



## FEDERATION OF WELSH GRASSLAND SOCIETIES

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## ***FEDERATION OF WELSH GRASSLAND SOCIETIES 2007 SILAGE COMPETITION RESULTS***

**1. The All Wales Silage Competition** is run in conjunction with the RWAS and is sponsored by NatWest Bank.

The final judges were Martin Doyle of NatWest Bank, last years winner Mr Darren Callan, Corston Farm, Hundleton and John Evans ex ADAS. They were again impressed with the excellent standards of silage quality and its use in food production and enjoyed the challenge in deciding on a winner. John Evans, Technical judge, described the *'outstanding example of efficiency in forage production and utilization which was manifested in livestock performance that identified the winner.'*

*We also found very close competition throughout the other finalists which gave us a difficult but rewarding two days of farm visits. Congratulations to all who entered the competition and especially to the winners.'*

**Winner: David Davies, Gwarffynnon, Silian Lampeter. Mid Cardigan Grassland Society**

David Davies farms the 100 acres at Gwarffynnon on which he runs a herd of 100 dairy cows plus followers. The winning silage with DM 28.7, ME 10.8, CP 15.0, NH<sub>3</sub>-N 8.6 an Intake Potential of 103 is the foundation for annual milk sales of 8300l /cow of which 4186 l are produced from forage. 11092 l are produced per Hectare.

**Runner Up: Mr Philip and Roger Lewis, Poyerston Farm, Cosheston, Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire. Narbeth Grassland Society**

### **Finalists:**

O & H B Parry, Yr Orsedd, Llanddona, Ynys Mon. Anglesey Grassland Society

Mr David Morgan, Gwern y Gor, Llandrinio, Llanymynech, Nr Oswestry Powys Grassland Society

Mr B Jones, Dolderwen, Llanafan Fawr, Builth Wells Powys Wye Valley Grassland Society

**2. The All Wales Big Bale Silage Competition** is sponsored by WFSborder and BPI Agriculture. The judges for this years

final round, which also attracted a very large entry from across Wales were Rhun Fychan of IGER and last years winner Mr Meurig Harries, Trefgarn Owen Farm, Pencwm, Haverfordwest, Pembroke and Bob Kingsland of BPI Agriculture. The judges noted the wide range of farm systems in which Baled Silage is now used and which were represented in the final round of competition. *'The competition produced some very good silage analyses and the winners were those who combined this good silage quality with consistency, and good feeding management, across their silage stock'*

**David L. Williams, Tyn Rhos, Gwalchmai, Ynys Mon. Anglesey Grassland Society**

The winning silage was made over 3 days in early July. It received a 2day wilt. Analysis showed a DM of 69%, CP 15.7%, ME 11.0 Ammonia-N of 2.8 and Intake Potential of 128. The whole 170acre holding is based on early lamb production as well as beef finishing which is well planned and efficiently run, making the most of the quality silage produced on the unit. Such high quality forage produced at such a high DM significantly reduces production and disposal costs.

**Runner Up: Roger Ridgway, Clovers Farm, Letterston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. North Pembroke Grassland Society**

### **Finalists:**

Mr Glyn Pugh, Ty'n y Pwll, Llanegryn, Tywyn, Gwynedd. Meirionnydd G.S

Mr Andrew Lewis, Cilgwyn Mawr, Newport, Pembrokeshire and District G.S

Mr J Howells, Maescawdlawr Farm, Llangwynwyd, Maesteg, Bridgend. Glamorgan G.S