



2024 Winners: Dunshaughlin Community College



Ireland's most popular  
Ag Science school's  
competition is looking  
for applications!



If you're in Transition Year, here's your chance  
to shape the future of farming!

# Aims of the competition

To encourage second level students to gain a greater understanding of sustainable beef production on Irish Family Farms.

## Stage 1 - Video

Enter by uploading a 3-minute video to YouTube as unlisted, which explains the following;

- Introduction to your schools and team members
- Role of Ag Science within the school
- Pick any topical area that you consider important to improve the Sustainability of Irish Agriculture that you would like to research for the project.
- Why would you like to win 5 Angus calves

YouTube video link should be emailed to [schools@certifiedirishangus.ie](mailto:schools@certifiedirishangus.ie) along with the completed online entry form from our website.

**Closing date is 21st October 2024.**



*Students from St. Finian's College, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath*

## Stage 2 - Shortlist interviews and finalist selection

- Judges will shortlist a number of groups for interviews based on their video
- Attend an interview from which a selection of entries are invited to attend an exhibition event in Croke Park in March

## Stage 3 - Croke Park exhibition

- Establish a stand at Croke Park Events Centre to demonstrate your ideas
- Judges for the event will be Agriculture and Food industry representatives
- Judges will ask questions based on ideas presented and plans for the calves if successful in winning
- Five groups win 5 six-month-old Angus cross calves



*2024 Finalists:  
St.Colman's College Fermoy*

## Stage 4 National Ploughing Championships

- The five successful groups attend for the 3 days where they explain to the public their ideas
- Presentation of 5 Angus calves worth €3,500 made by special guest to each group

## Stage 5

- Each finalist will be assigned a theme for their project
- The calves may be reared on the students' family farms or by arrangement with Certified Irish Angus
- Students will rear calves through to finishing over 14 months to coincide with their Leaving Certificate studies
- Students will benefit fully from the financial gain derived from the production of the cattle
- A final presentation of their projects will be made to a panel of Agricultural and Food industry experts before an overall winner is selected
- One school will be chosen as the overall winner and will receive an additional €2,000 payment towards their further education



Finalists on their study trip to Brussels

# Who is the competition for?



Transition year students only



Groups of 2-4 students



Urban & rural schools with or without a farming background

## How will I benefit?



Build confidence and enhance self development



Amplify public speaking and presentation skills



Assist Leaving cert studies in:

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Home Economics
- Business Studies
- Mathematics
- Geography



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