

## Young Farmers Sheep Overwintering Competition



### Aims of the Competition:

- To develop business skills and encourage the next generation into the agricultural sector
- To encourage young farmers to support local auction marts and experience the live auction bidding system through the buying and selling of store lambs
- To practise the art of stockmanship in the tasks of selection, feeding and selling animals
- To support young farmers with financial independence in a commercial aspect

Young farmers are offered the opportunity to purchase store lambs throughout the autumn sales, feed them through the winter, and sell through spring sales at any United Auctions Market. A key part of the competition is covering the commercial aspects of production through daily liveweight gain and highest feeder's margin categories.

### Competition Eligibility:

- All participants must be a full, affiliated SAYFC member
- All participants must be aged 14 or over, and not attained their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at the close of the competition

### Competition Rules:

#### General

1. The competition will run from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
2. Each competitor can enter each class once. (A maximum 50 lambs per person if all classes entered.)
3. 10 lambs per entry per class.
4. Lambs must have been born in spring 2021 to qualify.
5. Classes are as follows:
  1. Native Terminal (Eg. Suffolk, Hampshire Down)
  2. Native Maternal (Eg. Scottish Blackface, North Country Cheviot)
  3. Continental (Eg. Texel, Beltex)
  4. Home Bred Terminal (Both continental and native breeds accepted)
  5. Home Bred Maternal (Both continental and native breeds accepted)
6. Lambs can be overwintered on grass, forage crops or concentrates (housed or on grass.) The chosen method must be declared on entry form and a cost per head will be allocated from an SAC Consultant.
7. All government rules on tagging, movements and registered holdings must be followed.
8. Re-tagging of lambs will be accepted up to 20% if a tag is lost. The 10 lambs submitted for judging must be the same 10 lambs entered at the start of the competition.
9. Any lamb that dies must be declared. No substitutes will be accepted.
10. All lambs must be sold through United Auction marts between the dates of 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. No dressing of lambs allowed. Lambs are to be sold in their natural state.
11. All lambs entered must be overwintered on the chosen holding for a **minimum of 60 days**.
12. The stock must be overwintered by the member and must be available for inspection on the farm at any time by the organisers, SAYFC and United Auctions, or their appointed representatives.
13. All sheep will be weighed by United Auctions on day of sale and recorded.
14. All entries must be sent to [janelle@sayfc.org](mailto:janelle@sayfc.org) by the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### A - Purchased Section

1. Lambs can be bought from any United Auctions Market between 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
2. Competitors must enter 10 lambs per class. They can buy a larger pen of lambs and select the 10 they wish to enter, or 'take a cut' of a pen at time of buying – inform the auctioneer at time of bidding.
3. The 10 lambs entered for each class must be the same breeds – no mixed classes.
4. The 10 lambs' individual Eid tags, date of purchase and individual weights on the date of buying must be recorded.
5. Enter by filling in the attached entry form and handing to an office member of staff at time of payment.

#### B – Home Bred Section

1. Lambs must be weighed and electronic ear tags recorded between dates of 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December to qualify.
2. Competitors must enter 10 lambs per class.
3. No mixed classes of lambs.
4. An average production cost will be applied by an SAC Consultant to rear lamb from birth to calculate highest profit margin category.

#### Judging Criteria and Competition Categories:

All lambs will be judged on:

- Highest Average Daily Liveweight Gain
- Highest Feeder's Margin
- Highest Profit Margin

If a lamb has died, the average from the remaining living lambs will be used over the full pen. United Auctions will not be held liable for any deaths.

#### Partnership

This Competition is in partnership with **United Auctions**, who are offering a *Livestock Buyer's Scheme* for Young Farmers participating in the Overwintering Competition. United Auctions are willing to offer partial or full finance for entered animals, the cost of which, plus interest, will be deducted from the sale proceeds. Any resulting profit will be paid to the young farmer. Competitors taking advantage of this facility must abide by the Standard Terms and Conditions of the Stock on Agreement Scheme. To benefit from this generous offer, please register with any United Auction Mart Office prior to purchasing any store lambs. Full information and details are available at the Mart offices, or from a United Auctions auctioneer or member of staff.

