

GRFGS FINAL RESULTS

NOVEMBER 2017



FARMS

Farm Championship

NFU Buchan Trophy for Farm Championship

Judge = Pete Miller, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st A D Brain & Son, Peters Farm, Broadway, Worcs
- 2nd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 3rd P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 4th Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos

“Parsons Bros” Trophy for Farm Machinery - P G & C P Whitehouse

“R S Chew” Trophy for Best Hedges, Fences & Ditches - Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham)

Best Farmed Farm

Class 1a - Best Small Farm

Kingscote Trophy for Small Farms

Judge = Andrew Webber, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 2nd Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd Mr K J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Glos
- 4th Mr Guy Medlicott, Marshmouth Farm, Marshmouth, Bourton on the Water, Glos

Comments

All four farmers are to be commended for their dedication and hard work and couldn't be more diverse in their operation. This made my job very difficult, Simon's diversification was impressive, Robert's conservation work is fantastic. I was particularly pleased to see the other farms promoting young farmers.

Class 1b - Best Medium Farm

Tallis Amos Trophy for Medium Farms

Judge = Chris Webber, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos
- 2nd Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Glos
- 3rd Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Sons, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 4th Mr R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos

Comments

Thank you to Edward Albutt for stewarding the Medium Farms Competition and would like to say how much I enjoyed the day, the results are as follows:

All 4 farms were of an exceptional standard which made the overall judging a very difficult decision. I tried to judge the farms as a whole business and who had made the best use of what they have not necessarily just the farming side.

1st: N P Kingston, I was exceptionally impressed with the farm and standard of management and stock. It was very good to see the younger generation working alongside their father and influencing the day to day decisions. I would like to put the sons through to YFC Young Farmer Competition

2nd: R W Padfield, Very different from other farms as not a dairy farm which made it hard to compare overall. Although I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr Padfield his wife did an exceptional job showing me around. The office and business units were a very high standard of conversion with an impressive rental income

I was especially impressed with the crops and how they had stuck with direct drilling especially after the initial yields were down, but you could now see they were reaping the benefits of better field management. Congratulation on getting into the higher stewardship scheme which has improved the wildlife in the area

3rd: PW & DP Round & Son, very impressed with high yielding herd and well managed farm, especially impressed with the uniformity of the cows

4th: Rob Davies, Very impressive dairy herd with very good figures. The maize crop was the best I saw throughout the day. Congratulations on the number of diversification projects which shows hard work and dedication

Class 1c - Best Large Farm Marling Trophy for Large Farms

Judge = Ed Walters, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr Jason Brain, A D & Brain & Son, Peters Farm, Broadway, Worcs
- 2nd Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 3rd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 4th Mr A Walters, Boddington Estate Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos

Comments

Jason Brain was a breath of fresh air, very dynamic farmer with good cost control and focused on future development of his businesses, this was very striking for a lad of his age.

Ruth was also an interesting girl to meet, she is getting to grips with the farming business and I can see going forward she will be a very capable and successful farmer/business lady.

All the farms were well run, tidy yards and great crops.

Class 1d - Best Very Large Farm

H W Smith & Son Trophy for Very Large Farms

Judge = Mike Goodenough/Andrew Chell, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 2nd W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 3rd Mr Martin Day, H A Day & Son, Little Farmcote Farm, Winchcombe, Glos

Comments

Very enjoyable day. Very difficult to place but the order we placed we think was fair, due to the business and what we physically saw. All three farms had a very good future.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Championship

Thomas Robinson Trophy for Livestock Championship

Judge = South Berks Agricultural Society

1st S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos

Thank you so much for your hospitality yesterday, we both enjoyed the day. The standard of the herds was so high it was not an easy task but we have chosen Simon Middle to be the winner. Simon Strang and I were in agreement that he should be the winner for the attention to detail and stock management. Thank you for inviting me to judge, it was a privilege to see such high standards of animal husbandry

Class 3 – Dairy Herds

Colnett Trophy for Dairy Herds

Judge = Angus Hodge, South Berks Agricultural Society

1st Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), Tresham Farm, W-U-E, Glos

2nd R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos

3rd} Mr K J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Glos Mrs Sophie

3rd} Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Sons, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos

3rd} Robin Merrett Farm Partnership, Overton Farm, Arlingham, Glos

Comments

Thanks to Robin Smith for his company and driving me around. It was a very interesting day with five outstanding dairy farms and each one was a pleasure to walk around, see the cows and meet the people who run them and I'm sure on a different day or a different judge the order could be totally the opposite of what I have done.

