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ARBRYN Flock WRF





ARBRYN TONTO (18WRF00573) (pictured above)

• 1st placed Shearling Ram at Royal Welsh 2019

• 2018 Champion Junior Stock Ram in Wales

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Chairmans Report ARWYN THOMAS

In writing my third Chairman's report I did not expect to be doing it during the worse pandemic in modern times and I sincerely hope that by the time this is published that we are over the worse, that you all remain healthy and be prepared to bounce back as you have done when we have had other crises (albeit outside the kitchen door) in the industry over recent years.

One thing is for sure, this will give everyone a reality check as to what the priorities in life are; appreciating the values of family, community and friends that we may have taken for granted. It has also made many people aware for the first time in their lives how important the security of food is to the survival of the population. Something the older generation who survived the Second World War have never forgotten.

We are all missing the vitality of social events and I personally am

really missing the sporting calendar but whilst we can survive without these luxuries we cannot survive without food. How that Whitehall mandarin who sent the message that this country can survive without farmers by importing all of our produce, must now be regretting tempting fate. As a majority this country have become a nation of supermarket shoppers and the one good thing to come out of this is the way that local retailers and butchers have persevered in tough times and are now busier than ever as they find that the population are looking to them to provide the essential provisions locally. Let us hope this trend is a continuing one with food sourced from this country with the emphasis on quality and local traceability.

The ongoing restrictions pose challenges to the Society and I am indebted to your regional directors and the office for the prompt dynamic way that they have responded in setting up pandemic plans and a business strategy for any challenges particularly to our sale programme. This will evolve as the situation becomes clearer but we will regularly keep breeders informed with online bulletins.

RAM COMPARE TRIAL

Looking back over the last year it was pleasing to see Charollais tups doing well in the Ram Compare Trial coming out top of the rankings in growth rate for days to slaughter. These findings were supported by the Welsh Hill Project where Charollais lambs were often averaging an extra 6kgs and finishing 2 weeks ahead of their contemporaries.

HARDINESS

As breeders we have improved hardiness over recent years and our project farms have been impressed by the ease of lambing, speed to suck and more importantly survivability with lambs born outside in challenging

The Charollais Sheep Society and National Sheep Association (NSA) have a long-standing partnership.





We value NSA for all the hard work it does supporting the sheep industry. With uncertain times ahead we feel now is more important than ever to show your support too by becoming an NSA member and contributing to the important work of the organisation.

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The Mountain ewe is a fantastic cross with the Charollais and through promotion and social media we are working hard to spread this message to the industry.

AWARDS

On a personal note I was very proud to present the Terry Robinson award to Clive after 17 years as our auctioneer at Worcester. His commitment to the industry have been widely recognised by many bodies this year but we were the first!

Equally pleasing was the award by Council of Honorary Life Membership to Charles Marwood, who now joins Dr David Morris in being offered this ultimate accolade by the Charollais society. Charles's passion and long commitment to the breed are widely recognised and the award is totally deserving.

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HEEP

There will be disappointment at the cancellation of shows that make up a key part in our social calendar but I urge you all to keep in touch with each other, support each other and most of all stay safe.

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CEO Report JONATHAN BARBER

Life does throw challenges to us all and few of us would have believed that in 2020 we would be in a lock down situation due to a virus pandemic. As farmers we are lucky that we are continuing to work and have the space to move around with our families.

The Charollais office is based on our farm in Norfolk, in converted bull boxes and so we can continue to service you all as members. We are able to maintain social distancing measures as set out by the Government but are here to take your calls and plan our sales and promotion season.

There are of course many activities that we will have to organise in a different manner and many that are just cancelled for this year. We urge you all at this time to stick together, continue producing top quality rams and ewes and we will support you to find strong markets for them. We also need your support; please continue to back your Society as without that we will find it very difficult to provide

the service that you rightly expect and have benefited from in the past.

For our sales we are currently looking at the various platforms for on line selling. This is a technology that has great potential; if you look at other countries like the Netherlands and the US this a system that is used extensively and most successfully.

We will work with auctioneers and it will give them an extra level of service for their customers. Adversity does bring change, but let us all make sure we work it to our advantage. Of course we all hope that as the year progresses we will be able to return to faceto-face selling in markets.

Loyalty to the Charollais brand is seriously as important now as ever before, both from breeders and commercial farmers. Our emphasis through social media and blogs will be on the use of Charollais rams on prime lamb producing flocks. Our investment will continue in this area not only with the Welsh Mountain project but with more data from satisfied customers across the UK.

An interesting point to note is the number of breeders reporting that ram buyers are now returning having tried crossbred rams over the past few years. Abattoirs have also commented on the variability of lambs from crossbred tups, so it is time to push back at this trend.

Another change that has been perceived in these strange times is the very welcome increase in local purchasing of farm products; be it meat, veg, milk or supplemented boxes of goods. It is important that this change in consumer practice carries on once we are all able to travel further and go back to old habits.

The quality of our breed; top quality, delicious and tender lamb fits into this market perfectly. It is also a sustainable and carbon friendly product; UK produced, grass-fed lamb. Post pandemic it is certain there will be more

pressure on the world to cut carbon emissions, eliminate waste and live a more thoughtful and maybe simpler life.

An encouraging sign is the continued demand for the Charollais breed from around the world. As incomes rise and the demand for better quality meat increases in many parts, there is strong interest for UK genetics in both sheep and goats. There are some massive markets out there and the UK is competing against other sheep producing nations to supply.

Carroll and I attended two agri livestock exhibitions in Moscow at the end of January to promote UK sheep genetics. This should result in shipments of breeding stock (of various breeds) going to Russia by the end of the year. This is an activity not funded by the Society, but personally we are working for all those who wish to take on the challenge, and it is not simple and certainly not a pot of gold! We hope all our efforts will pay off and Charollais can be a major element in expanding and improving lamb production worldwide.

Carroll, Elaine and Wendy continue to provide a great service to Charollais Breeders and the many enquiries from potential customers, on your behalf, my thanks to them. Liz who worked with us and for you over the last 15 years retired at the end of January. She was an extremely good accounts manager and will be missed.

I informed the Board last year that I was happy to continue working on behalf of the Charollais Society and confirmed this at the February Board meeting. I wasn't looking for any payment, as I felt that the limited available funds were required to pay our staff and for the administration of the Society.

I hope you all enjoy this publication whether reading in online across the world or studying it at home in the UK. Please try and get it circulated as widely as possible; we know it will be more difficult this year. We will be posting more copies to customers.

Charollais breeders in the UK have a plentiful supply of amazing animals for all to purchase – so get in touch either direct with breeders or contact our office.







Rigghead Flock Profile

Carroll Barber reports on the resurgence of this Scottish Flock with the next generation

In 1979 the first Charollais arrived at four farms in Scotland and today two of the grandchildren of these pioneering farmers have Charollais flocks. Now living in Cambridgeshire, Gemma Maxwell runs her own Newmarket Flock with her partner Harry Bell. Gemma's grandfather, Jack Maxwell founded the Gall flock in Dumfries.

Another innovative farming family was the Neils from

Dumfriesshire. Jim Neil was persuaded by his son Jim Jnr and his daughter Helen to invest in this new and exciting breed from France. The Neils Flock (AP) was highly successful in those early years. 40 years later and Helen's daughter Hannah Sloan is to be found exhibiting top quality Charollais around the shows and farms with her parents at Rigghead Farm located on the Solway Firth.



Rigghead Untouchable

The Charollais flock at Rigghead was started in 1983, when Helen's father gave her and new husband David Sloan a ewe lamb as a wedding present. "We had experience of the breed from the family and they were very popular at the time; the breed was new and exciting. Easy lambing, high growth rate and easily fleshed they made an excellent cross with our Scotch Mules ewes and lambs sold to a premium."

Helen was very pleased to have something on the farm to concentrate on rather than Black and White cows. It wasn't long before Helen was breeding top quality, show winning stock. One of her most successful sheep was the Charollais ewe, Rigghead Milky Way. This ewe won the breed championship at the Royal Highland Show in 1990 and 1991 together with 1st prize tickets at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh. This ewe was bred by a good tup from Lionel Organ's Southam flock; he produced sheep with long, well-fleshed loins coupled with good hind guarters, which guaranteed high killing out percentages. The Flock carried on at the top of their game until

the disaster of FMD in 2001. It took a long time to get over the horror, so the Sloans took a back seat until the last few years when Hannah got more involved.

