



April 2005

Northern Ireland Branch

Forthcoming Branch Events

Spring Lamb Competition

The first event of the year, our Spring Lamb Competition, is being held in Ballymoney Livestock Mart on Monday 25th April. The judging will take place at 11am and the auction will start at 12 Noon. There will be one

class for a pen of three lambs sired by a pedigree Suffolk ram. For this to be a successful event for the Suffolk breed, we need the support of all members, not just a few individuals. Please encourage as many pedigree and commercial farmers as possible to enter

lambs for the competition.

Our sponsors are Janssen Animal Health, David Millar Choice Cuts Butcher Ballymoney and DG's Fashions Garvagh.

Collection of lambs can be arranged with—Ivan Porter or Wesley Cousins. For further details contact the secretary

Stock judging at Balmoral show

In previous years this competition was for young Suffolk members up to 26 years old.

This year the competition will be open to everyone attending the show. There will be three classes—

18 years old and under
19 to 25 years and
26 years and over.

This is the first round of the competition, with the second round being held in Dungannon Farmers' Mart on Thursday evening 9th June. The overall winners in the first two classes of both competitions will each receive a Northern Ireland Branch trophy.

We are grateful to our sponsors John Thompson

& Sons and Ivan Porter who are sponsoring the Balmoral competition and Janssen Animal Health and Crystalyx who are our sponsors for Dungannon. We would encourage everyone to enter for these competitions, entry forms are available from the secretary or on show day.

New Tagging arrangements

All ewes in your flock should have the new tags, and any lambs that are being sold need them also. You are allowed to put your own details on the back of the new tag, e.g. your pedigree flock No. You are advised not to order more tags than you need this year. Please remember you still have to tattoo your sheep for the Society with the year letter and your Flock Number.

