



Ballinasloe Horse and Agricultural Show

Schedule of Classes

**Ballinasloe Horse and Agriculture
Show 2024**

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Message from Minister Heather Humphreys

Welcome to the 2024 Ballinasloe Agricultural Show

I am delighted that my Department will once again provide funding to support this show and indeed to support over 120 agricultural shows across the country. This is the second year where we have provided a record investment of €1 million across all of the shows. The total funding provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development for agricultural shows since 2018 is now over €4.3 million. I know that this is money well spent.

Our agricultural shows play a vital role in community life and raise awareness of the important role agriculture plays in our society.

These shows are the threads that build bridges between our towns and villages, and the hinterlands that support them. They act as a platform for local producers to showcase their products and have become a key date in the calendar for the farming community, local producers and visitors to engage, share ideas and experience all that is good about life in the country.

Each show has its own unique offering and such is the interest in these shows, I understand that exhibits increased by 15% last year. It is great to see the growing interest in these wonderful events. Entrants travel from neighbouring counties and beyond to compete, as do the many thousands of spectators who have an interest in livestock and the farming way of life.

It should be acknowledged that without the ongoing efforts of the show committee, volunteers, sponsors, local businesses and local organisations that play a role in each of these shows, the shows would just not happen. I want to thank all of you for your continued contribution. This really demonstrates the importance of communities working together, something that we are so fortunate to have in spades here in rural Ireland, where everyone looks out for each other.

I hope to attend a number of the shows around the country this year and I look forward to personally meeting many of you throughout the summer as we all enjoy what the Agricultural Shows have to offer.

Go n-éirí go geal libh!

CATTLE SECTION - COMMERCIAL CATTLE ONLY

Entry Fee: €15 unless otherwise stated.
Judging in this section starts at 11 pm sharp

Cattle

Important Notice for Cattle Exhibitors

General Rules:

- certificate of Movement is **MANDATORY** and must be printed, signed, and presented to the secretary on the day of the show - see below Note
- All Stock to be haltered and led by Exhibitor only.
- All Animals must be within the TB test limit laid down by the Department of Agriculture and Food
- All Animals must be correctly tagged. Documents and animals must be correct and will be inspected by the Department of Agriculture officers before entry will be allowed
- Intending Exhibitors are advised to ensure that their Public Liability policy covers the exhibition of Bloodstock/Livestock at public shows.

Note for information regarding Movement of Bovine to Shows

The Department of Agriculture implemented a number of changes on the 4th February 2019 which changed the procedures and criteria applicable when applying for a Certificate of Compliance for the movement of cattle. These also impact on the certificate which is required when moving bovine to a show.

- The following sets out the criteria applicable:
- The movement of cattle to and from an Agricultural Show within the state must be recorded on the Animal Identification and Movement System (AIM).
- In line with these changes, a specific certificate of compliance for the "Movement of Bovine from a Single Holding to a Show" must now be requested prior to the movement of animals concerned.
- These certificates can be created by (i) applying online using their ag-food account or (ii) where the keeper is not online, the certificate can be generated by the local Regional Veterinary Office following receipt of a NBAS31K with issue of the certificate being subject to normal criteria applicable. This form will be available on the Department's Website and will also be included with the show circular when issued.
- When applying for this certificate the destination herd/ or Show number is not required. The certificate generated will include a "S" symbol.
- The certificate of Compliance for a Show will continue to be valid for a period of up to 30 days. As is currently the case these can be used for the movement of animals to a number of shows during the validity period of the certificate.
- Please also note, calves which are less than 10 days old cannot be moved to a Show.

As is currently the case the Movement Notification Section of the Certificate should be completed by the keeper and the Show Secretary who must clearly indicate the Show Number. The Show movement should be recorded on the passport. Ultimate responsibility for fulfilling these requirements lies with the Show Secretary. If the animals move to a herd other than the source herd, the new destination herd must complete and sign the certificate also. Completed forms should be sent by the Show Secretary to the local RVO within 7 days of the show. 2 of 16 Animal Identification and Movement (AIM)

Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine.

Class 74: Friesian Male or Female Calf born after 1st January 2024

Class 75: Friesian Heifer born before 31st December 2023

Class 76: Best Heifer Calf born in 2024 - Continental Breed

Best Heifer Calf born in 2024

Class 77: Best Heifer in Show Open (Not more than 2 teeth)

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Class 79: Best Butchers Heifer - Sponsored by O'Connor Food Hall

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Class 80: Best Breeding Heifer

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Class 81: Special Class for The Breeder's Choice Continental 4* or 5* Breeding Heifer

**Presented by the Irish Shows Association (ISA) & Department of Agriculture
Prize Fund €750**

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The competition will be run at every show that has cattle classes.
2. This competition is open to all Continental / Traditional Genotype 4* or 5* heifers, suitable to make a Suckler Cow.
3. Heifers may be in-calf or maiden. All heifers must be between 12 months and 24 months of age on the date of the show.
4. Each heifer can attend up to five shows. If a heifer enters more than five shows, she will automatically be disqualified.
4. All heifers must be haltered trained and led by a competent adult.
5. The foregoing rules should be read in conjunction with ISA General Rules.

Entry Fee: To Show: €15

ADD NOTES

Class 82: Best Bull Calf born in 2024 - Continental Breed

born in 2024 (non pedigree)

Class 83: Best Bull Calf born in 2024 - Traditional Breed

Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn etc

Class 84: Bullock without permanent Teeth

Class 85: Best young stock person

The aim of this competition is to encourage young people to become more involved in the management, nutrition and showing of cattle. The competition is open to boys and girls under the age of 16 years on 01st January of the current year.

The winner will be presented with the **"William Goode Memorial Cup"**

Class 86: Champion Bullock

Class 87: Champion Heifer

The champion Heifer will receive the

"L.Larkin Memorial Cup"

Class 88: Champion Beast of the Show