1st – Nigel Kingston – outstanding cell counts, udder health, feet and fertility – fantastic attention to detail

2nd – Rob Davies – great yield and the condition of the cows was a credit to the top quality forage going into the cows

Joint 3rd – Kevin Kingston – loved the paddock grazing and forage utilisation

Joint 3rd – James Merrett – very thoughtful use of crossbreeding to suit the farm and system

Joint 3rd – P W & D P Round & Son – very impressive powerful long lasting cows with large volumes of milk being produced

Bledisloe Trophy N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham)

Barton Cup – Matt Kingston

Class 4 – Sheep

Les Brodie Memorial Cup + FABBL Membership (SAI Global)

Judge = John Bishop, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Gos
- 2nd A E & V Albutt & Sons, The Paddocks, Postlip Hall Farm, Winchcombe, Gos
- 3rd Richard Harvey, Rudgeway Farms., Tredington, Tewkesbury, Gos
- 4th A M Hill & Son, Pamington Court Farm, Tewkesbury, Gos
- 5th P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Gos
- 6th N D & J E Gilder & Son, Upper Oaks Farm, Aston on Carrant, Tewkesbury, Gos

Comments

The standard of sheep farming was very high. Sheep systems were in all cases working well to optimise production from the land. Farmers were keen to incorporate new ideas in an effort to reduce costs and develop the viability of the enterprise. The sheep were well looked after. The positions of first and second were outstanding examples of sheep farming and a credit to the Gloucestershire Root Fruit & Grain Society. Well done!

Class 5a– Beef Suckler Herd

Ros Allen Trophy for Best Beef Suckler Herd

Judge = Philip Walters, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, The Estate Office, Boddington, Gos
- 2nd P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Gos
- 3rd N D & J E Gilder & Son, Upper Oaks Farm, Aston on Carrant, Tewkesbury, Gos
- 4th D W & J A Gilder, Pinnock Wood Farm, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gos
- 5th A D Albutt, The Workshop, Great Washbourne, Tewkesbury, Gos
- 6th A E & V Albutt & Sons, The Paddocks, Postlip Hall Farm, Winchcombe, Gos

Class 5b– Commercial Beef

Challenge Cup for Beef and one year Red Tractor Membership (SAI Global)

Judge = Caroline Graham, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr D Jenkins, Jenkins & Sons, Dominique, Far Stanley, Cheltenham, Gos
- 2nd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Gos
- 3rd Mr R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Gos
- 4th Mr Ben Pullen, F D Pullen & Sons, Home Farm, Brookfield Lane, Churchdown, Gos
- 5th Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Gos

Class 6 – Dairy Youngstock

Gregory Phillips Trophy for Best Youngstock

Judge = Lynne Smith, GLW Feeds

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Sons, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos
- 3rd} Mr K J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Glos
- 3rd} Robin Merrett Farm Partnership, Overton Farm, Arlingham, Glos

ARABLE

Arable Championship

The Buchan Trophy for Arable Championship

Classes 10 A-F, 11A-F, 13 A-C, 14 and 15 Points

- 1st Mr Andrew Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, The Estate Office, Boddington, Glos
- 2nd Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon
- 3rd W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos

Class 10 –Arable (Cotswold)

Sugley Cup for the Best Arable in the Cotswolds (awarded from points A-F)

- 1st Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon
- 2nd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos

Winter Wheat - A

Judge = Ian Raisey and Jimmy Balsdon, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon
- 2nd Mr Robin Dale, Manor Farm, Bourton on the Hill, M-I-M, Glos
- 3rd R & J Baldwyn, High Crest, Hidcote Boyce, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 4th W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 5th Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 6th Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos

Winter Barley – B

Judge = Michael Bowden, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 2nd AE & V Albutt & Sons, Postlip Hall Farm, Winchcombe, Glos
- 3rd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 4th Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon

Comments

Thank you for having me judge your class, I really enjoyed it and saw some excellent crops.

Oilseed Rape – C

Judge = Robert Annan and Steve Moss, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon
- 2nd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd D Scudamore & Partners, Sudeley Hill Farm, Winchcombe, Glos
- 4th Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Glos

Comments

This year has produced some of the best Winter Rape crops for some time, so the standards have been very high and the potential for good yields must be considered.

