



Please send entries to: Fiona Davidson, Secretary of Royal Northern Agricultural Society
 Email:| secretary@rnas.info or Post:| Kirkton, Mintlaw, Peterhead, AB42 4HZ.
 Further entry forms may be downloaded from the Society Website - www.rnas.org.uk



The President and Directors invite you to enter this year's competition.

'FARM TURNIPS, SWEDES & FODDER BEET 2023'

NORTH-EAST COMPETITION, kindly sponsored by MURRAY DUGUID, OLDMELDRUM.

Turnips & Swedes for Feeding and Shopping/Processing Crops (MINIMUM 2.5 ACRES - 1.0 HA)

Fodder Beet crops (MINIMUM 2.5 ACRES - 1.0 HA)

Organised by THE ROYAL NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

to recognize and encourage Good Crop Husbandry.

Crops will be judged for quality and yield. Aspects will include uniformity; freedom from disease, weeds and pests; soundness of the bulb and yield.

There are Turnip & Swedes Trophies for the Overall Champion as well as a Trophy & special prize for the winner in the under 30's. First prizes of £20 will be awarded for each Section in LFA and non LFA (Feeding, Shopping/Processing).

There will also be a Trophy for the Fodder Beet winner and prize money.

Entries close on 14th November, 2023 - Please send your entry now for judging in December

Name:.....

Address:.....

..... Postcode:.....

Tel No:..... Mobile No:.....

Email:.....

If you are aged under 30 years on the 1st November - Please tick here;.....

TURNIP & SWEDE CROP DETAIL:

(Delete as appropriate)

FIELD No. or NAME.	SIZE(ha.).	VARIETY.	LFA/NON-LFA	END USE
			LFA/Non-LFA	Feeding or Shopping/Processing
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FODDER BEET CROP DETAILS:

(Delete as appropriate)

FIELD No. or NAME.	SIZE(ha.).	VARIETY.	LFA / NON LFA
			LFA/Non LFA
			LFA/Non LFA

Please enter Crop/s for the Competition. **I agree to abide by the decision of the judges.** Entry fee is £5 per crop for RNAS Members or £7 for non-members and can be paid by internet banking – Sort Code 82-66-00. Account No. 60389675 or by cheque payable to “RNAS”.

Total payment is £..... **Signed:**..... **Date :**.....

Please return your Entry to the Secretary at the above email or postal address.

(See over for guidelines.)

Guidelines For Entrants

Note- closing date, 14^h November. It may not be possible to judge later entries.

As well as the Turnip & Swedes competition there is also a Fodder Beet competition which will be judged along the same lines as the Turnip ones.

1. The competition is to encourage and find the best husbandry crops of Turnips and Swedes in the RNAS area (Aberdeenshire, Banffshire, Kincardineshire & Morayshire).
2. **The crop will be at least 2.5 acres (1.0 hectare)** in size but may be a block selected from a bigger field.
3. Turnip crops will be assessed under LFA and NON-LFA areas for;
 - a) Stock feeding.
 - b) Shopping and Processing.
4. The crops will be weighed and judged in November/December (weather permitting).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The length of drill to be weighed is determined by the width of the drills or bed.
8. There will be an independent judge to see fair play, mark down the weights and assess the crop for :- Yield and
 - (a) uniformity of the crop (10 points)
 - (b) freedom from disease (10 points)
 - (c) freedom from pest damage (10 points)
 - (d) freedom from weeds (10 points)
 - (e) soundness of the bulb, which will be expected to survive till Spring 2024 (10 points)
9. The entrance fee will be £5 per crop for members and £7 per crop for non-members.
10. There are trophies for the Overall Champion and the young entrant under 30 with the best entry in the turnips and swede classes as well as one for the Fodder Beet champion.
11. 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.***