Cattle Section

1. Breed champions are required to attend the interbreed championships. Failure to do so may result in prize money being withheld.
2. It is essential that Isolation areas have been passed and licence issued - Any queries should be addressed to DAERA.
3. Exhibitor numbers will be issued at Registration box on show day.
4, Due to Bio-Security Measures, Straw is Prohibited for use at Ballymena Show – sawdust may be allowed.
5. Cattle for Exhibition, showing signs of any kind of disease, will have to be removed by the Owner immediately.
6. Exhibitors must follow parking and all other instructions issued by stewards.
7. All cattle classes will be judged on Saturday 15th June 2024 commencing from 10.00am.
8. Entry Fees: CAAA Members £7; Non CAAA Members £10 (unless otherwise stated) - CATTLE ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 24th May 2024.
9. Prize Money in Cattle Section 1st £20 2nd £15, 3rd £10 (except where otherwise stated).
10. Cattle exhibitors are requested to display the animal number allocated while in the judging ring so that they be easily identified by the viewing public.
11 All persons must sign the entry form as agreement to conform to the rules of the County Antrim Agricultural Association as organizers of Ballymena show.
12. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that appropriate Insurance cover is in place for the showing of his/her exhibits at the show.
13. Trophies are presented at the annual awards awards night being held on Saturday 5th October in Tullyglass Hotel.
14. Snaffles must be worn by all cattle over one year old
15. Prize money will be issued to the bank account given online
16. All cattle entered for this show must be from OFFICIALLY TUBERCULOSIS FREE HERDS and each animal must be accompanied by the official movement permit. ANIMALS WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT PAPERWORK. Pre movement testing for Bovine Brucellosis is no longer required for movement to shows.
17. Only those animals with a BVD status of BVDN(negative), INDNEG(indirect negative)or "blank"(no BVD status on APHIS) can move into the show herd. Any animal with an APHIS status BVDP, BVDI, DAMPI, OFFPI or BVDU(unknown) status cannot be moved into the show herd.
18. Please note - all drivers outside a radius of 65kms must have animal transporter authorisation certificate

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HEALTH AND SAFETYTY AT WORK (NI) ORDER 1978

In compliance with the above Order County Antrim Agricultural Association has produced an Event Management Plan. This is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions for its employees or other persons who have reason to be present on premises and grounds occupied by the Association during Ballymena Show.
Specific responsibility is placed on all exhibitors, trade, craft or stock, for their own personal safety, fellow exhibitors and all other persons (including the general public) who have reason to be present. Exhibitors should acquaint themselves with the Rules and Regulations and Instructions to Exhibitors.
Exhibitors must adhere to all instructions given to them by the Stewards present and consult with the Section Chief Steward on any points relating to safety that may arise.
All livestock exhibitors must be deemed capable of handling any animal they are exhibiting.
Child Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult. Any minors accompanying Exhibitors to the Show are the responsibility of the Exhibitor.
The completion of an entry form for Ballymena Show is deemed to be a full acceptance of an exhibitor of his intention to comply with all Regulations and Instructions as laid down under the Rules & Regulations of the Association.
Copies of the Event Management Plan can be obtained from the Secretary's Office at the entrance The Cattle Market

REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS

Intending Exhibitors are requested to read the Rules carefully, and not to lodge Entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with the Regulations.
1. Lodging Entries. Entries can be completed online www.showingscene.com or all Entry Forms accurately completed and signed by the Exhibitor or Agent must be sent by post to the Secretary of CAAA together with the amount of the Entry Fees where applicable. Cheques to be made payable to the County Antrim Agricultural Association (CAAA). Entries on plain paper cannot be accepted. The Association requests that intending Exhibitors lodge their Entries with the Secretary as early as possible before the period for receiving Entries closes.
2. Entries Close. No Entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date and is accompanied by the full amount of the fees.
3. Postponement. The Association reserves the right to postpone or abandon the Show but will not be responsible to any intending Exhibitor for loss incurred by reason of such postponement or abandonment.
4. Full Particulars. All particulars required in the Entry Form must be stated, otherwise the exhibit is liable to be disqualified and excluded from the Show. The exhibit must be that as described in the Entry Form, and no other.
5. Verification of Statements. Each Exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the Entry Form in any manner the Association may require.
6. Exhibits not sent. Any person entering an exhibit, and failing to send same for exhibition, shall forfeit the Entry Fee.
7. Rejection of Entries. The Association reserves to itself the right to reject any Entry without assigning any reason thereof. In the event of the Association being

unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days before the show, and the fees lodged will be refunded, or in any case of there being insufficient entries in a class where the Association withdraws the class from competition, the Entry Fees will be refunded.
8. Amalgamation/Division/Cancelling of Classes. Where, in the opinion of the Association, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one Class, the Association may, without reference to the Exhibitor or Agent, amalgamate, divide, or cancel such Class. Amalgamation may be affected with any other similar, or relevant Class, with or without increase of Prize Money, but where a Class is divided, similar Prize Money will be paid in each division.
9. Entry Fees will not be refunded should an exhibitor wish to cancel any of his/her entries. Failure to send same for exhibition or competition will also mean that any entry fees paid will be forfeited.
10. Due to Bio-Security measures, STRAW IS PROHIBITED for use at Ballymena Show.
11. Any minors accompanying Exhibitors to the Show are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Child Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult.
12. Should a judge encounter an animal or animals which he/she has bred, owned or in which he has had any interest, a request may be made to the chief steward of that section to appoint another suitable person to place such animals. If a chief steward is aware of such a situation, he should notify the judge.

Exclusion of Liability
Ballymena Show Committee will not be responsible for accidents or losses.
County Antrim Agricultural Association, as organisers of Ballymena Show 2024, requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that Ballymena Show Committee shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudices to the
generality of the foregoing, the holding, abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animals or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, groom, rider or attendant from the Show, or the appointment decision, act or omission of any Judge, Officer, Official, employee or other persons be in any way responsible
or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatsoever) to the Exhibitors or their Attendants or to any exhibit or property brought into Ballymena Show, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or
attributable to Ballymena Show. Each Exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, Injury or
Damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any animals or item exhibited by him/her, and for its description as given in the Catalogue. Exhibitors shall indemnify the Ballymena Show committee against all legal or other proceedings in regards thereto.
15/06/2024 11:00

Beef Section

Ring: cattle ring

Judges

John Moore (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	Junior Beef Class	This class must be entered Prize money kindly sponsored by HA Mcilwrath & Son is 1st £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £20. The Junior Beef Shield will be awarded to the winner of this class All beef animals born on or after 1st March 2023 who have been entered in their appropriate section may enter this class
2	Open Pair of Beef Animals of at least one year old on day of show	Enter on show day KIndly sponsored by Hamills Recycling Prize money 1st £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £20 The animals must be the property of one exhibitor and entered in their respective breed classes The James McWhirter Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class
SP 2	Bank of Ireland/NISA Pedigree Junior Bull Championship 2024	BANK OF IRELAND / NISA PEDIGREE JUNIOR BULL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 For the best Junior Bull born on or after 1st January 2023 Bank of Ireland / NISA Pedigree Junior Bull Championship 2024 is being held this year at Castlewellan Show on Saturday, 13th July, 2024. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details, in their respective class at the qualifying show. Only the 1st & 2nd placed exhibits in Junior Bull Classes at Ballymena Show are eligible to go forward to the Bank of Ireland / NISA Pedigree Junior Bull qualifier that day. To maximise attendance of qualified exhibits at the Championships, Stewards will enquire if it is the intention of the exhibitor to be present at Castlewellan Show on Saturday, 13th July, 2024 for the Championship. In the event of qualified exhibitors not wishing to attend the championship, then the Judge will be asked to identify further qualifying animals. Qualifying exhibitors who do not appear at the Championship may be disqualified from competing in Championships organised by NISA in 2025, unless good reason is given for such non-attendance. No exhibitor may qualify more than two exhibits for the Championship. Animals cannot qualify at Castlewellan Show for the Championship. NISA will present special rosettes to the exhibitors for both qualifying animals at each qualifying show. Each animal forward at the Championship, who is not placed in the top four, will be paid attendance money of £20.00. Prize money at the Final: 1st £300. 2nd £200. 3rd £100. 4th £50 (The above placed prize money includes £20 attendance monies) Prize money will be forwarded, by cheque, to the named exhibitor at the address notified to the Qualifying Show. It is important that details of the exhibitor, animal, address, contact details, are correctly lodged with the Show Secretary. The Qualifying Shows are Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Ballymena, Newry, and Omagh.