Again it was the kindness of other breeders and gifts of breeding stock that set Rigghead on its way again. The Mawhinney family sent over a Rockvilla ewe lamb from Northern Ireland and help and purchases from Herbie Kennedy's Parkgate flock were the basis of the renewal.

Today the farm has changed away from dairy farming; the cows went in 2018 to be replaced by 350 sucklers, 600 ewes of which 25 are Charollais, 20 pure Texel and 12 Zwartbles. Other enterprises include 800 fattening cattle and 2,500 store lambs plus 90 hectares of cereals. Hannah now in her 20s is fully involved on the farm but as Helen says "she has always been one to be out and about and loves nothing more than being at shows, both from the competitive viewpoint, but also the social side." Like Helen, she particularly likes the livestock and is very hands on at lambing time. She likes the Charollais at this time for their ability to get up and suckle easily



Rigghead Milkyway with Helen Sloan Royal Highland Show Champion 1990 & 1991

and the ease of lambing. She finds the cross lambs suit being intensively finished on low ground or just as easily can run on higher ground. The farm may not be very high but is exposed and has harsh weather and high rainfall.

Helen and Hannah love attending shows, and there are very few less capable or determined show masters, whether it is with sheep or horses. But their breeding policies are based on sound commercial requirements. "Sheep must always look hardy and be fit for purpose, not bare skinned, must be covered with wool and hair and then they won't be too hard to put flesh on." Their two main outlets for tups are pedigree stock aimed for Worcester Premier sale and commercial tups at Kelso. In 2019 they bred a top class lamb in Rigghead Untouchable. He was an easy winner of his class at the Royal Highland Show and went on to be awarded the Male Championship ticket. Shortly after he was at Worcester and sold for one of the top prices on the day; 4,600 gns to David Roberts's Boyo Flock. Herbie Kennedy had given Hannah some semen from the sire Tawelfa Rioja for helping him at his sale and through AI he was the sire of Untouchable. Pity we will not see the tup out at shows this season.



Kelso Ram Sale requires a different type of tup from other markets; buyers are looking for size, power and head covering with a good skin. They must move well and have the ability to tup a large number of ewes, so good feet and legs are important. For this reason, the Rigghead needs to keep scale in the flock, coupled with quick growth rates, rapid fleshing and the ability to go to higher carcase weights. "Tups must give buyers value for money; they should tup high numbers of ewes, get on with their job and last." The Sloans have found that although the recent trend has been for commercial flocks to move towards crossbred tups; often this will have a Charollais element in its breeding and after a few years they come to the pure stock.

The Rigghead Flock is likely to remain at a similar size. Al will be continued to be used, especially to utilise some remaining Tawelfa Rioja semen. Hannah would like to do some embryo transfer work this year; the aim being to breed more lambs for pedigree sales. But the cost effectiveness of this process will be checked out carefully before embarking on the programme.



Royal Highland Show 2018 (left to right) Diane Duncan chats with Hannah, Helen Sloan and brother Jim Neil whilst David Sloan judges the Charollais classes



Loanhead Rembrandt Reserve Male Royal Highland Show 2019

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Monday 21st September

Main NSA Ram Sale - Builth Wells Entries close Wednesday 5th August 2020

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A Christmas present from grandparents started off a flock in Wales which is now stamping its mark around the shows and sales.

Gethin Davies was just 11 years old, when his grandparents, who he sadly misses today, purchased 10 Charollais ewes for him and his brother and started off the Moelfryn Flock. The flock is named after the farm which runs at 1,000 ft above sea level in a little village called Bethania, 7 miles from the coast in Ceredigion.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

"In 2005 we had this great Christmas present of 10 Charollais ewes from Janet Davies's Gatdora flock and a ram lamb from Lionel Organ's Southam Flock." Gethin's oldest brother lost interest in the flock, girls and cars were more interesting, so Gethin took over the Charollais flock.

It has now built up to 40 Charollais ewes. The farm also has 300 commercial ewes, mostly Charollais x



Moelfryn Flock

Carroll Barber reports on the success of this young Welsh flock

Suffolk and a few North Country crosses.

"I liked the look of the Charollais breed; they are a really attractive sheep with great length and fleshy backends and added to that they have the benefit of being easy lambing." Gethin's first impressions of the breed was how easy lambed they were and the very lively lambs. Then the growth rate and vigour of the breed really stuck out.

PROMINENT SIRES

One influential purchase was a new stock ram in 2011, Castellau Lumber Jack. This tup was sired by Logie Durno Knock Out, a son of Edstaston Jigsaw and the Castellau ewe was by Penrhos Ibanez. "This tup was most successful in taking the flock forward and certainly improved my females" explains Gethin. From a sound breeding base of females, Gethin needed a new sire and in 2016 purchased Rhaeadr

"He really helped me gain the stamp I was looking for in my sheep by giving them size and style." This ram was by Knockin Pucker Up out of a Wernfawr Neo ewe.

Razzle from Myfyr Evans.

"I like my Charollais to be good carcass sheep with an added bit of flashiness. I study the genetics of their breeding and make sure they all have correct feet and teeth."

NSA RAM SALE CHAMPION

A great achievement for the flock was on their first trip to the Main NSA Ram Sale at Builth Wells in 2018. A son of Rhaeadr Razzle, Moelfryn Tip Top was Champion of the sale and went on to sell to the judge, Kenton Foster. Gethin is now supported by his wife Carys "I am so grateful for the help she gives me, she continually gets my hopes up and edges me to go further; she has now become a





big part of the flock." They were both overwhelmed by this success.

But this award was certainly not a flash in the pan; the flock has since presented lambs at the Worcester Premier Sale and taken more awards at the Builth and Welshpool Sales.

IMPORTANCE OF SHOWING

Shows have played a significant role in the development of the flock. Gethin enjoys having a day away from the farm and get out and meet other breeders "I am pleased to be a part of the Society and grateful to be able to make such good friends with fellow breeders, they are a good bunch. It is a good advertisement for the flock to be seen out and about with quality stock. Also you can learn a huge amount from seeing other breeder's sheep, comparing them with your own and seeing where you can improve."



Moelfryn Ram Lamb at Worcester Premier Sale

BUYING POLICY

The flock has added some select females over the past few years and one purchase, a ewe from the Wedderburn Dispersal sale has come up with the goods. Her ewe lamb, sired by Moelfryn Tip Top was Female Champion at Aberystwyth County Show in 2019. Further purchases of ewes have been from the Knockin and Wernfawr flocks. "My policy when investing in stock is to buy the best I can afford and all these ewes have done well for me so far!" Culling is also crucial to flock improvement and Gethin has a rule "if you have to think about it, cull it".

LAMBING

The flock lambs in December and takes advantage of artificial insemination to cut down the spread of lambing and have an even batch of lambs for selling. Also the stock ram of choice can be used over more ewes. Gethin plans to keep the flock at around 40-50 ewes and keep working to improve quality and sale prices. He sells rams at the NSA Builth ram sales, Worcester Premier Sale and from home and sees no conflict in the

pedigree and commercial market; "if the commercial boys don't want it, why are we breeding it."

CHAROLLAIS TRAITS

The prime lamb producer is the customer Gethin is sure we should be concentrating on and the work being done with the Welsh Hill Farm project he thinks is a positive step to make farmers aware that the Charollais breed are hardy enough in their environment. "Ease of lambing coupled with quick growth and the ability for lambs to reach carcase weights early is vital and these are traits that we must retain with our breed."

MARKETING

Engaging with customers is an aspect of successful ram breeding that Gethin feels is an activity that could be improved. He finds good use of social media a useful marketing tool but breeding rams that do the job and are one step ahead of the competition is paramount.



Life is not all about sheep for Gethin; his passion is car rallying and he currently has a Darrian T90, which are hand built in Wales. This activity takes him away from the farm at weekends (Carys takes over shepherding duties) and gives him time to have a laugh and a chat about a totally different subject than farming. Let's all hope he can resume this activity before too long.





Gethin's Darrian T90 rally car

FLOCK FACTS - MOELFRYN FLOCK Established 2009 Champion Builth Wells II 2018 Flock 'WGC' 40 Ewes Farm is at 1,000 ft



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Latest Charollais information at your fingertips

Signet has launched a new website, www.signetdata.com

to make breeding values more accessible to commercial producers and add value to Signet's recording services.

For Terminal Sire breeds the website displays data from the new 'National Terminal Sire Evaluation' launched last year; producing 25 EBVs and Indexes – with six new EBVs derived from CT data, such as spine length and eye muscle area.

