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NEW LIVESTOCK SHOWING OPPORTUNITIES AT 2019 KENT COUNTY SHOW

Organisers of the Kent County Show, the Kent County Agricultural Society, are increasing their offering for livestock exhibitors at the Show on 5, 6, 7 July 2019.

For cattle exhibitors, new Longhorn classes will celebrate one of Britain's oldest beef breeds with the winner receiving the Longhorn Cattle Society Championship Cup. New classes for Valais Blacknose and Blue Texel sheep will also increase the variety of breeds on show and new progeny pairs and breed group of six competitions offer more chances for winning to sheep exhibitors.

Exhibitors who have not competed at the Kent County Show in the last five years will receive a 50% discount on entry fees. The Show offers permanent sheep lines, an open cattle marquee, a dairy for its cattle exhibitors, and free pens and straw.

Chairman of the Livestock Committee, Terry Whitehead, said: "Livestock showing is at the heart of the Kent County Show's agricultural offering, so we want to make sure we have plenty to offer our exhibitors. Our sheep and wool entries are the highest they've been for 10 years so we look forward to seeing this grow even further in 2019."

The new classes and offers for exhibitors run alongside a new discount for agricultural trade stands. Agricultural businesses can benefit from reduced pitch fees with stand space opposite the busy cattle showing rings. These new offers for livestock exhibitors and agricultural traders have been introduced to develop the Kent County Show's already successful Agricultural Area. Livestock entries will open on 1 April and trade stands can apply now.

For more information on entering livestock, contact Amy Marsh on 01622 630975 or amy@kentshowground.co.uk, and for information on trading at the Show, contact Rosie Gouldsworthy on 01622 633051 or rosie@kentshowground.co.uk.

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Notes to the Editors:

The Kent County Show is organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society. The Show is the region's showcase event for farming, countryside and rural life. The three day show brings together the best food, animals, and excitement that Kent has to offer and reveals the true spirit of "The Garden of England."

This year, the Kent County Show will be on the 5, 6, 7 July 2019 and will feature livestock and equine competitions, trade stands, food halls, the Heritage Vintage Vehicle Section, the Garden Life Marquee, and new for 2019 The International Dzhigitovka Show.

About the Kent County Agricultural Society (Registered Charity Number: 1001191):

The Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since its foundation in 1923. It provides grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs and offers university scholarships to students wishing to study in related fields. The Society also provides free education on farming to young children through the 'Farming in the Classroom' initiative and the Living Land event. The Kent County Show is the Society's showcase event of the year.