Overall Beef Championship

overall beef championship
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

John Moore (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
3	Overall Beef Championship	Kindly sponsored by Danske Bank. Prize money = Champion £100, Reserve Champion £70, 2nd Reserve £50, 3rd Reserve £30 No entry required - Exhibits confined to the Champion and Reserve Champion of each of the beef sections The Overall Beef Champion will be awarded the Ivomec and the Carplant Trophy

Beef Young Handlers - enter on show day

Kindly sponsored by McCarroll McConnell and John Thompson & Sons Ltd
To be judged at the start of the show

Prize money = 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5, 9th £5
Entry free - Entry forms to be completed and signed on show day but will not be catalogued
Animals must be 30 months or under on show day
It is expected that the young handler is experienced in handling the animal prior to the show.
Owners of livestock must supervise from a safe distance
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Gail Matchett (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
4	Beef Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY - free entry	Open to children 8 - 12 years of age at date of show Prize money - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
5	Beef Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY - free entry	Open to teenagers 13 - 19 years of age at date of show. Prize money - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling the animal being shown.
6	Best Beef Young Handler	No entry required The Ernest O'Hara BEM Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class First prize winners from classes 4 and 5 qualify for this class Prize money kindly sponsored by McNeills Hardware 1st £30, 2nd £20

Commercial Cattle

Kindly sponsored by James Kernohan & Sons and Donnelly & Taggart - Donnelly Group
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

John Killen (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
7	Animal - under 1 year old	
8	Animal - 1 year old and over	
9	Champion Commercial Cattle	Kindly sponsored by Danske Bank No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 7 and 8 qualify for this class Prize money - Champion £50 Reserve Champion £30 and 2nd Reserve champion £20

Limousin

Kindly sponsored by Rainey & Gregg, McKeown Accountants and Stevenson Quarries
See also classes 1 and 2 - junior and open pair of beef animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Joan Gilliland (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
10	Cow, any age in calf or having had a calf in the last twelve months	
11	Heifer born in 2022	
12	Heifer born on or after 1st January 2023 but on or before 31st August 2023	
13	Senior bull born before 2023	
14	Junior bull born on or after 1st January 2023 but on or before 31st August 2023	
15	Bull or heifer calf born on or after 1st September 2023	
16	Pair of animals	Bonafide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible
17	Champion Limousin	Kindly sponsored by Danske Bank No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 10 - 15 qualify for this class Prize money Champion £20 and Reserve Champion £10 The Allam Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class
SP 3	Limousin Show Team of the Year	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision will be final. “Limousin Show Team of the Year” kindly sponsored by Danske Bank - Points will be awarded for class placements as follows, 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points and 3rd = 1 point.
SP 4	Limousin Show Champion of the Year	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision will be final. “Limousin Show Champion of the Year” - Points will be awarded to animals achieving Limousin Champion and Limousin Reserve Champion.
SP 5	The Gordon Bull	The N.I. Limousin Cattle Club presents the following awards annually, to exhibitors, who have shown their animals in Limousin classes, at local shows, throughout the summer months. Ballymena Show is a qualifying show for these awards and the points for each award will be administered by the NILCC. In the event of a tie, the NILCC may, at their discretion, consider additional criteria for each award and their decision is final. “The Gordon Bull” - Points will be awarded to exhibitors achieving Limousin Champion and Limousin Reserve Champion

Any Other Continental Beef Breeds

Section kindly sponsored by Sam Kelly Lime Spreading
Includes Charolais, Simmental, Blondes and British Blue Breeds.
See also classes 1 and 2 - junior beef and open pair
The Northern Constitution Trophy will be awarded to the best Simmental exhibit
The NI Simmental Cattle Breeders Club Cow Bell will be awarded to the best opposite sex from the Best Simmental exhibit
The NI Blonde Cattle Club trophy will be awarded to the best Blonde exhibit
The Smallcost Trophy will be awarded to the Best Blonde Junior Heifer exhibit
The AJC Lamont trophy will be awarded to the best Charolais exhibit
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Ryan Gilmour (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
18	Cow or heifer, in calf or milk, born before 31st December 2021	
19	Senior Heifer, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	
20	Heifer, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st August 2023	
21	Heifer born between 1st May 2023 and 31st December 2023	
22	Senior Bull, born before 31st December 2022	
23	Junior Bull, born between 1st January 2023 and 30th April 2023	
24	Bull born between 1st May 2023 and 31st August 2023	
25	Bull or heifer calf, born on or after 1st September 2023	
26	Champion Any Other Continental Beef Breed	No entry required - 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 18 - 25 will qualify for this class Champion - £20, Reserve Champion - £10