COMMERCIAL RAM BUYERS CAN USE THE SITE TO

- Check the EBVs for individual rams
- Search for rams with specific breeding objectives using "EBV Search"
- Locate flocks close by using "Flock Finder"
- Find "Sheep for Sale"

For Signet clients there are a host of new reporting and data analysis tools, including online reporting (paper and electronic), real time genetic trends and inbreeding software.

The website has been designed to make online data entry quicker and easier, enabling breeders to enter data online and save both time and money.

What does this mean for Charollais breeders?

There are several new features on the website, the big development for Charollais breeders is the ability to promote sheep and semen they are selling.

Sheep for Sale

This new feature brings ram buyers and the breeders of performance recorded animals together, meaning:

- Better choice for buyers
- Greater market exposure for sellers

To maximise the use and impact of the site, Signet are encouraging Charollais breeders to add animals to the sales list over this winter so there are large numbers of animals displayed when the ram buying season begins.

Signet Performance Recording New Charollais Benchmark for 2020

REBASING

EBVs and indexes have been rebased and are expressed relative to the average animal in 2010. **WEIGHT ADJUSTED TRAITS**

Please note that all traits marked * are now weight adjusted. This means that EBVs are a better prediction of carcase composition at a fixed weight. Example A ram with a muscle depth EBV of +2mm is estimated to produce lambs with loin depths 1 mm deeper at a fixed weight than a ram with an EBV of 0.

	Bottom 5%	Bottom 10%	Bottom 25%	Average	Тор 25%	Top 10%	Тор 5%
Maternal Ability EBV (kg)	-0.64	-0.40	-0.01	0.43	0.87	1.26	1.50
Litter Size Born EBV (%)	-0.08	-0.06	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.08
Eight Week Weight EBV	-0.58	-0.20	0.43	1.13	1.83	2.46	2.84
Scan Weight EBV (kg)	-1.55	-0.56	1.11	2.97	4.83	6.50	7.49
Muscle Depth EBV * (mm)	-0.78	-0.43	0.15	0.80	1.45	2.03	2.38
Fat Depth EBV (mm)	-0.74	-0.60	-0.35	-0.07	0.21	0.46	0.60
Lean Weight EBV (kg)	-0.22	-0.13	0.04	0.22	0.40	0.57	0.66
Fat Weight EBV (kg)	-0.67	-0.55	-0.36	-0.14	0.08	0.27	0.39
Gigot Muscularity EBV	-2.70	-2.08	-1.05	0.10	1.25	2.28	2.90
Maternal Index	56	79	119	162	206	245	269
Terminal Sire Index	68	93	135	182	229	271	296

CATALOGUES AND CHARTS

Once the user has set up a group of rams they are selling, they can print charts for the whole group in one single click – and produce bespoke sale catalogues to take to the sales or mail out to clients.

Reporting services

New reporting features mean Charollais breeders can make more informed decisions, generating user defined Flock Reports, Breed Summaries and High Five Listings.

In fact, anyone can access lists of the leading breeding lines as the web link to the latest information is hard coded.

FOR CHAROLLAIS THIS MEANS

- signetdata.com/breedsummary/charollais/ramlambs
- signetdata.com/breedsummary/charollais/stockrams
 Using these reports to select the best animals will lead to faster genetic progress across the breed and within flocks.

INBREEDING SOFTWARE

In any breeding program it is important to minimise increases in the rate of inbreeding. The new inbreeding calculator allows breeders to predict the level of inbreeding between their ewes and potential stock sires. The latest software is faster and more accurate than ever before.

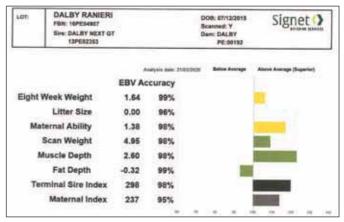
GENETIC TRENDS

Breeders can monitor their progress for specific traits (or levels of inbreeding) using online tools that generate genetic trends. Trends can be viewed at a breed or flock level, with data reported for the performance of the lambs, ewes or rams in the flock. Breeders can use the software to evaluate historic selection decisions and identify strengths and weaknesses within the flock.

GET INVOLVED

Online access to the website means it has never been easier to performance record your flock and benefit from the information produced. Despite the uncertainties facing our industry, ram breeders need to demonstrate that they have the right genetics for commercial lamb production – making this the right time to get involved.

To get started head to signetdata.com or call Ed Brant on: 0247 647 8721 Email: Ed.Brant@ahdb.org.uk



Performance Chart for Dalby Ranieri, RamCompare 2020 Sire





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Charollais x Welsh Hill Ewe Project

CATCHING UP WITH CWM CARNO FARM DURING COVID-19

The Charollais X Welsh Hill Farm Project began in Summer 2018, identifying hill farms in Wales that were interested in trying Charollais rams, to help strengthen the perception of the breed in relation to hardiness, increase killing out % of prime lambs produced on a hill farm and increase the amount of Charollais rams sold in Wales. Six farms were chosen for the project, all with different stories. At an initial meeting of the South Wales Mountain Sheep Society to discuss the proposed project and recruit farms; Lorraine Howells spoke out with her concerns about using the breed, "based on the misconceptions of producing 'pink' headed lambs that wouldn't survive on a hill farm.

However, she was interested in giving it a go. Lorraine is a well known character in the South

Welsh Mountain Ewes with Charollais Cross Lamb

East Wales region, and involved in multiple societies and forums for the industry; hence, if she could be convinced of the merits of the Charollais breed, her word of mouth influence would be of great value.

Cwm Carno Farm, Rhymney, Caerphilly, is home to Lorraine Howells and Lee Pritchard. Lorraine's family have been farming here since the 1920s, approaching 100 years. In 2017, Lorraine went into business partnership with her long standing farm worker Lee Pritchard, securing both his future and succession planning for the future of her family farm.

Cwm Carno geographically is a typical hill farm, ranging from 1,000 – 1,400ft above sea level, running around 1,000 ewes. Charollais are run with a variety of ewes, mostly South Wales Mountain that are not suitable for breeding pure replacements and Suffolk X South Wales Mountain.

When selecting which ram to base with Lee and Lorraine, they

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STOCK RAMS USED :

1 A son of Peleus out of a proven Brettles Jet Set daughter. Reared as a twin at grass, he was the heaviest lamb at 8 weeks in our March flock in 2016. A deep bodied ram with great growth and a white head. He sired the highest gigot muscularity ram lamb in 2018. TI:294 (Semen for sale (UK).

Lowerye Ronnie – 16ZVY02674 A son of Powerpack with incredible length and fleshing. He is the top ranked stock sire for muscle depth and his sons have sold to 2,300gns. MyoMAX Gold and TI:351.

Lowerye Stallone - 17ZVY03456 A son of Ronnie, now sold but being used as a flush sire, Stallone had the highest gigot ebv from CT in 2017. Used in the RamCompare project, the resultant data has given him the highest eye muscle area ebv in the breed. MyoMAX Gold and TI:324

(04539 A March born ET son of Stallone from a Wedderburn Peleus daughter, he moved the bar on CT gigot measurements again. Troubadour was the highest index ram lamb in 2018, being nearly 40 points clear. He retains his top spot as a stock sire. MyoMAX Gold and TI:388 (Semen for sale (UK & EU).

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said they wanted something with a bit of spark and liked the idea of having one that had been bred fairly local; thus, a yearling ram from Sant Andras flock, from neighbouring county Glamorgan arrived on the farm.

Lee explains both crosses are very quick up on their feet and suckling. Previous to using Charollais, they used Texel rams as a continental sire – however they found the benefits of changing to Charollais cross were a combination of both ease of lambing and fast growth rates. The lambs were away quicker in the calendar than normal, as early as 3 months old, easing up time throughout summer to concentrate on other work.

Interestingly, when the first Charollais sired lambs were born on the farm last Spring, they initially thought it was a pure Welsh lamb, due to the identical wool coverage - realising shortly after that all their Charollais X South Wales Mountain lambs and pure South Wales Mountain lambs would look identical at birth, expect for wool colouring and markings. This proved that their concerns over head cover and fleece coverage when using

Charollais rams, before starting the project to be false.

This April is their second lambing season using Charollais rams as part of the Charollais X Welsh Hill Farm Project, both are looking forward to it.

Pleased with the results of their Charollais sired lambs last year, using a ram from Justin & Tom Evans, Sant Andras flock, they decided to buy a second Charollais ram at NSA Builth II Sale from Esmor Evans, Maerdy flock. Lee explains how both tups have the correct conformation for easy lambing, good skin and wool cover.

