



## Welsh Charolais Region and Hybu Cig Cymru Welsh Suckler Herd of the Year 2010

Name  
Address  
Post code

Tel  
Email

Farm details  
Area  
Other enterprises  
Labour on farm, number inc family

Beef enterprise  
Number of suckler cows  
Predominant breed of cows  
Number of registered Charolais bulls used

### **Herd Objectives**

What are the key objectives of your suckler enterprise?

### **Herd Management and performance**

Please outline your herd's breeding plan (where and how your replacement cows are sourced?)

What criteria do you use when choosing a Charolais bull?

What is your average calving index ..... days  
How long is your calving period ..... weeks  
What is your target DLG up to weaning ..... kgs  
Do you feed creep to your calves? yes/no

If yes, please provide details

Please discuss any herd performance recording system you have adopted

### **Heard health**

Do you have a herd health plan? If so, please give a brief description

Is your herd accredited free of any diseases? yes/no

Do you vaccinate your cows, if yes for what?

### **Marketing**

Describe your calf marketing policy providing details of average weights and prices achieved last season, plus any evidence of adding value

Have you made any changes to the above in the last three years? If so outline those changes.

### **Financial management**

What is your herd gross margin if available (£/cow put to the bull)

**Future objectives (In strictest confidence)**

What are your plans for the herd over the next three years?

Please outline your suckler enterprise's current main challenges and opportunities

**Entries**

Please fill in the entry form and email to [charolais@charolais.co.uk](mailto:charolais@charolais.co.uk) or post to

Welsh Suckler Herd of the Year  
BCCS  
Avenue M  
Stoneleigh Park  
Kenilworth  
Warks  
CV8 2RG

An electronic version of the entry form is available should you wish.

Supplementary information to support your answers is welcome and should be enclosed with the entry form.

**Closing date, 16 August 2010****Judging**

Judge, SAC beef specialist, Ian Pritchard will short list and visit the finalists in September

The short listed entrants will make themselves available at a mutually acceptable time on their farm for the judge's visit.

The four prize winners will agree to appear in the national farming and regional media in feature articles and or news stories.

The prizes will be presented at Welsh Winter Fair 2010.

**Prizes**

1, Champion: £500 plus £250 voucher towards purchase of a performance recorded registered Charolais bull

2, Three finalists: £250 voucher towards purchase of a performance recorded registered Charolais bull