



## THE 2015 EUROPEAN ANGUS CATTLE SOCIETY ANNUAL STEAK TASTING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY DEVENISH

### **Dear Sir/Madam**

Last year (2014) the European Angus Cattle Society held its annual competition to find the best steaks in Northern Ireland – and we did!

Now that we are into 2015 the search is about to start all over again.

The format remains the same with the competition being held in two categories, Under 15 employees and Over 15 Employees with three beef classes, Fillet Steak, Sirloin Steak and Rib-eye Steak.

We also have our Beef Sausage and Beefburger categories as well as a new 'Added Value' Beef Product category. For the Beef Sausage category there are two classes -Traditional Beef Sausage and Gourmet Beef Sausage while the weight category for Beefburgers is 1/4 lbs. The new 'Added Value' Beef Product category is very much an open category and will feature everything from pies to special recipe dishes that utilise locally produced beef.

The heats and the main steak tasting will take place on Monday, February 16 at CAFRE, Loughry Campus near Cookstown (commencing at 6.00pm) with the tasting of the sausages, beefburgers and added value beef products scheduled for Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, again at CAFRE and again commencing at 6.00pm. The winners will be announced at a Special Awards Evening and Dinner which is being held at the Bannville House Hotel near Banbridge on March 21.

We are again inviting entries from anyone involved with the beef industry sector – farmers, butchers, chefs, processors and retailers.

Where processors are concerned we would like to see more inclusion of the farm supplier simply because there are opportunities to gain recognition for everyone through getting the whole supply chain involved. In an award-winning situation both the processor and the farmer will be recognised!

This has come about as a result of research carried out at previous events. It was felt that the competition would benefit from the inclusion of more individuals, if the beef producing farmer could be involved and included along with the larger processing plants.

Please see enclosed entry form which should be filled in and returned to the correspondence address below along with a cheque for £15 per entry made payable to the European Angus Cattle Society. Closing date for entries is Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Yours faithfully

*H McGaffin*

Harry McGaffin, Secretary

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The  
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**2015 Steak Tasting Competition  
Sponsored by Devenish - Entry form**

Please print clearly

Name: .....

Business Name: .....

Address: .....

County: ..... Post Code: .....

Email Address: ..... Telephone:.....

Please nominate category being entered (place X in appropriate box)

To facilitate cooking consistency all Sirloin and Rib-eye steaks should be between 18mm and 20mm thick (approximately ¾ inch). All Fillet steaks should be a minimum of 25mm thick and a maximum of 33mm thick (approximately 1¼ inches thick).

A: Under 15 Employees

B: Over 15 Employees

Classes

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1: Fillet Steak

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2: Sirloin Steak

2: Sirloin Steak

3: Rib-eye Steak

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4: Traditional Beef Sausage

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5: Gourmet Beef Sausage

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6: ¼ lb Beef Burger

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7: Added Value Beef Product

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**I have read and understand the rules and now wish to enter The European Angus Steak Tasting Competition sponsored by Devenish.**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**I enclose a cheque for £..... (£15 per entry)**

**Entries to be received by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Please make cheques payable to European Angus Cattle Society. Return Entries to the address above.**