Lambing takes place both indoors and outdoors at Cwm Carno, with Charollais sired lambs lambed indoors for the management reason of keeping the pure lambing outdoors as they look very similar, however Charollais sired grow faster.

Lee's favourite part about lambing is seeing lambs born without any human intervention; stress free and peaceful, which is another reason why Charollais proved themselves to him. Lambs are reared on a grass-fed system





Lee Pritchard at the Royal Welsh Show

that aims to have low production/input costs, ensuring the profit margin is as high as possible, with finished lambs sold both direct and at livestock markets.

Lorraine explains how around 300 pure South Wales Mountain ewe lambs are retained each year for replacements, with the rest being sold, with the focus being on quality rather than quantity. She is also passionate about finding good markets for lighter lambs as well as heavier lambs - last year they sold April born Charollais X SWMS lambs



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early July, around the 30kg mark for £79 – which they were both more than pleased with, quoting "they grew like mushrooms".

When asked what advice Lorraine and Lee would give to other farmers considering using Charollais rams for the first time, they said: "They are very active rams that maintain body condition throughout tupping, with good results at the end: easy lambing and fast growth rates."

In addition to farming sheep, other elements of farm life at Cwm Carno include breeding Welsh Black cattle and recently set up Carno Dairies. Due to COVID-19 milk round demand has increased from 800 pints of milk a week to 1,800 pints of milk a week. Inevitably, social media (@Carnodairies) has come into its own as a crucial tool for the business to advertise and communicate with customers. In addition to milk, other produce sold includes milkshakes, orange juice and yoghurts, with future plans to hopefully include delivering meat that is produced on the farm. They previously were involved with "Cig Mynydd Cymru", a farm cooperative butchers, which gave them



Lorraine Howells (seated) at NSA Welsh Sheep on the South Wales Mountain Sheep Society Stand

experience and insight into customer preference for meat eating quality.

Brexit and COVID-19 have created uncertainties for many industries; however, Lorraine and Lee feel positive for both present evolving business opportunities and the opportunity to showcase the array of produce that can be produced and sourced locally, creating niche market opportunities for innovative farmers. They hope that support for their farm produce, Carno Dairies and the wider rural economy continues and thrives after Coronavirus.



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"Eating Experience, Market Specifications and Consistency"

James Ruggeri, Industry Development **Executive at Hybu Cig Cymru-Meat Promotion** Wales, hosted a live to dead event for The Charollais Sheep Society at St Merryn. Emma **Mellen, Breed Development & Promotion** Officer reports on the visit.

James started the trip by showing a chart that showed currently only 60% of lamb produced in Wales meets market specification, conformation R grade and above (U and E) and fatness of 2 or 3L, that kills out between 18-21kgs.

He explained the desired market specification from a processors point of view, there were a few key points to consider: -

- When looking at conformation, split the body into three section: shoulder, loin and legs. Most people look at legs and back end first when studying a lamb's conformation, however loin pays the producers the most; followed by legs then shoulder.

- All three sections should be of similar size ideally for UK processors; in New Zealand, desired conformation for breeds may be slightly more triangular, with narrower shoulders and wider loin and legs, to ensure less complications lambing and



Meeting market specification is crucial to profitable lamb production

to allow for more robotic systems in processing. - Excess fat cover costs up to 12% more to process an individual carcase.

- Welsh Lamb has a shelf life of 21-25 days, where New Zealand lamb is produced in a more robotic system, exposed to less human bacteria, meaning it has a shelf life of 100-105 days (the robotic production system is less costly = lower retail price point)

Considering the above points, some breeds have wider shoulders than others, compromising carcase conformation if the shoulder is a lot wider than loin

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and legs. Charollais have width in the top of the shoulder, allowing for good eye muscle development, without being too wide at shoulder sides; hence, why Charollais are known to be popular for easy lambing.

Another breed trait which is positive for Charollais meeting market specification is that it is a fairly lean breed, without excess fat cover, but still capable of finishing on grass. Feed management is important for commercial farmers and pedigree breeders: depending on whether your stock is fed heavily or grass finished will alter both the finished specification and time period in which stock finishes. For farmers wanting to reduce outgoing costs, they should be looking for a breed that compliments the ewe; this ideally would be a smaller ewe that doesn't require feeding to maintain condition, with a big conformation ram that is going to pass on natural growth rates to the lambs.

Combined the lamb should be able to finish on grass to market specification. Pedigree ram breeders need to ensure stock they are producing, naturally has fast growth rates and finishes off grass to ensure they can produce prime lambs. Whilst performance recording can play a role in this, speaking to your ram customers, after they have sold progeny and asking how many met market specifications, is a way of measuring how your bloodline finishes under different farm management and locations. Combined with customer feedback, breeders can also benefit from selling lambs direct which aren't suitable to be retained to be sold as pedigree stock: the data gives insight and shows consistency in a flock and insight into general health.

For the practical side of the event we handled ten sheep that James had picked this morning for us to

grade and follow the whole process,

Meat from the loin pays producers the most

comprising of two Charollais X Welsh, Texel X, Texel, Suffolk, Suffolk X, North Country Cheviot, Scottish Blackface, North Country Mule and a brown crossbred sheep. With three of them, James showed us what we should be feeling for and worked together to fill in an assessment sheet; the other seven we were to handle and grade without his help. Three

places were key to handle for guessing carcase quality, the spine area at the end of the rib cage, the sides of the ribs and the dock of the tail; after that shoulders could be felt as another indicator, but remembering what was pointed out earlier, the loin pays the most, shoulders least.

After filling in our carcase assessment sheet, we followed the lambs to be stunned. James explained that focus here is to keep sheep as calm as possible: stress causes acid, impacting meat-eating quality. Overalls on, we followed the process line, finding out that the first (Suffolk X) had been condemned for abscesses. Bled out, tails removed, skinned, knee down cut off, stomachs removed – then some

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carcasses are split or moved aside for further work if needed - before reaching the point of being graded. A label is stuck on with data and carcasses moved to chillers. Here we studied each animal again, before reading how it had officially graded, James asked us to individually grade a carcase without referring to our earlier notes. The Charollais X Welsh graded as U3H at 22.3kgs; the lightest carcase was a Texel X weighing 17.6KG and the heaviest was a Texel at 23kg, which was penalised for being too heavy, whilst the Cheviot carcase was penalised for being too fat grading at U5. Out of the ten random sample carcasses we studied, 6 met market specifications – which fits HCC industry data of 60% of lambs produced meet market specification.

The forward thinking, innovative and multinational Kepak acquired St Merryn approximately 18 months ago, which was positive for the site. At capacity, this site processes 2,500 cattle and 25,000 sheep a week. Discussion involved the world market and how politics (Brexit), health crisis (Coronavirus) and economics can all have a knock-on effect on pricing, supply and demand, dictating the numbers processed each week. It can best be described as a butterfly effect: the world market causes uncertainty, which causes processors to act reactionary.

Another key market force is what the public is willing to spend - dictating price to processors and farmers through supermarket preferences. It was agreed that farmers can help shape this force by sharing their story with customers so they



Gareth Wynn Jones from North Wales is trialling Charollais rams on his Welsh Mountain Ewes to try and improve carcase quality and profitability

understand how lambs are produced; how they care for their animals and the environment and why consumers should choose Welsh and British lamb over imported lamb.

From an economic point of view, there needs to be a commercial balance with producers, processors and retailers all needing to make profit to exist. The chain starts with farmers, of whom processors are the customers, buying produce from them – the industry needs to pull together and not be so fragmented in order to create fair profit margins for all three. An interesting statistic is that 55% of Kepak's sheep business is selling lamb mince –









Edstaston, Knighton, Logie Durno, Glyn Coch, Knockin, Dalby, Loanhead, Wolston, Hyde, Ffrwd, Lodgehill, Moelfryn & Rigghead which supports industry research that shows consumers want produce they can cook quickly. Marketing research shows the majority of working age people in Britain are "money rich but time poor" since the recession. The focus on the eating experience was discussed, with Waitrose being recognised as an industry leader who have long recognised customers will pay a premium for a product that guarantees a good eating experience.

James answered our questions:-

What advice would you give to farmers who have not sold direct before but want to?

"Create a relationship with an abattoir, try a few over a period and see which you have the best relationship with: relationships work both ways, know your stock: know you have consistency of quality in what you produce so not to be disappointed with price."

What role do different breeds play from a processors point of view?