Beans – D

Judge = Ian Lewart, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon

Spring Barley – E

Judge = Peter Mason, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr Jason Brain, A D & Brain & Son, Peters Farm, Broadway, Worcs
- 2nd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon
- 4th W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 5th Mr Robin Dale, Manor Farm, Bourton on the Hill, M-I-M, Glos
- 6th Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos

Oats – F (judged jointly with Vale)

Judge – Ian Lewart, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr A G Ponsonby, Ponsonby Farms, Great Lemhill, Southrop, Lechlade Glos
- 2nd P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 3rd Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Glos

Class 11 – Arable (Vale)

Martin Prout Cup for the Best Arable in the Vale (awarded from points A-F)

- 1st Mr Andrew Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, The Estate Office, Boddington, Glos
- 2nd Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Glos
- 3rd G W Morris & Son, Deerhurst Priory, Deerhurst, Gloucester

Winter Wheat – A

Judge = Peter Millar, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Glos
- 2nd Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 3rd Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Glos
- 4th P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 5th A M Hill & Son, Pamington Court Farm, Pamington, Glos
- 6th Haresfield Farms, Mount Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Glos

Winter Barley – B

Judge = Tim Metcalfe, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr Andrew Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, The Estate Office, Boddington, Glos
- 2nd G W Morris & Son, Deerhurst Priory, Deerhurst, Gloucester
- 3rd Mr Ben Pullen, F D Pullen & Sons, Home Farm, Brookfield Lane, Churchdown, Glos
- 4th A M Hill & Son, Pamington Court Farm, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Glos
- 5th Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Glos
- 6th Mr J C Brown, Pamington Farm, Tewkesbury, Glos

Oilseed Rape – C

Judge = Neil McLean

- 1st Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, The Estate Office, Boddington, Glos
- 2nd G W Morris & Son, Deerhurst Priory, Deerhurst, Gloucester
- 3rd Mr R A Godwin, Yew Tree Farm, Longney, Glos
- 4th} P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 4th} Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Glos
- 6th Mr Richard Harvey, Rudgeway Farms., Tredington, Tewkesbury, Glos

1st - 60-As good a crop as I have ever seen. Low plant population resulting in Excellent branching and pod formation. No weeds or disease

2nd - 58- Excellent crop, just the odd sign of lean from heavy crop.

3rd - 57-Higher plant population – excellent pod formation and retention, good branching. Odd Broad leaved weed.

56-Another excellent crop, odd pod not filled and slight disease on pods, but we really are nit-picking.

56- Very even clean crop, with high yield potential. Just the odd broad leaved and grass weed showing.

55- High yield potential crop, very clean but some lodging against tree belt. Odd grass weed.

Beans – D

Judge = Jim Hynes, South Berks Agricultural Jon Fleetwood, Forest in Arden Society

- 1st Haresfield Farms, Mount Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gos
- 2nd Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Gos
- 3rd Mr Ben Pullen, F D Pullen & Sons, Home Farm, Brookfield Lane, Churchdown, Gos
- 4th J C Brown, Pamington Farm, Tewkesbury, Gos
- 5th Mr R A Godwin, Yew Tree Farm, Longney, Gos
- 6th A M Hill & Son, Pamington Court Farm, Pamington, Gos

Spring Barley – E

Judge = Ginette Filson, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Gos
- 2nd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Sandhurst, Gos
- 3rd Mr Ben Pullen, F D Pullen & Sons, Home Farm, Brookfield Lane, Churchdown, Gos
- 4th Mr R J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Gos
- 5th Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Gos

Comments

Four different varieties from five entrants so and interesting comparisons especially as the end use also varied from forage feed to malting. Boddington Estate's barley was an outstanding crop with S & L Middle running a very close second. It was difficult to separate the remaining entrants as all were good crops. The very low nitrogen rates on some shown an enviable level of fertility

Oats – F (to be judged jointly with Cotswolds)

- 1st Mr A G Ponsonby, Ponsonby Farms, Great Lemhill, Southrop, Lechlade Gos
- 2nd P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Gos
- 3rd Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Gos

Frontier Cup for Most Outstanding Winter Wheat Crop (Vale & Cotswolds)

Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer

AGRII Cup for Most Outstanding Oilseed Rape Crop (Vale & Cotswolds)

Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer

"Thank you for the opportunity to judge the final of the OSR and Wheat crops.

Both of the OSR crops were outstanding with the overall winner being Greg Dancer's crop. A friend accompanied me and we both agree that the pods on that crop were much larger thus containing more seeds. There were also more branches per plant (probably due to the wider spacing between rows) which should give a higher yield.

The Winter Wheat crops were also outstanding. Judging of this was made slightly easier in that both crops were the same variety (Skyfall) so I was comparing like for like but it was not an easy decision as both were so good. The overall winner was Greg Dancer due to the fact that the ear and grains were larger.

