

Beltex BULLETIN

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MESSAGE

FROM RACHEL BUCKLE

Well, here we are again, the start of a New Year and a new season of lambs. We seem to be having a proper winter, including snow and frost, so fingers crossed, we'll get a proper summer with some decent spells of sun. Plans are well in hand for the year ahead, and it looks as though the weeks are filling up. The Society stand will begin its round of shows with Welsh Sheep on 19th May and will continue through the summer at all the other NSA organised events, shows and, most importantly, the sales. Enclosed with this newsletter is information about tags, new sale rulings, birth notifications and sale dates. I would like to thank Natural Stockcare Ltd for their generous sponsorship towards the payment of postage for this newsletter, and if you look further through, there is the chance for you to win a litre of Grow A Drop, one of their bestselling products. Congratulations must go to all exhibitors of Beltex sired lambs at the Primestock shows, and didn't they all do well; winning most of the major awards. Also, to members who took part in the female sales, which saw a consistent trade for all classes. On that note, I would like to wish you all well for lambing, and look forward to catching up with you in the summer.

RACHEL



ROUND-UP OF THE IN LAMB SALES

The inlamb sales saw a good consistent trade throughout the UK which resulted in many new members coming onboard.



Carlisle champion came from Gavin Shanks; INVERESK Loch Carron sold for the top price of 1500gns to Ian Wilson, Cunswick Hall Cottage, Kendal.



Brecon champion was an aged ewe from David & Ivy Bishop, Luggsmill which sold for the top price of 1200gns. The Bishop's also claimed the reserve spot with a ewe lamb, which went on to make 900gns.



It was a double for Gavin Shanks, when he took the championship at Lanark with the gimmer, Inveresk Loch Awe, unfortunately she left the ring unsold. J McMillan was the runner up with an aged ewe which sold for 1000gns.



Top price at the Moira sale in Northern Ireland came from Hugh O'Neill with LAGYVEAGH Lover. She sold for 720gns to Wade McCrabbe.



Champion at Chelford came from Marshall Farms with Lamberhurst Kelci which went for 720gns to Graham Sinclair, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas

NEW MEMBERS

England:

AM Leach & KJ Parker
S Wilson
B J Rodenhurst
D Fearon
M Noble
J & JE Bradley
H Cope
R Hill
A Chapman-Fisher

Scotland:

J & L Young
A Aslam
S & D Smith
P Rattray

Wales:

M Sivill
A Shenton
W & C Pugh
T H Roberts
M J Thackray
J Higgs

Ireland:

W & F Houston



SOCIETY NEWS

SALES - NEW RULE

Any sheep to be sold at Society sales must be registered in the flock from which it is to be sold by 31st May in the year of sale”

INSPECTION - NEW CRITERIA

At the Society sales for 2009, inspection will include breed type.

UPSET PRICE

At the Carlisle Premier Sale, the upset price is to remain at 200gns. All other sales, the upset price will be 150gns. Dispersal sales have no upset price.

DNA TESTING - SPOT CHECK

DNA sampling will be carried out prior to all Society sales.

ORDER OF SALE

All sales to run in the following order (subject to relevant classes being forward) – Aged Rams, Shearling Rams and Ram Lambs. Aged ewes, Shearling Gimmers and Ewe Lambs.

20th Anniversary Celebrations of BELTEX...

...are to begin with the AGM 2009 – 9th – 11th October
This is to be based at The Thistle Hotel,
Castle Donington, Derbyshire, DE74 2SH.
For further information, please contact
the Society office.



Enclosed is the birth notification form for your lambs - this needs to be completed by 31st May 2009. This can also be completed via the online database at www.beltext.co.uk. To do this you need your unique member number and password - if you have mislaid this, please contact the Society office. If you would like to birth notify and fully register lambs at this date, the birth notification fee still applies, with the addition of the registrations fees. Copies of the birth notification form and continuation sheet are available on the website.



Carlisle	13th & 14th August
NSA Exeter	19th August
Chelford	27th August
Worcester	4th September
Dungannon	5th September
Skipton	12th September
Builth Wells	14th September
Lanark	17th September
Ballymena	28th September
Carlisle 2nd	1st October
Carlisle	4th December
Moira	5th December
Lanark	12th December
Brecon	17th December
Ruthin	19th December
Chelford	9th January 2010

EVENTS

the Society will be attending during 2009:

Welsh Sheep – to be held on Tuesday 19th May at Cernioge Bach, Pentrefoelas, Betws Y Coed – this is a family owned farming enterprise which runs from 1000 to 1750 feet above sea level.

Visit <http://www.welshsheep.org.uk/> for further details.

North Sheep – to be held on Wednesday 3rd June at Laund Farm, Chipping, Preston, Lancashire – this is a 500 acre farm with a specialist milk sheep enterprise as well as other breeds of sheep and continental cross suckler cows.

Visit <http://www.northsheep.org.uk/> for further details.

Sheep NI – to be held on Monday 6th July at Ballymena Livestock Mart, Woodside Road, Ballymena in conjunction with a visit to a local beef and sheep farm. Contact Edward Adamson

Tel: 02893 366225 Mob: 07711 071290 for further details.

Royal Highland Show – to be held on 25th–28th June

Royal Show – the date of the show is 7th-10th July – details of Society attendance to be confirmed

Royal Welsh Show – to be held on 20th-23rd July



TAGS

The colour for 2009 born lambs is ORANGE. Year Letter is N.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the tag order form. There is the choice of Allflex Ovina or Babe tags. To avoid confusion with numbering, it has been agreed that the sequential numbers allocated by the Defra Ear Tag Allocation System (ETAS) will correspond with the Society individual number, e.g.

UK123456 000345 on the male and ABC N345 on the female. Some members have already been using this system, but to retain the individuality of the animal, and to ease the ordering of replicas, each animal will have only one number.

Tags will automatically be ordered in pairs (this does not apply to members in Northern Ireland) due to all animals being kept for breeding having to be double tagged.

Members in Northern Ireland will need their standard Green DARD tag plus a corresponding Blue tag which is ordered through the Society.

For further information regarding tagging regulations and types of tags, please visit www.allflex.co.uk



ROUND UP OF THE PRIMESTOCK SHOWS

Beltex did fantastic at the Primestock shows during November and December.



Pictured Andrew Bishop with son, Charlie, who claimed the Reserve Champion pen of lambs live at the National Primestock Show

Supreme Champion pair of lambs at the Welsh Winter Fair went to Michael Owens, Glantre, which went onto be sold for a record price of £3400 each



Michael Dunlop, Corstane claimed the Championship at the Scottish Winter Fair with his Young Farmers class winners. Reserve honours went to John Guthrie, Cuiltburn Farm.



Overall Champion honours at Smithfield went to Andrew Bishop (pictured with Charlie) and reserve went to John Hall, Inglewood Edge.

COMPETITION

Identify the lambs bums and the event the photo was taken at to win a litre of Grow A Drop. Send your answers to the Society office and the winner will be drawn on 20th February.

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