Salers

Kindly sponsored by MB Motors and Stevensons Quarry
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Stephen Maginn (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
27	Bull or heifer calf born on or after 1st September 2023	
28	Cow in calf or with own calf at foot	
29	Heifer born on or before 31st December 2022	
30	Heifer born on or after 1st January 2023 but on or before 31st August 2023	
31	Bull born on or before 31st August 2023	
32	Pair of animals	bonafide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible
33	Champion Saler	Kindly sponsored by Danske Bank No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 27 - 31 qualify for this class The Saler Champion Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class on show day Prize money champion £20 and reserve champion £10

Beef Shorthorn

Kindly sponsored by James Kernohan & Son Ltd.
Classes may be amalgamated, divided or cancelled by organising committee - see rule 8.
See also classes 1 and 2- Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Stephen Maginn (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
34	Senior bull born before 1st January 2023	
35	Junior bull born on or after 1st January 2023 but on or before 31st August 2023	
36	Cow any age in calf or having had a calf in the last twelve months	
37	Heifer born in 2022	
38	Heifer born between 1st January 2023 but on or before 31st August 2023	
39	Calf born on or after 1st September 2023 (class may be split depending on numbers)	
40	Pair of animals	The Beef Shorthorn Pair Award will be presented to the winner of this class on show day Animals must be the property of one exhibitor
41	Young Handlers	cup to be presented to winner
42	Champion Beef Shorthorn	No entry required - 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 34 - 39 qualify for this class Prize money Champion £20 and Res champion £10 The Bab McQueen Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class

Galloway

Kindly sponsored by Donnelly and Taggart - Donnelly Group and TJ Hamill and Sons
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Ronan Delany (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
43	Bull any age	
44	Cow any age	
45	Heifer under 3 years of age at date of show	
46	Champion Galloway	No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 43 - 45 qualify for this class Prize money - champion £20 and res champion £10 The Galloway Cattle Society Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class

Belted Galloway

Section sponsored by Hitt The Diff Tractor Parts
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior and Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Ronan Delany (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
47	Bull any age	
48	Cow any age	
49	Heifer under 3 years of age at date of show	
50	Champion Belted Galloway	No entry required - 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 47 - 49 will qualify for this class. Champion = £20. Reserve Champion =£10 The O'Neill Supplies Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class

Dexters

Kindly sponsored by The Mill Veterinary Clinic and McCurdy Fuels
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Richard Beattie (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
51	Bull born on or before 31st August 2023	
52	Bull born on or after 1st January 2022 but on or before 31st August 2023	
53	Cow or heifer born on or before 31st December 2021	
54	Cow or heifer born on or after 1st January 2022 but on or before 31st August 2023	
55	Calf (male or female) born on or after 1st September 2023	
56	Pair of animals	Bonafide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible
57	Young Handlers - Under 12 Years of Age	entries will be taken on the day and will not be catalogued
58	Young Handlers - 12 - 18 years of age	entries will be taken on the day and will not be catalogued
59	Champion Dexter	No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners from classes 51 - 55 are eligible Prize money champion £20 and reserve champion £10 The Montgomery's Food Hall Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class

Irish Moile

Kindly sponsored by Ravelglen Furniture and TJ Hamill Recycling
See also classes 1 and 2 - Junior & Open Pair of Beef Animals
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Albert Baxter (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
60	Senior bull born before 1st January 2022	
61	Senior cow born before 1st January 2022	
62	Intermediate bull born in 2022 - 2 years old	
63	Intermediate heifer born in 2022 - 2 years old	
64	Junior bull born after 1st January 2023	
65	Junior heifer born after 1st January 2023	
66	Irish Moile Junior Champion	No entry required chosen from 1st place winners in classes 64 and 65
67	Irish Moile Overall Champion	No entry required Kindly sponsored by Irish Moiled Cattle Society 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 60 - 65 qualify for this class Champion £60 Reserve champion £40 2nd Reserve champion £20