Class 13A – Profitable Wheat

Ethel Smith Cup for Profitable Wheat

Judge = Mr Bill Young, SAI Global

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| 1 st | Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos |
| 2 nd | Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos |
| 3 rd | Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon |
| 4 th | Mr R D Dale, Manor Farm, Bourton on the Hill, Moreton in Marsh, Glos |
| 5 th | Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos |
| 6 th | Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Glos |

Comments

Outstanding entries across the board. If the weather holds we could be in for a very good harvest on today's evidence. Very interesting premiums being obtained, and wide variation in cost control measures.

Class 13B – Profitable Spring and Winter Barley

Robert Baird Memorial Cup for Profitable Barley

Judge = Mr Craig Livingstone, Sainsburys Farms

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| 1 st | W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos |
| 2 nd | Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos |
| 3 rd | Mr A G Ponsonby, Ponsonby Farms, Great Lemhill, Southrop, Lechlade Glos |
| 4 th | Mr M Tufnell, Calmsden Farms, Calmsden, Cirencester, Glos |
| 5 th | S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Sandhurst, Glos |
| 6 th | Mr G Dancer, R F Dancer, The Dairy, Manor Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxon |

Comments

A range of crops all grown exceptionally well. Highlighting that growing for specific markets or seed contracts aids significantly in margin generation.

Class 13C – Oilseed Rape Establishment

Brain Cup for Profitable Oilseed Rape

Judge = Tim Bullock, Zantra

- 1st G W Morris & Son, Deerhurst Priory, Deerhurst, Gloucester
- 2nd Mr A Walters, Boddington Estates Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 4th Haresfield Farms, Mount Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Glos
- 5th Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Glos
- 6th Mr A G Ponsonby, Ponsonby Farms, Great Lemhill, Southrop, Lechlade Glos

Comments

I saw 11 crops all of which I would have been happy with if they were my own crops. Trying to split the top 3 crops was the most tricky

Class 14 – Malting Barley

Allied Grain Trophy for Malting Barley

Judge = Mr J Russell, WAS

- 1st R & J Baldwyn, High Crest, Hidcote Boyce, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 2nd A D Brain & Son, Peters Farm, Broadway, Worcs
- 3rd Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Glos
- 4th Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos

Comments

Growing and harvesting conditions prevented this from being anything like a vintage year, but given these problems some farmers have managed good results.

Class 15 – Milling Wheat

J Jenner Trophy for Milling Wheat

Judge = Mr J Russell, WAS

- 1st Mr A Walters, Boddington Estate Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos
- 2nd Burcher Son & Jones, Warth Farm, Arlingham, Glos
- 3rd Mr P Doble, A M G Darby, Barn House, Kemerton Court, Nr Tewkesbury, Glos
- 4th Haresfield Farms, Mount Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Glos

Comments

Milling wheat quality has been very good, especially in the Vale, where harvest was completed fairly early. Protein levels have equalled or broken all records.

FORAGE

Forage Championship

Friday Tray for Forage

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 3rd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 4th A D Albutt, The Workshop, Great Washbourne, Glos

Class 20 – Hay

Guise Cup for Hay

Judge = Colin Hair, For Farmers

- 1st Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 2nd Mr Guy Medicott, Marshmouth Farm, Marshmouth, Bourton on the Water, Glos
- 3rd R & J Baldwyn, High Crest, Hidcote Boyce, Chipping Campden, Glos
- 4th Mr R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 5th A J Warner, Wheelers Farm, Aston on Carrant
- 6th P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos

Class 21 – Baled/Bagged Silage

Pearce Ellis Cup for Bagged Silage

Judge = Colin Hair, For Farmers

- 1st A D Albutt, The Workshop, Great Washbourne, Glos
- 2nd P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 3rd Mr R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 4th Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 5th D W & J A Gilder, Pinnock Wood Farm, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Glos
- 6th Burcher Son & Jones, Warth Farm, Arlingham, Glos

Class 22 – Clamped Silage

Kirkwood Trophy for Clamped Silage (2016)

Judge = Mr Geoff Holmwood, GLW Feeds

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos
- 3rd Robin Merrett Farm Partnership, Overton Farm, Arlingham, Glos
- 4th Mr A Walters, Boddington Estate Ltd, Boddington, Cheltenham, Glos

Comments

Grass silages were of slightly lower average quality than in the previous year in respect of Dry matter, ME and Protein levels. D values and the important intake factor – influencing what the animal is actually able to consume were also lower on average. Having said that, a number of clamps were of an excellent standard with minimal wastage, very good sheeting both on top and sides. Clamp management on the best clamps was again excellent, with sharp cutting and minimal opportunity for secondary fermentation. I congratulate the winning competitors for their efforts and particularly for ensuring that the work and skill put into making the silage was not diluted by losses when feeding out.