"In the beef industry, breed plays a very important role, that can be seen in all three segments (production, processors and retailers), however breed is not as evident in lamb for processers and retailers – breed plays the same role for processors: to meet market specification – and this will vary depending on farm type and feed management. This variation makes it hard to get scientific research on meat eating quality in relation to breed. However, individual farmers can monitor data from their lambs that will reveal which ewe and ram breed combinations work best for them as to what percent meet market specification".



What message should breed societies convey to breeders from a processors point of view?

"Breed consistency! Ensure you focus on genetics and consistency, breeding animals with bloodlines that can all produce prime lambs. Do not get too focused on change – stick to breed roots. As mentioned earlier, do your part in digital storytelling – promote and strengthen public message to eat lamb".

With the rising influence of social media chefs who focus on price, do you think this gives a mixed message to consumers and potentially affects their willingness to pay premium pricing for Welsh lamb?

"Any publicity that is positive for the industry is good publicity. Lamb should be seen as protein of high meat-eating quality and taste. So as long as everyone in the chain has a share of the profit margin, price promotions also play an important role in encouraging people to purchase lamb and may encourage them to make a repeat purchase the following time they shop, even if at normal price again, as long as they have a positive eating experience".

In conclusion the key points were: breed consistency and aim to produce a higher % of lambs that kill out 18-21kg grading at least an R grade and not too fat; focus on reducing outgoing costs for farm efficiency in the face of an uncertain future; have trust in grading and the company you work with

and analyse your kill data.



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Knockin Shockin' 17XXJ00376 ARR/ARR - Index 346 (top 1% for the breed) Sire of several 4 figure progeny



19TG00878 - ARR/ARR - Index 246. Daughter of Shockin' sold at last year's Saucy Sale to Declan Miley of Southern Ireland for 1,250gns























Worcester Premier Sale leading Prices

TOP PRICE AT 12,000 GNS KNOCKIN ULTRASHOCK 19XXJ00656 (OPPOSITE)

Sold to Jeremy Price, Oakchurch Flock.

GLYNCOCH USAIN BOLT, 19XCA01434 (TOP)

Sold for 7,000 gns to Dewi Evans Ffrwd Flock and Emyr Hughes Bronwydd Flock.

GLYNCOCH UP AND UNDER, 19XCA01397 (MIDDLE) Sold for 4,600 gns to Michael Power, Ballyhibben Flock.

LOGIE DURNO ULTIMATUM, 19ZNN27302 (BOTTOM LEFT)

Sold for 5,500 gns to Ben Radley Loaningfoot Flock and R & J Andrew, Rowanston Flock.

EDSTASTON U R THE MAN 19TG00872 (BOTTOM RIGHT)

Sold for 4,800 gns to Robert Whittaker, Hundalee Flock.







Worcester Premier Sale 2019

Knockin Ultrashock sells for 12,000 gns

A ram lamb with all the credentials; super breeding and top performance figures was the sale topper at the premier sale on Saturday 29th June. Knockin Ultrashock from Abbie Moseley's flock near Oswestry, Shropshire sold for 12,000 gns to Jeremy Price from the Oakchurch flock.

The ram lamb was a full brother to the 2017 breed record holder, Knockin Shockin sired by Oakchurch Ruben out of a Dalby Malachite ewe. "The lamb had tremendous shape with a terrific gigot and outstanding figures from his CT data. Just the type of animal I was looking for my flock moving forward," said Jeremy.

Under bidder on the top priced lamb was Jonathan Barber from the Crogham Flock in Norfolk who took another Oakchurch Ruben son from the same pen at 3,200 gns. Knockin Ultimate Package also had performance figures in the top 1% and this time was out of a Lindisfarne ewe. Sharing his purchase was Stuart Dunkley from the Hyde flock. Next best in the prices was 7,000 gns paid for Glyn Coch Usain Bolt, a triplet ram lamb from Adrian Davies's Glyn Coch flock. He was a joint purchase of Dewi Evans, Anglesey and Emyr Hughes, Pembrokeshire. This smart lamb was sired by Wernfawr Stormer out of a Banwy Power Ranger ewe.

Glyn Coch Up and Under, by the same sire made 4,600 gns and went over the water to regular Worcester buyer, Michael Power. The Ingram family from Inverurie, enjoyed an outstanding sale with their consignments of shearling rams and ram lambs from both the Logie Durno and Loanhead flocks. They dominated the show classes held on Friday afternoon and topped their sales with a figure of 5,500gns for Logie Durno Ultimatum, a son of Loanhead Talisman. Buyers for him were 2 Scottish flocks; Ben Radley from Dumfries and R & J Andrew, Ayrshire.











Worcester Premier Sale leading Prices

RIGGHEAD UNTOUCHABLE, 19HR02294 (TOP) Sold for 4,600 gns to David Roberts, Boyo Flock.

EDSTASTON ULTRAVOX, 19TG00886 (MIDDLE)

Sold for 4,000 gns to Norman McMordie, Riverdale Flock.

ARTNAGULLION ULYSSES, 19ZGQ03955 (BOTTOM LEFT)

Sold for 3,800 gns to Patrick Tully, Bincombe Flock

DALBY TARQUIN, 18PE06856 (BOTTOM RIGHT) Sold for 3,600 gns to Drew & Stephen Cowan, Tullyear Flock.





Worcester Premier Sale 2019

In the Loanhead pen of lambs the top price was 3,500gns for the first prize winner, Loanhead Upper Class also sired by Talisman. This time a pair of buyers from Northern Ireland put in the final bid; William McAllister of the Artnagullion flock and Ian Craig, Ballynoe House flock.

Two lambs from the same pen made 3,000gns apiece; Loanhead Unleashed by Cannahars Super Star went to A P James, Bridgnorth and Loanhead Ur The Boy a Dalby Tuilagi son to McConnell Bros, Northern Ireland.

Sons of the record breaking Charollais ram, Knockin Shockin were in the top money for his owner, Robert Gregory from Shropshire. Leading his trade at 4,800gns was Edstaston U R The Man; a top 1% performance ram out of an Arbryn Olazabal ewe. Going to this figure was Robert Whittaker for his Hundalee Flock.

Another buyer interested in top figures was the purchaser of Edstaston Ultravox. Norman McMordie from Northern Ireland paid 4,000gns for a son of top show ewe, Edstaston Madison. A further ram lamb, the same way bred sold for 2,600 gns to Helen Sloan of the Rigghead flock.

The first prize winning ram lamb from the Royal Highland Show came under the hammer late in the day and attracted a bid of 4,600gns from David Roberts, Kenley. Rigghead Untouchable was a single born lamb sired by Tawelfa Rioja from Mrs Helen Sloan's flock, in Dumfries.

William McAllister's Artnagullion Flock from Northern Ireland certainly had some of the best trade on the day, selling to a top of 3,800gns for Artnagullion Ulysses a son of the 6,000gns sire Knockin Shop. His buyer was Patrick Tully from Bridgewater.

His pen of shearling rams was headed with a bid of 2,300gns for Artnagullion Thunderbolt, also sired by Knockin Shop. He went to Gail and Gwyn Jones of the Springfield Flock. The flock achieved the top price in the sale of shearling ewes at 1,850gns for another Knockin Shop progeny, which went to J Danforth, Walton Lodge Farm, West Yorkshire.

In the shearling ram section the trade was topped at 3,600gns

for the prize winning and top 1% high performance index ram, Dalby Targuin from Charles Sercombe, Melton Mowbray. Sired by Dalby Ranieri out of a Dalby Kracked-It ewe, his successes included Interbreed Champion at Rutland Show and five 1st prizes as a lamb. including the Great Yorkshire Show. He will be travelling over to Northern Ireland to join Drew and Stephen Cowan's Tullyear Flock. The Dalby Flock sold their top-priced ram lamb, sired by Edstaston Tulloch for 2.600 ans to Myfyr Evans. Rhaeadr Flock.

The Ingrams' flocks also featured strongly in the shearling sector with a top of 3,200gns for the champion shearling ram, Loanhead Tarantino sired by Hollvlodge Supreme. Chris Hawes from Bicester, Oxon was his buyer for his Grange flock. Next best was 2.600 gns for Logie Durno Titan a Rhaeadr Orlando son which went to Griffiths Brothers, Cardigan, Another Welsh buyer, D A Evans from Carmarthenshire paid 2,500gns for Loanhead Thunder. a Hollylodge Supreme sired tup.







LOANHEAD TARANTINO, 18WNC22679 (TOP) Sold for 3,200 gns to Chris Hawes, Grange Flock.