Any Other Native and Traditional Beef Breeds

Section kindly sponsored by A.H. Fuels
Includes Herefords and Aberdeen Angus. Also rare or re-established breeds that do not have their own section at Ballymena Show

see also classes 1 and 2 - junior beef and open pair
The Templeton Trophy will be awarded to the best Aberdeen Angus exhibit
The Hereford Trophy will be awarded to the best Irish Bred Hereford exhibit
The Newsletter Trophy will be awarded to the best Hereford exhibit
Aughnakealie Trophy will be awarded the the best native and traditional breed exhibit in the show
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Robin Irvine (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
68	Cow or heifer, in calf or milk, born before 31st December 2021	
69	Senior Heifer, born between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	
70	Heifer, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st August 2023	
71	Senior Bull, born before 31st December 2022	
72	Junior Bull, born between 1st January 2023 and 31st August 2023	
73	Bull or heifer calf, born on or after 1st September 2023	
74	Champion Any Other Native and Traditional Beef Breed	Kindly sponsored by John Thompson & Sons Ltd Prize money Champion - £20, reserve champion - £10 No entry required - 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 68 - 73 will qualify for this class

Dairy Sections

All rosettes must be removed before entering judging rings
Ayrshires, Holsteins and Coloured Dairy
Production and Inspection Classes (88,98 and 106) Points Allocation
a) milk - 1 point for each 100kg
b) fat protein - 1 point for each 10kg
c) maximum of 100 points for general conformation. An addition not exceeding 15% of the award under a) may be made when the lactation is that of a heifer, and commenced before she reached three years of age
Official Production Certificate of last lactation must be included with the entry form or emailed to secretary@ballymenashow.co.uk
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Denis O'Neill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
75	Junior dairy class	This class must be entered. All dairy animals born on or after 1st March 2023 who have been entered in their appropriate section may enter this class Prize money kindly sponsored by HA McIlrath & Son 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10 The Junior Dairy Shield will be awarded to the winner of this class
76	Group of Three Pedigree Dairy Animals	from the same exhibitor, in calf or in milk This class must be entered. All exhibits must be drawn from one breed and entered in their respective breed classes Prize money kindly sponsored by Greenhill Systems 1st £100, 2nd £70, 3rd £30 The Robert King and The McLarnon Feeds Trophies will be awarded to the winner of this class
77	Pair of Pedigree Dairy Animals	from the same exhibitor and entered in their respective breed classes This class must be entered. Prize money kindly sponsored by United Feeds 1st £70, 2nd £30, 3rd £20 The best pair of Pedigree Dairy animals will be awarded the United Feeds Trophy
78	Interbreed Dairy Heifer	in milk, must be calved before 3 years of age This class must be entered. Prize money kindly sponsored by Fane Valley Feeds 1st £100, 2nd £60, 3rd £40, 4th £20
SP 6	THOMPSONS/NISA	THOMPSON'S / NISA DAIRY COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

	DAIRY COW CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 (pedigree or non pedigree)	(Pedigree or non-pedigree) To include “Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion” Thompson’s / NISA Dairy Cow Championship is being held this year at Antrim Show on Saturday 27th July 2024. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details in their respective classes, at the qualifying show. The 1st & 2nd placed exhibits in all Dairy Cow Classes at Ballymena Show are eligible to go forward to the Thompson’s Dairy Cow Qualifier, however if this does not include a “heifer in milk” (lactation 1) then the highest placed animal in this category should also go forward to the qualifier. Three animals will qualify per Show to include a maximum of 2 adult cows in milk (lactation 2+) and one heifer-in-milk cow (lactation 1). No exhibitor may qualify more than four exhibits for the Championship final To maximise attendance of qualifying exhibits at the Championships, Stewards should enquire if it is the intention of the exhibitor to be present at Antrim Show on Saturday 27th July 2024 for the Championship final. In the event of qualified exhibitors not wishing to attend the Championship final, then the Judge will be asked to identify further qualifying animals. Qualifying exhibitors who do not appear at the Championship final may be disqualified from competing in NISA Championships in 2025, unless good reason is given for such non-appearance. THOMPSON’S will present special rosettes to the exhibitors of qualifying animals at each qualifying show. Each animal forward at the Championship, which does not gain 1st to 6th place, will be paid attendance money in the form of a £50 Feed Voucher. Animals placed 1st to 6th in the Championship will receive Prize Money as follows: Champion £500 plus sash. Reserve Champion £300 2nd Reserve Champion £200. 4th Place £150 5th Place £100 6th Place £50 Junior Champion £300 Reserve Junior Champion £150 In addition, £100 plus Sash will be awarded to the highest placed Exhibitor-bred animal at the Championship (born on farm, not purchased embryo), and the exhibit with the Best Udder will also receive £100 plus sash. The Junior Champion will receive a sash and rosette, and the Reserve Junior Champion a rosette. The THOMPSON’S Perpetual Shield will be presented to the Champion. The Qualifying Shows are: Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Ballymena, Newry, Omagh, Castlewellan, Co. Londonderry and Antrim.

