

Young Farmers Overwintering Competition

2026-2027



SAYFC held in
conjunction with

Aberdeen &
Northern Marts

Annual competition
to overwinter beef
cattle



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OBJECTIVE

The objective of the competition is to encourage young farmers to take part in the buying and selling of cattle through the live auction system and, in particular, **to practise the art of stockmanship in the tasks of selection, feeding, presenting and parading animals for Show and Sale.** Young farmers are offered the opportunity to purchase cattle at the autumn sales, feed them through the winter with a key part of the competition covering the commercial aspects of production in the feeders margin and daily weight gain categories. The competition will conclude at the Show and Sale at Thainstone Centre next March.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Best Quality Animal

Best Presented & Paraded Animal

Highest Average Daily Liveweight Gain

Highest Feeders' Margin

Best Overwintered Animal

Novice Award

Junior Young Farmer Award

Young Farmers Club Award

YOUNG FARMERS COMPETITION TO OVERWINTER BEEF CATTLE

CALLADRU CUP for the CHAMPION BEST OVERWINTERED ANIMAL

This trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the best overall achievements in the following competition categories.

- Highest Feeders Margin
- Highest Average Daily Liveweight Gain
- Best Presented and Paraded Animal
- Best Quality Animal

BEST OVERWINTERED ANIMAL : All animals properly halter led and dressed in the haltered classes will receive an initial 10 points. Dressed unhaltered cattle will receive an initial 5 points. Home Bred animals are ineligible for this competition.

Competition categories will be awarded on a points system detailed below:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1. Highest Feeders Margin	10	8	6	4	2
2. Highest Average Daily Liveweight Gain	10	8	6	4	2
3. Best Presented and Paraded Animal	5	4	3	2	1
4. Best Quality Animal	5	4	3	2	1

NOVICE AWARDS : Will be presented to the first time exhibitor with the best overall achievements in the competition categories.

JUNIOR YOUNG FARMER AWARDS : Will be presented to the Junior Young Farmer between 14 and 17 years of age with the best overall achievements in all the competition categories.

PRIZE LIST

COMPETITION FOR THE CALLADRUM CUP - BEST OVERWINTERED ANIMAL

CALLADRUM CUP £100 and Sash for the Champion Best Overwintered Animal

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Bullock	£50	£40	£30	£20	£10
Heifer	£50	£40	£30	£20	£10

HIGHEST AVERAGE DAILY WEIGHT GAIN

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Bullock	£50	£40	£30	£20
Heifer	£50	£40	£30	£20

HIGHEST FEEDERS' MARGIN

Bullock	£50	£40	£30	£20
Heifer	£50	£40	£30	£20

Show : Best Quality Animal : On the day of the show the animals will be subdivided according to date of Birth to compete for the best quality animal as detailed below in the prize list.

BEST QUALITY ANIMAL : PURCHASED ANIMALS

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1. Light Bullock	£40	£30	£20	£10
2. Intermediate Bullock	£40	£30	£20	£10
3. Heavy Bullock	£40	£30	£20	£10

CHAMPION BULLOCK £50

4. Light Heifer	£40	£30	£20	£10
5. Intermediate Heifer	£40	£30	£20	£10
6. Heavy Heifer	£40	£30	£20	£10

CHAMPION HEIFER £50

OVERALL CHAMPION BEST QUALITY ANIMAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

BEST QUALITY ANIMAL : HOME BRED ANIMALS

CLASS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
7. Home bred Bullock	£25	£20	£15	£10
8. Home bred Heifer	£25	£20	£15	£10

HOME BRED CHAMPION : Card and Rosette

BEST PRESENTED AND PARADED ANIMAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Presented and Paraded	£40	£30	£20	£15

UNHALTERED SECTION

BEST QUALITY ANIMAL : PURCHASED ANIMALS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
9. Bullock	£25	£20	£15	£10
10. Heifer	£25	£20	£15	£10

PLEASE NOTE :

Only Halter-led Cattle will be eligible to compete in Classes 1-8 Unhalted classes are open to purchased animals only and will be included in the competition for the best overwintered animal but will be ineligible for the Best Quality championship.