LOANHEAD THUNDER, 18WNC22671 (MIDDLE) Sold for 2,500 gns to D A Evans, Caegwyn Flock.

DALBY UGGA BUGGA, 19PE07848 (BOTTOM LEFT) Sold for 2,600 gns to Myfyr Evans, Rhaeadr Flock.

KNOCKIN ULTIMATE PACKAGE, 19XXJ00666 (BOTTOM RIGHT)

Sold for 3,200 gns to Jonathan & Carroll Barber, Crogham Flock and Stuart Dunkley, Hyde Flock.



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KIRKHOUSE ULURU, 19XNK02425 (TOP) Sold for 2,100 gns to Christopher Duncan, Largyvale Flock.

TOP PRICED SHEARLING EWE, ARTNAGULLION 18ZGQ03543 (MIDDLE)

Sold for 1,850 gns to James Danforth, Lodgehill Flock.

SHEARLING EWE, ARTNAGULLION 18ZGQ03538 (BOTTOM LEFT)

Sold for 1,200 gns to Simon Turkington, Ivy Bank Flock.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Champion Dungannon Premier 2019, for the 3rd time in 4 years with **Hollylodge Utopia** sold to the Fegarron flock for 2,000gns.
- 1st prize Group of 3 Dungannon Premier
- Both Male & Reserve Male Champion at Balmoral Show came from Hollylodge
- Hollylodge Phoenix NI Male of the Year 2019

SIRES USED

Loanhead Ur the Boy - 3,000gns Worcester purchase sired by Dalby Tuilagi. Smart lambs on the ground!

Edstaston San Miguel – Enjoyed a great 2019 sired the Dungannon Champion, 1st prize Group of 3 & Male Champion at Balmoral

Rhaeadr Prospect – The ever reliable Worcester 2015 Champion who has sired (among others) Supreme & Topman.

Glyn Coch Toy Boy – 2,000gns son of Wernfawr Stormer

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Ur the Boy post tupping



HILLSIDE UNDER & OVER, 19VBK00350 (TOP RIGHT)

Sold for 1,600 gns to David Dolan, Roscommon.

ARTNAGULLION ULTIMATE 19ZGQ03973 (BOTTOM LEFT)

Sold for 1,700 gns to Michael Miller, Milton Flock





Dungannon Premier Sale leading Prices

CHAMPION AND JOINT TOP PRICE RAM (OPPOSITE) HOLLYLODGE UTOPIA 19XWZ00535 Sold for 2,000 gns to Derek Bell, Fegarron Flock

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HILLSIDE 19VBK00395 (BOTTOM RIGHT) Sold for 1,500 gns to Eddie O'Gorman, Co Tipperary







Dungannon Premier Sale 2019

Champion & Reserve both top sale at 2,000 gns

December born Ram Lamb Class, a Robleston Superman son and out of a Springhill O'Driscoll bred dam which sold to Jim Devenney, County Donegal for 2,000gns.

> Alistair Moore's Hillside Flock had a tremendous sale achieving the top ram lamb pen average of 1,125gns for five. Selling to a top of 1,600gns for a Kirkhouse Remo son and out of a Tullyear dam, Hillside Under and Over stood 2nd to the Reserve Champion in the late December Class, selling to David Dolan,

Roscommon. His next top sold for 1,500gns, third prize winner in the January Class, another Remo son and out of a Beechview dam sold to Eddie O'Gorman, County Tipperary. A second prize winner in the same class sold for 1,000gns to David Norman, Cockermouth, this lot was sired by Foulrice Supreme and out of a home bred dam.

The Artnagullion Flock also had a good day receiving the red rosette in the shearling ram class with Artnagullion Thunder, a Knockin Shop son and out of a



The Premier Show and Sale in Dungannon Livestock Market proved another successful event with plenty of enthusiastic buyers to provide a steady trade and high clearance. The uncertainty in the sheep industry didn't affect trade with total clearance of all females and averages up.

Taking joint top price of the day were the Champion and Reserve Champion. Judge Jim Jeffrey from County Cork selected his Champion from the Hollvlodge pen owned by McConnell Brothers. Hollylodge Utopia, stood first in the Early December Born ram Lamb Class, an Edstaston San Miguel son and out of a Lornbrook Nutcracker bred dam later sold to Cookstown breeder Derek Bell for 2,000gns. Two more San Miguel sons from this pen sold for 1,500gns and 1,000gns, one crossing the water to Scotland and the other heading South to County Mayo.

Reserve Champion was shown by David Anderson of the Ballyhunsley Flock, Ballyhunsley Upper Class winner of the late



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HOLLYLODGE BEST GROUP OF THREE RAM LAMBS (TOP LEFT) Including Hollylodge Unstoppable sold for 1,500 gns to R Davidson, Corsairtly Flock.

SPRINGHILL 18WLK03946 (BOTTOM LEFT) Sold for 1,000gns to Gouldie, Co Donegal

HOLLYLODGE USAIN BOLT 19XWZ00505 (BOTTOM RIGHT) Sold for 1,000 gns to Aiden Loftus, Co Mayo





Dungannon Premier Sale leading Prices

BOTERA 19XRK00901 (TOP RIGHT) Sold for 1,000 gns to Robert Scott, Bunderg Flock



SHEEP Dungannon Premier Sale 2019

home bred dam, selling to a Southern Buyer for 800gns. Artnagullion Ultimate stood first in the January born Ram lamb Class, sired by Knockin Shop and out of a homebred dam, this lot selling to UK Breeder Mike Miller for 1,700gns. Another Knockin Shop son, Artnagullion Uber out of this pen sold for 900gns to County Donegal.

Topping the trade for shearlings at 1,000gns was the Springhill Flock of Graham Foster, with a Robleston Superman son out of a Springhill O'Driscoll dam, which sold to County Donegal breeder Rodney Goudie. Also going South was the third placed shearling, shown by Alistair Moore, another Remo son and out of a Tullyear dam, this one sold to Eamon Quinlivan, County Clare for 880gns.

The Malcomson family sold their stock ram, Lineside Super Sam for 900gns. Wesley Cousins achieved a top of 1,000 gns for a Foulrice Rachamin son out of a homebred daughter, selling to Newtownstewart breeder, Robert Scott.

UK Breeder, Charles Sercombe made a worthwhile trip purchasing from the Greenvale pen of William Sherrard, a third placed ram in the late December Class, sired by Ballynoe House Playboy and out of a homebred dam this Signet recorded lamb sold for 1,000gns.

Top price in the Tullyear pen was achieved by a Loanhead Top Gun son selling for 1,000gns to the Rockvilla Flock of David Mawhinney.

Champion Female of the day was Alistair Moore with a stylish Kirkhouse Remo daughter and out of a Tullyear dam, Hillside Untouchable sold to Paul Brophy, County Carlow for 1,200gns.

David Anderson also shared the top female price of 1,200gns for a powerful Ballynoe House Playboy daughter out of a homebred dam, Ballyhunsley Unicorn, selling to a County Carlow breeder.

Achieving a top of 1,000gns for a Knockin Shop daughter was lan Craig's Ballynoe House pen, a stylish ewe lamb selling to Ben Radley, Scotland. Two other Knockin Shop daughters from this pen selling for 820gns and 800gns to a County Down buyer.

The same buyer went on to purchase the second prize ewe lamb shown by McConnell Brothers for 800gns, she was sired by Edstaston San Miguel. Two Rhaeadr Prospect daughters from this pen sold for 800gns and 750gns.

TOP & AVERAGE PRICES DUNGANNON 2019

15 SHEARLING RAMS SOLD TO AVERAGE £639.10 TOP 1,000 GNS

60 RAM LAMBS SOLD TO AVERAGE £662.03 TOP 2,000 GNS

2 SHEARLING EWES SOLD TO AVERAGE £441.00

29 EWE LAMBS SOLD TO AVERAGE £573.52 TOP 1,200 GNS

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Sold for 1,000 gns to David Mawhinney, Rockvilla Flock.

BALLYHUNSLEY 19XSR00946 (BOTTOM LEFT) Sold for 1,200 gns to Ballyhagan Flock, Co Carlow

BALLYNOE HOUSE 19YCR00132 (BOTTOM RIGHT)

Sold for 1,000 gns to Ben Radley, Loaningfoot Flock.





Dungannon Premier Sale leading Prices

CHAMPION FEMALE, HILLSIDE 19VBK00380 (TOP RIGHT) Sold for 1,200 gns to P Brophy, Co Carlow.





