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HAMPSHIRE FARMS & CONSERVATION COMPETITION 2008

Judging took place for this prestigious annual competition on 23rd & 24th June. Thirty farms representing 45,300 acres of Hampshire farmland were judged in four Open Classes & The Championship Class. Farm sizes ranged from 30 acres to 7,000 acres.

The Patrons of the competition, Fareham & Hants Farmers Club and Romsey Agricultural and Horse Show Society, organised for ten judges drawn from all over the country from Somerset to Roxburghshire to undertake the task.

The 2008 Champion J Dalton & Sons from Stocks Farm, Privett, Near Alton retained the title they won in 2007. The judges were particularly impressed with the excellent standard of the crops on the 1,000 acre farm. They considered the staff training and loyalty to be exemplary and the quality of repairs & maintenance of property and machinery carried out by the farm's own staff, and by the owner, John Dalton, and his family, proved the entire farm to be in excellent order.

In all five Classes the judges were impressed by the range of co-operative ventures undertaken by the farms and by the wonderful conservation projects they were shown. Crops, livestock and diversification enterprises are all inspected with emphasis given to the overall achievement of the farmer in relation to his available resources.

In addition to placing a winner & runner-up, an award for outstanding achievement was given in each class. These were for a turf enterprise, rapid business growth, appearance of & attention to detail for crops, an equestrian enterprise and marketing.

Chairman of the organising committee, Dick Hall said, "This years' competition has seen the largest acreage ever entered, which is a testament to the pride that Hampshire farmers take in their farms. We are immensely grateful to our main sponsors NatWest Bank and Usborne Fertilisers Limited without whom the event could not have taken place."

The full results are:

Partners: [Iain Curry](#) [Andrew Bays](#) [Henry McCowen](#) [Ros Foreman](#) [Alastair Wilson](#) [James Fraser](#)

Championship Winner: J Dalton & Sons
Championship Runner-up: D & S Hewetson-Brown

Class One Winner: M & R Morton Ltd
Class One: Runner-up: NGJ Rowsell

Class Two Winner: Barfoot Farms Lt
Class Two: Runner-up: Chilbolton Down Farm

Class Three Winner: Lower Norton Farms
Class Three: Runner-up: J & A Farms

Class Four Winner: Carolyn Seligman
Class Four: Runner-up: Raglington Farm Ltd

Further information can be obtained from Dick Hall, Chairman of the Hampshire Farm and Conservation Competition on 01489 877021 and dick@corhamptonlanefarm.co.uk



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