#### Additional Information

Government rules and guidelines on tagging, movements and registered holdings must be adhered to. It is not essential to be farm assured to compete.

Livestock Identification and Traceability Guidance: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/livestock-identification-and-traceability-guidance/pages/sheep-and-goats/>

## Registration

There are a number of steps you need to take before you move sheep or goats onto your holding in order to operate within the requirements of the law:

1. Firstly, you must register your holding with the [Rural Payments and Inspections Division \(RPID\)](#) through your local office. They will give you a County Parish Holding (CPH) number which is a unique code allocated to the land where animals are kept - this is used when reporting and recording animals moving on to or off your holding.
2. You must then inform your [local Animal and Plant Health Agency \(APHA\) office](#) who will give you a herd mark (goats) or a flock mark (sheep) for your holding. The herd/flock mark means you will be able to buy tags and electronic identifiers for your sheep or goats.

You must register your holding within **30 days** from the date you first keep animals.

Sheep Eld Tagging Rules: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/sheep-goat-identification-traceability-guidance-keepers-scotland/pages/7/>

## United Auctions Sales Diary

### SEPTEMBER

#### MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

STIRLING Show & sale of autumn born suckled calves (McKerral Cup, Gibson Trophy & Davidson Cup). Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs.

#### TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

OBAN Sale of store sheep of all classes

#### WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

STIRLING Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, young bulls, forward cattle, cast cows & rearing cattle  
HUNTLY Weekly sale of prime sheep

#### THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

STIRLING Weekly sale of prime sheep  
HUNTLY Sale of store & breeding sheep  
ISLAY Sale of breeding sheep of all classes. Show & sale of rams

### OCTOBER

#### FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

ISLAY Sale of lambs & feeding sheep of all classes

#### SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

STIRLING Ram Rendezvous - sale of Suffolk, Texel, Charollais, Beltes, Blueface Leicester, Border Leicester, Llyn & Cross bred rams & ram lambs  
DALMALTY Sale of lambs, breeding & feeding sheep

#### MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs. Sale of NCC & Cheviot Cross gimmers, ewe lambs & regular draft ewes (Acc & Non Acc) & all other classes of Cross bred breeding sheep  
LAIRG Sale of NCC rams

#### TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER

OBAN Show & sale of suckled calves. Sale of store & breeding cattle & cast cows  
LAIRG Sale of NCC ewes & gimmers

#### WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Sale of store cattle, forward cattle & cast cows  
HUNTLY Weekly sale of prime sheep

#### THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Weekly sale of prime sheep  
HUNTLY Sale of organic & conventional store cattle, native bred cattle, weaned calves & cows

#### FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER

DALMALTY Show & sale of continental & native bred suckled calves & sale of store & breeding cattle

#### TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

STIRLING Second sale of Scotch Mule, Texel Cross & Cross bred ewe lambs, store sheep & Blackface store lambs

#### SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Sale of Blackface rams & ram lambs. Perth Ram Society show & sale of Blackface rams & ram lambs

#### SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER

OBAN Show of Highland cattle

#### MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Show & sale of spring & autumn born suckled calves (Betts Bros Perpetual Cup for the champion Perth calf). Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs  
OBAN Sale of Highland cattle

#### WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, young bulls, forward cattle & cast cows  
HUNTLY Weekly sale of prime sheep  
OBAN Show & sale of Cheviot rams & sale of Texel, Blackface & Suffolk rams & ram lambs

#### THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Weekly sale of prime sheep  
HUNTLY Sale of store & breeding sheep  
ISLAY Sale of suckled calves, store & breeding cattle also sheep of all classes

#### SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

DALMALTY Sale of Blackface shearlings, aged rams & ram lambs

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#### STIRLING BULL SALES

#### SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER TO

#### TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER

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OBAN Sale of all classes of sheep

#### WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

STIRLING Sale of store cattle, forward cattle, cast cows & rearing cattle also sale of store lambs  
HUNTLY Weekly sale of prime sheep

#### THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

STIRLING Weekly sale of prime sheep  
HUNTLY Sale of weaned calves, store cattle & cast cows

#### FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

DALMALTY Sale of lambs, breeding & feeding sheep

#### SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER

HUNTLY Show & sale of spring born calves  
TREE Sale of store cattle, suckled calves & breeding cattle



**MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

**STIRLING** Show & sale of spring born suckled calves. Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs.

**TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

**OBAN** Sale of Luig, Sim-Luig, Salers, Shorthorn & Highland heifer calves, bulling heifers, cows & heifers in calf & with calves at foot. Sale of store & breeding cattle & cast cows.

**WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, young bulls, forward cattle & cast cows.

**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Sale of store & breeding sheep. Sale of rams & ram lambs (non MV acc).

**SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of breeding cattle also show & sale of pedigree & commercial Luig cattle.

**NOVEMBER****MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Perth show & sale of spring born suckled calves. Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs.

**WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, forward cattle & cast cows.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Sale of calves, store cattle, cast cows, store & breeding sheep.

**FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

**ISLAY** Sale of lambs & sheep of all classes.

**MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs & second sale of Blackface & Cheviot gimmers, regular draft & stock ewes. Sale of Blackface, Suffolk, Blueface, Continental & other Cross rams & ram lambs (Non MV Acc).  
**LOCHBOISDALE** Sale of calves, store cattle & cows.

**TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**

**LOCHBOISDALE** Sale of all classes of lambs, ewes, rams etc.

**WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, suckled calves, young bulls, breeding cattle, forward cattle, cast cows & rearing cattle.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep. Show & sale of prime Beltex lambs sponsored by the Beltex Sheep Society.

**FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**

**DALMALLY** End of season sale of lambs, breeding & feeding sheep.

**SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**

**OBAN** Annual production sale of pedigree Luig cattle on behalf of Cadzow Bros, Luig.

**MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of Cross bred & Blackface store lambs.

**WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, suckled calves, forward cattle & cast cows.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Sale of calves, store cattle, cast cows, store & breeding sheep.

**TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

**OBAN** End of season sale of store lambs & sheep of all classes.

**WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, young bulls, suckled calves, forward cattle & cast cows.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Sale of calves, store cattle & cast cows also store & breeding sheep.

**FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

**ISLAY** Sale of suckled calves, store & breeding cattle.

**MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

**STIRLING** Martinmas sale of Suffolk Cross, Texel Cross, Cheviot, Mule & Blackface store lambs.



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**DECEMBER****WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, suckled calves, forward cattle & rearing cattle. Show & sale of clean cattle up to 36 months, cast cows & bulls.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep. Show & sale of Blackface prime lambs.

**SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

**DALMALLY** Christmas show & sale of store cattle & suckled calves, sale of breeding & feeding cattle.

**MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** and Martinmas sale of Blackface lambs & Cross bred lambs.

**TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

**OBAN** Christmas show & sale of suckled calves etc.

**WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, native bred cattle, suckled calves, young bulls, breeding cattle, forward cattle & cast cows.  
**HUNTLY** Christmas show & sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Sale of store cattle & cast cows also store & breeding sheep.

**FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**ISLAY** Christmas sale of lambs & sheep of all classes.

**WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, forward cattle, cast cows & store sheep.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Sale of store cattle, forward cattle, cast cows & all classes of store lambs.  
**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER**

**HUNTLY** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

**THURSDAY 30TH DECEMBER**

**STIRLING** Weekly sale of prime sheep.

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