Class 23 – Clamped Maize Silage

Ledbury Hunt Cup for Maize Silage (2016)

Judge = Mr Geoff Holmwood, GLW Feeds

- 1st Hartpury College, Hartpury, Glos
- 2nd Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 3rd A E & V Albutt & Sons, The Paddocks, Postlip Hall Farm, Winchcombe, Glos
- 4th Mr K J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Glos

Comments

In contrast to the Grass silages, Maize silages this season were on average almost 0.5 MJ higher in energy than last season. Starch and Digestibility levels were also higher. There was evidence of some secondary fermentation and face heating in some clamps – largely influenced by the ability to cut a clean face and the amount of disturbance to the silage immediately behind the face caused when cutting and removing the silage. Again, the top scoring entrants were worthy leaders, with very little to choose between the first four places. Thank you for asking me to judge the competitions again in 2017, and I hope it proves to be a good season for quality forage production.

Class 24 – Fodder Beet

William Friday Trophy for Fodder Beet

Judge = Rodney Plank, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st A E & V Albutt & Sons, The Paddocks, Postlip Hall Farm, Winchcombe, Glos
- 2nd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 3rd D Scudamore & Partners, Sudeley Hill Farm, Winchcombe, Glos
- 4th W R Haines (Leasow) Ltd. Castle Farm, Chipping Campden, Glos

Comments

A very enjoyable day. An excellent steward.

Class 25 – Growing Maize

Colin MacIvor Trophy for Maize

Judge = Andy Williams

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd Burcher Son & Jones, Warth Farm, Arlingham, Glos
- 3rd Robin Merrett Farm Partnership, Overton Farm, Arlingham, Glos
- 4th P G & C P Whitehouse, Bradley Farm, Mitcheldean, Glos
- 5th Mr David Merrett, Oldbury Farm Partnership, Arlingham, Glos
- 6th S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos

Class 26 – Best Managed Grassland

John Clapham Memorial Trophy for Grassland

Judge = M G Robinson and R G Plank, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 3rd Mr R J Davies, Barrow Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 4th Mr R J Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (South), South Farm, W-U-E, Glos

Class 30 – Most Efficient Dairy

Twynning Ash Trophy for Most Efficient Dairy

Judge = Andrew Millington, A Nichols (Cow Mills)

- 1st Mrs Sophie Round, P W & D P Round & Son, Elmore Back Farm, Elmore, Glos
- 2nd Mr N P Kingston, R J & B J Kingston & Sons (Tresham), WUE, Glos
- 3rd Mr James Merrett, Robin Merrett Farm Partnership, Overton Farm, Arlingham, Glos

Comments

Six entrants and very hard to split and very little to choose between them.

Class 31– Conservation

Simon Bruton Trophy for Conservation

Judge = James Steele, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st Mr R Jackson, R & L Jackson, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, Glos
- 2nd Mr Nick Bomford, Guiting Manor Farms Ltd, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Glos
- 3rd Mr Mark Tufnell, Calmsden Farms, Calmsden, Cirencester, Glos
- 4th Mr A G Ponsonby, Ponsonby Farms, Great Lemhill, Southrop, Lechlade Glos
- 5th Mr R W Padfield, R N Padfield & Sons, The Hawthorns, Staunton, Glos
- 6th Burcher Son & Jones, Warth Farm, Arlingham, Glos

Comments

Central within the active management of all the farms visited was the need to combine good farming practice with profit. Pioneering work on the grey partridge, development of cropping sequences to encourage wildlife, woodland management to increase bio-diversity, minimise tillage, clovers for nitrogen fixation, sensitive management around buildings and engaging the local community, hedgelaying, nectar rich plots and margins, and excellent wildflower meadows. There were outstanding examples of all these and a direct relationship between the time and effort put in, some cases over many years and what was clearly evident to see.

Class 32– Farm Diversification

Bledisloe Trophy for the Farm Diversification

Judge = John Miller, South Berks Agricultural Society

- 1st S J & L E Middle, Mussel End Farm, Mussel End, Sandhurst, Glos
- 2nd Mr Robin Smith, H W Smith & Son, The Vineyards, Donnington, Ledbury, Glos
- 3rd A M Hill & Son, Pamington Court Farm, Ashchurch, Glos

Comments

There appeared to be some misunderstanding by some competitors as to the entry requirements for the diversification class i.e. Was it a single or all farm diversifications?

We suggest for the future that all are considered by the judges. We were looking for genuine changes to existing buildings or land into other enterprises not new acquisitions or former owners systems.