Overall Dairy Championship

no entry required
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Denis O'Neill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
79	Overall Dairy Championship	No entry required Exhibits confined to Champion and Reserve Champion of each of the dairy sections Prize money kindly sponsored by Moore Animal Feeds Champion £120, Reserve Champion £80, 2nd Reserve £60, 3rd Reserve £40 Overall dairy champion will be awarded the Dale Farm Trophy and The Fourtowns Trophy --- The best udder in show will be awarded £100 semen voucher sponsored by World Wide Sires. No entry required Selected from best udder in each dairy section

Dairy Young Handlers - ENTER ON SHOW DAY

Kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies & John Thompson & Sons Ltd
Prize money = 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5.
Entry free - Entry forms to be completed and signed on show day but will not be catalogued
To be judged at the cattle rings at 10am
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Eleanor O'Neill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
80	Dairy Young Handlers	open to children 8 - 12 years of age at date of show Prize money, kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
81	Dairy Young Handlers	Open to teenagers 13 - 19 years of age at date of show Prize money, kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10,4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5, 8th £5,9th £5 Exhibitor must be capable of handling animal being shown
82	Best Dairy Young Handler	No entry required First prize winners from classes 80 and 81 qualify for this class Prize money kindly sponsored by Lakeland Dairies - 1st £30, 2nd £20 The WD Perry Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class
SP10	Lakeland Dairies/NISA Dairy Young Handler Championship 2024	LAKELAND DAIRIES / NISA YOUNG HANDLERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 Dairy Young Handler – age 7 – 14 Dairy Young Handler – age 15 – 21 Age as at 1st May in current year. Animals to be 12 months or under on 1st May, in current year. The Lakeland Dairies / Northern Ireland Shows Association Young Handler Championship is being held this year at Clogher Valley Show on Wednesday, 31st July, 2024. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name of their animal(s) and exhibitor details, at the qualifying show. It is important that the date of birth, contact details (phone number and/or email address). and parent/guardian details where these differ from the exhibitor details are all available. The Qualified exhibitors will be the top three Young Handlers in each age section of the Lakeland Dairies / NISA qualifying class at each qualifying show. Parents/Guardians are requested to ensure that exhibitors are competent and capable of handling the animal. One adult is welcome to enter the ring to ensure safety. In these classes the appearance and skill of the exhibitor will be considered. Rosettes will be awarded to each qualified Young Handler. Championship & Reserve Championship sashes will be awarded at the final. Prize Money at the final: 1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 The Qualifying Shows are: Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Ballymena, Newry, Omagh, Castlewellan, Co Londonderry, Antrim and Clogher Valley. Ballymena Show requires all exhibitors intending to put forward an animal for use in the Young Handler section to already have the animal entered and forward in a previous class at the Show.

