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Heifer and Hogget Competition prizes



This week Padraig Keane kicks off our preview of the prizes for the forthcoming Irish Farmers Journal Heifer and Hogget Competition, which will be staged at the National Livestock Show in Tullamore on 14 August.



Sheep Breed: Mayo Mule

- Cross: Blue-faced Leicester x Scottish Blackface Mountain
- Born: March 2010
- Sire: Stock ram
- Breeder: John Morohan, Coolisduff, Kilmaine, Co Mayo
- Characteristics: The Mayo Mule is a cross between the Scottish Blackface ewe and the Blue-faced Leicester ram. The breed is renowned for its hardiness, mothering, milk production, prolificacy and ease of lambing.
- Society: The Mayo Sheep



Producers Association coordinate three different sheep groups, namely the Mayo Mountain Blackface Group, South Mayo Lamb Producer Group and Mayo Mule and Greyface Group.

- Contact: For more information, call Tom Staunton on 087-2607883 or visit www.mayosheepproducers.com.



Dairy Breed: Montbeliarde

- Born: February 2010
- Sire: Timor
- Breeder: Robert Forrest, Scotspine Farm, Killahora, Glounthane, Co Cork
- Characteristics: Originating in France, Montbeliarde cattle belong to the Jura Mountains branch of Continental European Red and White breeds. It is a dual-purpose breed and is renowned for its high milk solids, excellent cheese making value, fertility, longevity



and ease of calving.

- Society: The Montbeliarde Cattle Society of Ireland was established in 1995.

It has about 100 active members, with up to 1,400 pedigree registrations recorded in Ireland annually.

- Contact: For more information, call David Clarke on 087-2576434 or visit www.montbeliarde.ie.



Dairy Breed: Holstein Friesian

- Name: Swiftsheath Averil 1135
- Born: March 2010
- Sire: Morningview Legend ET (OJI son)
- Dam: Swiftsheath Dunker Averil (VG 88, out of Woudheve Dunker (WUD), fourth generation VG or EX in her third lactation - 8241kgs, 3.38% butterfat & 3.36% protein).
- Other: Swiftsheath Averil 1135 has an EBI of €101, as well as positive longevity and fertility scores.
- Breeders: Tom and Maura Murphy, Swiftsheath, Jenkinstown, Co Kilkenny

• Characteristics: The Holstein Friesian breed is the most numerous dairy breed in the country. The breed is renowned for its high milk yield, its ability to efficiently convert grass to milk and its wide genetic variation to suit diverse dairy farming systems.

• Society: The Irish Holstein Friesian Breeders Association is based in Clonakilty, Co Cork. Over the last 11 years membership has grown by 50% and now stands at 3,600. Annual pedigree registrations in Ireland have quadrupled to 75,000.

- Contact: For more information, call Charles Galagher (CEO) on 023-8833443 or visit www.ihfa.ie.



BEEF Breed: Salers



- Cross: Three-quarter bred Saler
- Born: March 2010
- Sire: Sligo Hugo
- Breeder: Patrick Williams, Rathlacken, Carrowmore-Lacken, Ballina, Co Mayo
- Characteristics: Best known for their ease of calving, Salers Cattle are also renowned for their high fertility and well marbled beef, with little excessive surface fat. They are a hardy breed easily maintained

even on rough forage, with females producing an abundance of milk.

• Society: First imported into Ireland in 1994, the Salers Cattle Society has almost 200 members, with approximately 550 pedigree registrations recorded in Ireland annually.

- Contact: For more information, call Meryl Gillespie on 050-542245 or visit www.irish-salers.com.



Sheep Breed: Vendéen

- Cross: Vendéen x Suffolk cross
- Born: March 2010
- Sire: Longlea Guido.
- Breeder: Jim Callaghan, Du-leek, Co Meath
- Characteristics: The Vendéen breed originates from the Vendée region in France and has evolved to be hardy, versatile and easy lambing with vigorous lambs. The wool cover on the head is key to protecting new born lambs in

harsh conditions.

• Society: The Irish Vendéen Sheep Society was established in the late 1990's. There are currently over 60 members situated in the Island of Ireland.

- Contact: For more information, call Mark Crowe (Secretary) on 046-9025162, visit www.vendeensheep.ie or follow them on facebook (Vendéen Sheep).



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