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Rowles Farm Scoops Championship in NADAS Farm Competition 2009

Rowles Farm at West Ilsley near Newbury in Berkshire, owned by the Lockinge Estates and managed by father and son team Norman and Peter Carlisle, has scooped this year's sought after Best Farmed Championship in the Newbury and District Agricultural Society Farm Competition.

Championship judge, Harold Stroude, who farms at Lewes in Sussex, paid tribute to farms across the area for producing a high standard despite difficult conditions over the warm, wet summer.

He said: "Taking part as a judge and being given a private farm walk by four of the top farmers in Berkshire was a privilege.

What I was looking for was a well-run, sustainable farm where they look likely to be able to continue going for a long time to come.

Judging was extremely difficult because all the farms set an extremely high standard but the winners simply ticked more boxes than the rest with an impeccable farm. What is impressive is that most of the work and technical expertise is being done by the managers."

Rowles Farm, a mixed beef, sheep and arable operation has been managed by the Carlisle family for nearly 40 years.

Mr Stroude also praised the second-placed Yattendon Estate, which is managed by Alastair Jeffrey on behalf of the Ilife family.

"The Yattendon operation is over an enormous estate and also set a high standard although because of the nature of the business, there is more third party involvement," said Mr Stroude.

Trumpletts Farm at Hampstead Norreys, managed by Donald Brown came third.

Mr Stroude added: "Trumpletts is a really up and coming farm. For a small outfit, they are doing remarkably well and really have their fingers on the pulse."

A new trophy for the best oat crop presented by David and Ali Brown in memory of their daughter Charlotte, who died last year, was won by Henry Wilson at Fishers Farm, Shefford Woodlands.

Presentations to the winning farms will be made next month at The Royal County of Berkshire Show (19-20 September).

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Newbury and District Agricultural Society Farm Competition Results 2009

Best Farmed Farm - Championship

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st | Rowles Farm (NE and P Carlisle) |
| 2 nd | Yattendon Estates (A Jeffrey) |
| 3 rd | Trumpletts Farm (DJ Brown) |

Best Farmed Farm - Large

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| 1 st | Porchester Farms (J Phillips) |
| 2 nd | Welford Farms (R Waterston) |
| 3 rd | IAH Compton (J Clatworthy) |

Best Farmed Farm - Medium

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| 1 st | Eling Farm (B Goodenough) |
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2nd East Soley Farm (JA Pearce & Son)

3rd Wadwick Farm (RN Edwards)

Best Farmed Farm - Small

1st Place Farm (D Carlisle)

2nd Priors Farm (G Brown)

3rd Warren Farm (J Liddiard)

Best Winter Wheat

1st West Woodhay Farms (S Cath)

2nd Strattons Farm LLP (S Hill)

3rd Priors Farm (G Brown)

Best Oats

1st Fishers Farm (H Wilson)

2nd East Soley Farm (JA Pearce & Son)

3rd Trumpletts Farm (DJ Brown)

Best Winter Barley

1st Yattendon Estates (A Jeffery)

2nd East Soley Farm (JA Pearce & Son)

3rd Welford Farms (R Waterston)

Best Spring Barley

1st Waterside Farm (J Holland)

2nd Priors Farm (G Brown)

3rd Warren Farm (J Liddiard)

Champion Cereal Crop

1st West Woodhay Farms (S Cath)

Sheep Flock Results (large)

1st Sheepdrove (C Blunt)

2nd Porchester Farms (J Philips)

Sheep Flock Results (medium)

1st Place Farm (D Carlisle)

2nd Bower Farm (P Walters)

3rd Wadwick Farm (R Edwards)

Oilseed Rape (Winter)

1st Trumpletts Farm (DJ Brown)

2nd Strattons Farm LLP (S Hill)

3rd Welford Farms (R Waterston)

Oilseed Rape (Spring)

1st ICA Compton (J Clatworthy)

2nd Yattendon Estates (A Jeffery)

Winter Beans

1st Winterbourne (M Cooper)

2nd Porchester Farms (J Phillips)

3rd Henwick Manor (C Graham)

Spring Beans

1st Eling Farm (B Goodenough)
2nd Winterbourne (M Cooper)

Peas

1st Welford Farms (R Waterston)
2nd Court Oak (R Waterston)
3rd Sparsholt Manor Farms (C Livingstone)

Beef Units

1st Bower Farm (P Walters)
2nd Watership Down Partnership (J White)
3rd Strattons Farm LLP (S Hill)

Dairy Units

1st Costow Farm (CJ & SE Elmes)
2nd Eling Farm (B Goodenough)
3rd Warren Farm (J Liddiard)

Long Term Ley

1st Wadwick Farm (R Edwards)
2nd Eling Farm (B Goodenough)
3rd Warren Farm (J Liddiard)

Short Term Ley

1st Porchester Farms (J Philips)
2nd ICA Compton (J Clatworthy)

3rd

Bower Farm (P Walters)