NOVICE AWARD

1st	2nd	3rd
£50	£40	£30

JUNIOR YOUNG FARMERS AWARD

For the Junior Young Farmer between 14 and 17 years of age

1st	2nd	3rd
£30	£20	£10

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB AWARD

PERPETUAL TROPHY

To be awarded to the Club whose members gain the most points.

Eligibility -

1. Only bought-in animals eligible.
2. Points will be awarded on same basis as the individuals competition.
3. Minimum of three members per club.
4. Only one animal per member eligible
(i.e. the member's animal gaining the most points)

THE ANDERSON FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY :

The Anderson Trophy, presented by Andrew Anderson, Mayne Farm, Elgin, will be presented to the buyer of an animal, bought at the Young Farmers Overwintering Contest and which is highest placed in the Open Haltered Section at the “**Aberdeen Christmas Classic**”.

In addition to the specially commissioned, one-off bronze auction ring piece a cash incentive of **£200** is also offered.

So Please get Buying your potential winners!

CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO EQUAL SECTIONS BY WEIGHT ON THE DAY

***THE CHIEF STEWARD'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL AND THE
RIGHT IS RESERVED TO VARY ANY CLASSES IF NECESSARY***

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. The competition is open to all full and associate members of an affiliated Young Farmers Club (i.e. members between the age of 14 to 29 years on or before the Show date.)
2. The stock **must be purchased, by the competitor in person, online or by contacting an Auctioneer or Canvasser** at any sale conducted by Aberdeen & Northern Marts between 21st August and 29th November 2026. **Any Stock purchased by a third party will not be eligible to be shown or compete for the Calladrum Cup but can be sold at the sale.**
3. Participants must **register their animals on the day of purchase** at the main auction office, by completing an entry form and paying the entry fee deposit. The company will then record the purchase date, ear tags, weights and prices.
4. Home bred cattle must be entered by completing an entry form and paying the entry fee deposit at the main office and be available for inspection by Aberdeen & Northern Marts auctioneers before 1st December 2026.
5. Home bred cattle must be shown only in haltered classes 7 and 8 and are ineligible to compete in the best overwintered animal competition and are eligible to compete only for the home bred championship.
6. Any cattle for the competition purchased in a group will all be weighed and revalued individually by the auctioneers on the sale day. The revaluation will then be used as the purchase price.
7. A member may enter up to a maximum of four purchased cattle, plus two home bred cattle.
8. The stock must be overwintered by the member or his employer and must be available for inspection on the farm at any time by the organisers, SAYFC and Aberdeen & Northern Marts, or their appointed representatives.
9. The stock will be presented and offered for sale **and must be halter-led to compete in classes 1 - 8.** Unhalted classes are open to purchased animals only and will be included in the competition for the best overwintered animal but will be ineligible for the championship.
10. All cattle will be weighed within Thainstone on the morning of the show.
11. Aberdeen & Northern Marts insure all purchased entries for the competition against mortality and permanent injury, from the time of purchase until point of sale. The decision of the Company will be final in the settlement of all claims.
12. Aberdeen & Northern Marts are willing to offer partial or full finance for entered animals, the cost of which will be deducted from the sale proceeds. Competitors taking advantage of this facility must abide by the Standard Terms and Conditions of the Stock on Agreement Scheme. (Details available from the auctioneers or Mart Office).
13. An entry fee of £18 (£15 + VAT) per animal will be payable on registration, refundable if sold against commission. Cheques to be made payable to "Aberdeen & Northern Marts".
14. Judges will be appointed by the organisers.
15. **Cattle withdrawn from or not sold at the sale will forfeit all prize money.**
16. Exhibitors of major award winners will not be permitted to re-exhibit the same animal at any future Aberdeen & Northern Marts Shows and Sales under family or stockmans names.
17. The organisers reserve the right to amend any of the foregoing rule.
18. All animals must be Scotch Potentially Eligible Assured or Farm Assured.



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