the main homestead of the farm named on the entry form shall be included, even if part of such land is not in the competition area. For the purpose of clarity where any farm or farms being part of a larger group in one ownership is clearly under the management of a separate professional farm manager, then the area managed may, at the discretion of the Committee, be accepted as a separate entry. Nevertheless, competitors may, at their option, elect to exclude from competition the whole of any extra land taken by them since the previous year, for a period of two years after entering upon such extra land, but must so declare at the first time of entering after taking such land. (Competitors, who have more than one farm in the competition area, shall as a condition of entry, but subject to the expectations set out above, show all the farms as one entry. Where the competitor occupies land outside the competition area, and such land forms an integral part of his farming undertaking, then all such land shall be shown as one holding. A competitor shall exhibit all his livestock whether on the holding or on other grazing land or agisted).
- 7 The judges shall award a first and second place.
- 8 The Challenge Cups in all classes are Perpetual.
- 9 The judges will be appointed by the Committee and will at their discretion, make one or more inspection, according to a programme to be drawn up by the Committee, not before the first day of judging.
- 10 If sufficient or insufficient entries are received the Committee reserve the right to amend or alter the Classes or to arrange for pre-selection prior to the first day of judging.
- 11 First and second prize winners in each class plus the Champion and Reserve Champion will automatically qualify for the Champion Class in the following year. The Championship may only be won by the same farming organisation for two consecutive years and they will not be permitted to enter any class of the competition for the following year.

# MARKING GUIDELINES

<b>Approach to Business Management:</b>	<b>300</b>
Personal objectives, future policy and development of the business Financial control, marketing and purchasing	
<b>Enterprise Management, Crops, Livestock and Diversification:</b>	<b>400</b>
Appearance and condition demonstrated by physical inspection of crops, livestock and diversification, as well as reviewing management data of the enterprise. Financial and physical performance, from enterprise records.	
<b>Efficiency and Utilisation of Labour and Machinery, and Maintenance of Machinery:</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Approach to Environmental Care and Stewardship</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>1000</b>

**Competitors will be notified of their markings against those of the winner of their class.**

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<b>CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS</b>	Open to the champion (if eligible) and reserve champion in the previous year together with the first and second prize winners in each class in the previous year.
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>THE BARCLAYS BANK CHALLENGE CUP</b> and replica of the Association's Crest suitably inscribed.
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	Plaque including a replica of the Association's Crest suitably inscribed.
<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>THE LEONARD PAPWORTH CHALLENGE TROPHY</b> will be awarded to the Manager or Foreman of the Champion Farm Presented in memory of the Late Leonard Papworth.
<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>THE JUBILEE CUP</b> will be awarded to the Best Livestock Enterprise within the Championship Class. Presented by Sir John White Bt.
<b>OPEN FARM COMPETITION</b>	Classes to be determined and categorised once entries have been received.
<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>THE STUART CHAPMAN BOWL</b> for the best non farming diversification undertaken. Not eligible to be awarded to the same farm in two consecutive years. Presented in memory of the Late Stuart Chapman. All competitors with the exception of the Championship Class will be judged for this prize, and each class winner will then be judged separately to establish the overall winner.
<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>CHALLENGE CUP</b> for the Best Small Farming Business under 160 hectares, to include livestock, start-ups, diversification, and the farm proprietor being active within the business.

All farms will be competing for the relevant **Challenge Cups** together with a plaque including a replica of the Association's Crest suitably inscribed. To be awarded to all first and second prize winners.

All surplus income from the Aylsham Show and other events held by the Association is donated to Local Charitable Causes and Organisations.