Ayrshires

Kindly sponsored by Dairy Herd Management, Kersia and Moore Concrete
The Ulster Ayrshire Cattle Club donate £50 to the prize fund for this section
Ayrshires: Animals entered must be registered in the appendices or fully pedigree section of the Ayrshire Herd Book, Ayrshire Hybrid or Red and White Sections of the Ayrshire Society Herd Book and be at least one half Ayrshire. If black and white in colour, animals must be registered in the Herd Books Full Pedigree Ayrshire Section.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Adam Montgomerie (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
83	Heifer born on or after 1st September 2023	
84	Heifer born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	
85	Heifer in calf, with first calf born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022	
86	Cow in calf but not in milk	
87	Heifer in milk under 3 years of age at date of calving	
88	Cow in milk in second lactation	
89	Cow in milk in third or later lactation	
90	Production and Inspection Class, Cow or Heifer in Calf or Milk, Any Age	Cows in this class will be judged not only on appearance but also on their last qualifying milk and butter-fat yields. Note:- Official Production Certificate of Last Lactation MUST be included with entry or emailed to secretary@ballymenashow.co.uk
91	Pair of animals	Bonafide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible Prize money 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 The Robert Kerr Trophy will be awarded to the winner of this class
92	Champion Ayrshire	No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 83 - 90 qualify for this class Champion and Reserve Champion Ayrshire will receive rosettes and prize money, kindly sponsored by AHV UK and Ireland of 1st £30, 2nd £20 The best udder in the Ayrshire Section will be awarded a £50 semen voucher, sponsored by World Wide Sires The Bibby and The Francis Graham Trophies will be awarded to the winner of this class

Holsteins

Kindly sponsored by Kersia, Dairy Herd Management, Moore Concrete and A Kennedy Plant & Fencing
All exhibitors should wear the breeds show outfit whilst in the judging ring. All entries to be entered in the Holstein UK Herd Book proper or in classes B or C of the Supplementary Register. All classes are open to both black and white and red and white registered animals.

Holstein NI provide an award to the exhibitor of the Champion Holstein presented at their AGM. Points are also allocated to exhibitors towards the Bibby Salver trophy.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Andrew Patton (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
93	Heifer born on or after 1st September 2023	
94	Heifer born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	
95	Heifer in calf, with first calf born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022	
96	Cow in calf but not in milk	
97	Heifer in milk under 3 years of age at date of calving	
98	Cow in milk in second lactation	
99	Cow in milk in third or later lactation	
100	Production and Inspection Class, Cow in Calf or Milk, Any Age	confined to cows which have been recorded under an Official Recording Scheme. Cows in this class will be judged not only on appearance but also on their last qualifying milk and butter fat yields Note:- Official Production Certificate of Last Lactation must be presented on the day Prize money 1st £ 30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 The cow awarded the most points in this class will be awarded the Hugh A Clarke trophy
101	Pair of Animals	bonafide the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible Prize money 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10
102	Champion Holstein	No entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners in classes 93 - 100 qualify for this class Holstein Ni present an award to the Champion Prize money kindly sponsored by AHV UK & Ireland - Champion £30 Reserve Champion £20 The best udder in the Holstein Section will be awarded a £50 semen voucher, sponsored by World Wide Sires The Champion Holstein will be presented with the Hinds Trophy The best Holstein cow in the show will be awarded the Co-Operative Trophy The Juniot Holstein Champion will be awarded the AI services trophy
SP 9	Holstein UK Rosettes	Holstein Uk offers rosettes to the Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Exhibitor Bred, Junior Champion and Best Udder in Show

Coloured Dairy including Jersey and Dairy Shorthorn

Kindly sponsored by Creagh Concrete and Kersia
All exhibits must be pedigree and entered in the relevant societys Herd Book.
Exact age, colour markings and full pedigree must be given.
See also classes 75,76,77 (Junior, Group & Pair of Dairy Animals)
The Thompson Trophy will be awarded to the best pedigree Jersey exhibit
Ring: cattle ring

Judges

Eleanor O'Neill (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
103	Heifer born on or after 1st September 2023	
104	Heifer born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	
105	Heifer in calf, with first calf born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022	
106	Heifer in milk under 3 years of age at date of calving	
107	Cow in milk	
108	Production and Inspection Class, Cow in Calf or Milk, Any Age	confined to cows which have been recorded under an Official Recording Scheme Cows in this class will be judged not only on appearance but also on their last qualifying milk and butter- fat yields Note:- Official Production Certificate of Last Lactation MUST be presented on the day of show Prize money 1st £30, 2nd £20
109	Pair of Animals(same breed)	the property of one exhibitor and entered in the above classes for which they are eligible Prize money £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10
110	Champion Coloured Dairy Breed	NO entry required 1st and 2nd prize winners of classes 103 - 108 qualify for this class Prize money - Champion - £20, Reserve Champion £10 The best udder in the Coloured Section will be awarded a £50 semen voucher, sponsored by World Wide Sires