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Builth Wells Ram Sale 2019 leading Prices

TOP PRICE, THACKWOOD TYSON FURY 18GU03596 (PICTURED OPPOSITE PAGE) Sold for 3,200 gns to David Roberts, Boyo Flock.

TOP PRICE RAM LAMB, ELMWICK 19DQ02131 (TOP) Sold for 3,000 gns to Kenny & Sheila Malcomson, Ringclare Flock.

CHAMPION FFRWD 19YET01882 (MIDDLE)

Sold for 1,500 gns to show judge, Eddie Buckley, Co Cork.

BRONWYDD 19WAJ00670 (BOTTOM LEFT)

Sold for 1,200 gns to Harry de Vliegher, Netherlands.

WERNFAWR 19XEV01537 (BOTTOM RIGHT) 1st prize January born ram lamb.





Builth Wells Sale 2019

3,200 gns for Thackwood Shearling Tup

The last pen of shearling rams at the Builth Wells main sale resulted in the top price of the day. Jonathan Wales from Cumbria sold his Thackwood tup for 3,200 gns to David Roberts, Kenley, Shropshire. The February born ram was sired by Loanhead Ohio out of a Loanhead Nailer ewe.

Leading the ram lamb trade was Jennifer Curtis, from Wickhamford, Evesham. She sold the Reserve Champion and part of the Champion Pen of Rams for 3,000 gns to pen judges, Sheila and Kenny Malcomson from Northern Ireland. This December born twin was sired by Boyo Theinval out of a Shamrock Northern Star ewe. Underbidder for this lamb was Stephen Pickthall from Cumbria, who took the next lot, a very similarly bred tup for 1,150 gns.

The pre-sale Champion came from Dewi Evans's Ffrwd, Anglesey

and taking him back to Ireland was the judge, Mr Eddie Buckley, Co Cork. The son of Edstaston Sotogrande had earlier in the year won the Interbreed Championship at the Anglesey Show and made 1,500 gns for his breeder.

The Padrig flock of Dyfed and Mari Williams had a strong pen of tup lambs forward and saw their first lamb in make 1,350 gns selling to David and Johnathan Norman's Kirkhouse Flock, from Cumbria. The lamb was by a home-bred sire Padrig Sergeant Major out of a Trannon Running Thunder ewe.

A regular visitor to the Builth Sale is Dutch breeder, Harry de Vliegher and his pick this year was a Bronwydd Professor son, from Emyr Hughes, Pembrokeshire, which sold for 1,200 gns.









LOANHEAD 18WNC22712 (TOP) 1st prize shearling ram sold for 1,150 gns to A J & T Snaith, Burgh Hill Flock.

PEN SHOW CHAMPION

Jennifer Curtis, Elmwick Flock receiving the Champion Pen Award for her ram lambs, from Judge Kenny Malcomson. PRIZE WINNERS & AVERAGE PRICES BUILTH WELLS 2019

1ST PRIZE WINNERS RAM LAMBS

CLASS 1 - 1ST-10TH DECEMBER, CHAMPION DEWI PRITCHARD EVANS, 19YET01882

CLASS 2 - 11TH-31ST DECEMBER, EMYR HUGHES, 19WAJ00670

CLASS 3 - JANUARY BORN, DAVID CURRAN, 19XEV01537

CLASS 4 - SIGNET RECORDED RES CHAMPION JENNIFER CURTIS, 19DQ02131

CLASS 5 - UNTRIMMED EMYR HUGHES, 19WAJ00639

SHEARLING RAMS

CLASS 6 - SHEARLING RAM GREGOR & BRUCE INGRAM, 18WNC22712

CLASS 7 - UNTRIMMED SHEARLING RAM ESMOR EVANS, 18WLS01886

CLASS 8 - SIGNET RECORDED SHEARLING RAM GREGOR & BRUCE INGRAM, 18WNC22685 Two further ram lambs sold for four-figure prices both to breeders; a Robleston lamb by Bronwydd Terminator from R G & R A Jones, Haverfordwest sold for 1,050 gns to R & S Tindall, Yorkshire.

Charles Marwood, Foulrice Flock went to the same money for Rhaeadr Union Jack from Myfyr Evans, Denbigh.

In the shearling ring buyers' preference was for strong, wellfleshed tups and leading the way in the averages were the two pens of tups from the Ingram family, Aberdeen. They achieved two top prices of 1,150 gns for Logie Durno Trump and Loanhead Trailblazer; the first selling to A J & T Snaith, Morpeth and the other to Messrs Collins, Near Abergavenny. Their 15 shearling rams averaged £835.80.

New vendor Chris Timm from Yorkshire had a top of 1,400 gns for a son of Knockin Stud Muffin which sold to Miss L A Turner, Hatton, Derbyshire. The Mortimer Flock from Geoff Probert, Herefordshire had a good day, selling their pen of 25 shearling tups to average £664.44 with a top price of 1,000 gns.

Another pen in demand were the 15 shearling tups from Jeremy Price's Oakchurch flock, in Herefordshire. He finished up the day with an average of £650 to a top of 820 gns. The shearling ring ended with a good clearance figure of 86% and only a few pounds down on 2018.



CHAMPION PEN JENNIFER CURTIS, RAM LAMBS

RESERVE CHAMPION PEN G & B INGRAM, SHEARLING RAMS

Averages

SHEARLING RAMSAVERAGE£58TOP PRICE3,20SOLD 163(86%)

£588.00 3,200 GNS (86%)

RAM LAMBS

AVERAGE TOP PRICE SOLD 127 £424.00 3,000 GNS (74%)

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Calendar of Ram Sales 2020

RAM SALES	VENUE	DAY OF WEEK	DATE	
	WORCESTER MARKET	SATURDAY	27TH JUNE	
DUNGANNON PREMIER	DUNGANNON FARMERS	MONDAY	27TH JULY	
SHREWSBURY	SHREWSBURY MARKET	TUESDAY	28TH JULY	
BUILTH WELLS EARLY	WELSH SHOWGROUND	MONDAY	3RD AUGUST	
EXETER NSA SALE ** INCLUDES FEMALES	EXETER LIVESTOCK MARKET	WEDNESDAY	19TH AUGUST	
CARLISLE ** INCLUDES EMPTY FEMALES	BORDERWAY MART	FRIDAY	28TH AUGUST	
DUNGANNON SEPT	DUNGANNON FARMERS MART	THURSDAY	10TH SEPTEMBER	
BUILTH WELLS MAIN ** INCLUDES FEMALES	WELSH SHOWGROUND	MONDAY	21ST SEPTEMBER	
BALLYMENA	BALLYMENA MARKET	MONDAY	21ST SEPTEMBER	
WELSHPOOL	WELSHPOOL LIVESTOCK SALES	THURSDAY	1ST OCTOBER	

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Oakchurch Ruben

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his year's lambs look very promising. Ruben has been used again, alongside a homebred ram lamb Knockin Undercover Brother (19XXJ00695) who was retained from last year's Knockin Nancy flush. Full brothers sold privately to Liam Woods in S. Ireland and Dewi Evans Ffrwd Flock.



Saturday 3rd October 2020

Recent Sale Successes:

Knockin Shockin 25,000gns Knockin Ultrashock 12,000gns Knockin Tickle My Fancy 5,000gns Knockin Ultimate Package 3,200gns Knockin Stud Muffin 5,800gns Knockin Pucker Up 4,400gns Knockin Shop 6,000gns

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Calendar of Ewe Sales 2020

IN-LAMB SALES	VENUE	DAY	DATE
FEMALE SALE	WORCESTER MARKET	SATURDAY	27TH JUNE
EXETER SALE	EXETER LIVESTOCK MARKET	FRIDAY	9TH OCTOBER
SKIPTON SALE	SKIPTON MARKET	SATURDAY	10TH OCTOBER
EAST OF ENGLAND REGION FEMALES	MELTON MOWBRAY	SATURDAY	24TH OCTOBER
DUNGANNON EXPORT FEMALE SALE	DUNGANNON FARMERS MART	MONDAY	26TH OCTOBER
WELSHPOOL FEMALE	WELSHPOOL LIVESTOCK SALES	SATURDAY	7TH NOVEMBER

"FEMALES WITH FIGURES" - SATURDAY 20TH JUNE - WORCESTER MARKET

Vendors : Andrew Walton, Mark Rushbrooke Guest consignors - Dudston flock and other guest consignors Auctioneer : Clive Roads, McCartneys

WORCESTER "SAUCY SALE" - SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER - WORCESTER MARKET

Vendors - Robert Gregory, Mrs Di Tait and William Ingram Guest consignors - Adrian Davies, Abbie Moseley, Charles Sercombe, Victoria Sercombe, Gregor & Bruce Ingram, Cecil & Janette Thomas, Stuart Dunkley, Dewi Evans, James Danforth, Gethin Davies and Helen Sloan. Auctioneers : Clive Roads, McCartneys

JOINT PRODUCTION - SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER - HEREFORD MARKET

Vendors - Jennifer Curtis, Tim Prichard, Arwyn Thomas, David & Paul Curran, together with Justin Evans, Paul Amphlett, Jeremy Price, Emyr Hughes David & Johnathan Norman and Colin Bowen. Auctioneers : Chris Davies, Brightwells

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The 2019 selling season started in July with the US-China trade war and the uncertainty around Brexit continuing to have an effect on the demand and prices. Despite this, in comparison to the prices seen in New Zealand, our prices have been consistently higher after many years of being discounted by up to 20%.

