

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2014

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**NSA SCOTSHEEP 2014
YOUNG SHEPHERD OF THE YEAR**

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**Competition to be held at Quixwood Farm, Duns
Berwickshire on Wednesday 4th June 2014**

Do you work with sheep? Are you motivated by working with sheep? Do you enjoy working with sheep?

If so and you have left school and are the age of 26 and under on 28th September 2014, why not enter the Young Shepherd of the Year competition at NSA Scotsheep 2014?

The competition, sponsored by Rumenco, is designed to test your practical skills and practical knowledge used in your every-day work with sheep, as well as your broader knowledge of the sheep industry throughout the UK and Europe, including the various sheep breeds.

"If you have competed before, we would love to see you again and first-time competitors are equally welcome," says organiser, Dave Turner, former head of agriculture at Oatridge College. "There are no restrictions on how many times you compete, other than age."

Qualifying youngsters, who could be working shepherds, farm workers, students or simply with an interest in sheep, are invited to enter and test themselves against other youngsters with the same interests and motivation.

Depending on the level of support, regional qualifying competitions may be held in early May to select the top twelve contestants to compete in the Scottish final at NSA Scotsheep 2014 which takes place at Quixwood Farm, Duns, Berwickshire, on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

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The competition at NSA Scotsheep offers the NSA Scotsheep trophy and a cash prize of £300 to the winner, with £200 going to the runner-up and £100 for third place. The highest placed competitor under the age of 21 will also receive a prize of £100.

Travelling and overnight expenses will be paid to the winner and runner-up to compete in the national finals at NSA Sheep 2014 at Malvern on the 30th July (With a top prize of £1000) and the World Young Shepherds Challenge 2014 centred around Clermont-Ferrand, France from the 28th September to the 4th October 2014.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION

All competitors will be expected to be able to carry out the tasks listed below-

- Practical stock tasks - correct foot care techniques/handling, vaccinating and dosing (e.g. work out correct weight of ewes for dosage of wormer and correct examples of injection sites)
- Sheep shearing and wool handling (must have a minimum of BWMB Blue Seal Certificate)
- Prime lamb selection.
- Daily preparation and safe use of an ATV with trailer, transporting stock.
- General question paper on sheep production and husbandries.
- Question paper on sheep breeds' identification.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. 26 years of age or under on 28th September 2014
2. Entries to be received before 31st March 2014. Entry is free
3. The decision of the judges is final
4. The prize giving will take place on the day of the event

Further information and entry forms available from

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