



FARMS COMPETITION

Entries are now open for the 2018 Farm and Rural Business Awards. This year's competition will be judged on the week beginning 18th June.

What is the Farm and Rural Business Awards?

The Farm and Rural Business Awards is not a tidy farm competition! As an entrant, our judges will spend around 2 hours on your farm, and rather than focusing on the condition of your crops and livestock will be asking about the business decisions; Why you have done something that way? What is the plan for the future? How are you going to remedy a problem? Is the time spent between farming and diversification projects well split? Etc.

Classes will be split on acreage however the competition is not about how many hectares you farm, it's about how you utilise the hectares you have. This being said, if we have enough livestock dominant farms then it is likely we will split these off into their own class.

Do I need to provide anything for the judges?

It will be useful for the judges to have access to a map of the holding including the details of any diversification enterprises and labour usage.

While the judges may appreciate a tea or coffee, there is no need for the entrants to provide lunches for the judges!

When will I find out when my farm is getting judged?

We aim to let entrants know 2 weeks before judging begins when their farm will initially be judged on the Monday or Tuesday. This will likely be in the form of an email from the Agricultural Society and accompanied by a phone call from the Steward.

Stewards will likely also ring on the judging days to confirm estimated arrival times.

Those that have won classes will be notified on the Wednesday, as Supreme championship judging will take place on the Thursday or Friday of the same week. Judging days for this will be confirmed as early as possible on the Wednesday.

Our recommendation is that you keep the week of the Farm and Rural Business Awards as free as possible.

Am I eligible to enter the competition?

The Farm and Rural Business Awards is open to all farms within a 50 mile radius of the East of England Showground. Although we would prefer it, you do not need to be a member of the East of England Agricultural Society to enter.

Why should I enter?

Our entrants tend to find that the feedback received from judges can help form future business decisions or reinforce that certain elements have been done well.

What do I win?

Each class winner gets a certificate and trophy and two tickets to the Society's Peterborough Dinner.

In the farms competition, the Supreme Champion gets a certificate, trophy and prize money.

Our Supreme Champion is also asked to hold a farm walk to showcase their business in the June of the following year.

In the Rural business section of the awards, Champions will receive a certificate and trophy.

How do I enter?

Visit the East of England Agricultural Society website to download a copy of the schedule and entry form or give us a call on 01733 234451 to request a copy in the post.

Send your completed application form to:

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East of England Agricultural Society
East of England Showground
Peterborough
PE2 6XE

Or email it to RTrolove@EastofEngland.org.uk