TURNIP & FODDER BEET COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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CLOSING DATE – Sunday 15th November 2026

The competition is to encourage and find the best husbandry crops of Turnips and Swedes in the RNAS area (Aberdeenshire, Banffshire, Kincardineshire & Morayshire).

The crop will be at least 2.5 acres (1.0 hectare) in size but may be a block selected from a bigger field.
Turnip crops will be assessed under LFA and NON-LFA areas for

- Stock feeding
- Shopping and Processing

The crops will be weighed and judged in November/December (weather permitting).
A selection of 4 drill lengths across the block will be weighed, having been topped and tailed and any rotten or diseased bits removed, by the weighing squad.
One person will mark out the block on the diagonal with flags at the start of each length of drill to be weighed, equally divided across the field by quarters.
The length of drill to be weighed is determined by the width of the drills or bed.
There will be an independent judge to see fair play, mark down the weights and assess the crop.
The crop will be assessed on the following criteria.

- Yield
- Uniformity of the crop (10 points)
- Freedom from disease (10 points)
- Freedom from pest damage (10 points)
- Freedom from weeds (10 points)
- Soundness of the bulb, which will be expected to survive till Spring 2024 (10 points)

The entry fee will be £5 per crop for members and £7 per crop for non-members.
There are trophies for the Overall Champion and the young entrant under 30 with the best entry in the turnips classes as well as one for the Fodder Beet champion.
Prizes of £20, £15 & £10 in each class provided there are at least three in each class as well as special prizes. Champion £15 & Reserve Champion £10.
Judges marks will in due course be reported to each grower. This will use code numbers to maintain confidentiality.

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