I believe this is due to several strategic initiatives within the business. Firstly in July 2018, we launched an agency buyer service to make it easier for new buyers to access the auction. This has led to more competition within the auction room, and we have also welcomed a new buyer who is purchasing for the Chinese market. This is really encouraging after many years of buyers disappearing.

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British Wool continues to support the shearing sector through the training programme we provide, which was utilised by over 820 trainees in 2019. The quality and quantity of shearers we have in the UK is something we can all be very proud of and we should not underestimate the valuable contribution training provides in supporting our shearers. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all nations on their success at the Shearing & Wool Handling World Championships in France last year. Congratulations to Richard Jones and Aled Jones for their achievements in becoming Machine Shearing and Wool Handling World Champions

respectively and also the Scottish team for their achievement in becoming the Machine Shearing Team World Champions

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Secondly, we are continuing to search for new opportunities in China who are the largest processor of wool in the world and also has the fastest growing middle class who already purchase wool products in very significant quantities. As well as implementing our new brand licensee scheme, we are looking for new product opportunities to help increase the value of your wool.

I wish you all a successful season and look forward to seeing many of you at the shows and competitions in the future.

Gareth Jones, Head of Producer Marketing, British Wool

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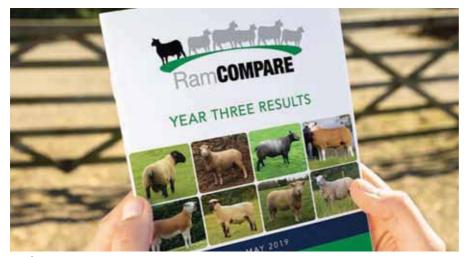


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Charollais on Trial RamCompare Year Three Results are Good News for Charollais Rams

With 18,500 lambs recorded over four years, **RamCompare** is one of the UK's largest and most high profile sheep research projects.

Established to find the most profitable terminal sires for UK lamb production, data is collected on nine partner farms – with a series of on-farm events explaining the role of genetics in ram selection delivered across the UK this summer.

Each year we receive over 200 ram nominations from which we

select a team of 65-70 new sires. The project has now tested 276 rams from 11 breeds, including 50 Charollais rams. Their progeny are assessed throughout their life, with abattoir data used to generate estimated breeding values (EBVs) for carcase weight, conformation and fat class – and most recently, days to slaughter.

Monthly updates

Signet's Terminal Sire Evaluations are now completed on a monthly basis, with RamCompare data relating to lamb growth rate and ultrasound scanning feeding directly into the analysis; updating the EBVs of selected rams and their relatives.

Abattoir traits

EBVs for abattoir-derived traits are updated annually, with tables showing the leading breeding lines available at the start of the ram selling season. The latest results can be found at **www.ramcompare.com**

50 charollais rams tested

Abattoir activity remains a vital part of our data collection and is improving our understanding of the relationship between measurements taken on the live animal (eight-week weight, scan weight, ultrasound muscle and fat depth) and those collected when lambs are slaughtered, the traits on which farmers are paid.

Each year, 12 lambs are selected from each progeny group to assess primal yield and tenderness. The EBVS generated from this data highlight our ability

Rainbow Flock of Charollais Sheep

20th June 2020 @ Worcester Market

"Females with Figures" Saturday "It's all in the DNA"



Rainbow Statistician (17XPU02870) - Top performing sire (pictured below left) on "ChazCompare Trial" 47% of his progeny had carcasses graded at E or U and 100% were within weight and fat specification.





The 2020 crop of high index (All Top 25% or above) ram lambs are a mixture of old favourites Rainbow Illustrious (OXPU8053), Riverdale Kismet (1ZEG0029), Rainbow Great Uncle Gerald (OXPU6043) and, new boys Rainbow Umami (19XPU03739), Redhill T's Boy (18WGH01726), Gawsworth U2 (19PF02635) & Gwyndy Urien of Rheged (19XPR07216).

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EBV result highlights for the Charollais breed

To date, 3,709 Charollais sired lambs recorded in the project from 37 different rams:

• Langstone 16QU01385 from N & R Hart was top Charollais for Carcase Weight and Foulrice OnRamCompare placing high in the leader-board for the 2018 results

• Al sire Dalby Malachite was the highest placed Charollais for Carcase Weight (combined years)

• Lowerye Stallone from Neil Oughton has placed extremely well for Carcase Conformation in the 2018 results and maintains this high place for the combined years table

 Hardy 16WZW00054 was the top placed ram across all breeds for the Days to Slaughter EBV in both the 2018 results and the combined years results tables, used at Adrian Coombes farm in Cornwall and provided by Dylan Laws

• Langstone 16QU01385, Lowerye Stallone and Foulrice OnRamCompare have all done very well in the 2018 Overall Carcase Merit with Al sires, Dalby Malachite and Wedderburn Peleus joining the top across all breeds in the combined years tables

Charollais ram topped the rankings for one of RamCompare's newest traits. Cannahars Panache, 15KF00715 bred by H E G Davies and nominated by Robert Gregory has the lowest (best) Shearforce EBV in the country. This showed he had the genetics to produce extremely tender progeny, according to work completed on over 2,460 meat samples undertaken by the AHDB meat science team.

 Work on Primal Yield Data, shows Charollais sired progeny score well for Haunch Weight, Front Weight and Shear Force, though considerable variation exists between individuals.

• Charollais are probably the most balanced of the main terminal sire breeds with their primal data, including examples of rams with extreme muscling in haunch, loin and shoulder

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Pioneering breeders
 Andrew Walton and Jamie Wild
 have been so taken with the
 project, they have established a
 successful bolt-on project –
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 numbers of Charollais rams



Charollais cross NCM lamb part of the ChazCompare trial in for scanning and weighing

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2020 season is the "Year of the Charollais"

with Dalby Ranieri, being used as a reference ram across all participating flocks.

Interestingly this ram now resides in Southern Ireland and has been integrated into their recording scheme, so we will be getting some very helpful data to go across the two countries.

Thirteen new sires will accompany Dalby Ranieri for the 2020 progeny crop with thanks to the following breeders for providing the rams and Al sires; Charles Sercombe, Neil Oughton, Stewart Dunkley, Dylan Laws, Andrew Walton, Rob Gregory, Jamie Wild and Sian Laws.

What have we learnt and what do we want to know?

The project has done a great job of enhancing our understanding of traits measured on farm and at the abattoir, highlighting which on-farm traits are good indicators of value to the commercial producer and which carcase attributes may be better assessed directly using CT scanning or abattoir data.



Dalby Ranieri - this ram has been used over all participating flocks for the 2020 lamb crop

The project clearly shows the variation seen in the value of sires. Extra value worth £3-£5/lamb – or £600-£800/sire is commonly seen on farms, with the overall RamCompare breeding index doing a great job in highlighting the highest value animals.

Full report can be viewed on www.ramcompare.com





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PRIZE WINNERS 2019

BREED CHAMPION & FEMALE CHAMPION (*PICTURED RIGHT*) Ewe 17ZNN18479 from the Logie Durno Flock.

RESERVE BREED CHAMPION & MALE CHAMPION (TOP LEFT)

Glyn Coch Real Charmer, 16XCA00883 from the Glyn Coch Flock.

RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION (CENTRE LEFT) 1st prize ewe lamb, 19ZNN27341 from the Logie Durno Flock.

1ST PRIZE SHEARLING RAM (BOTTOM LEFT) Arbryn Tonto, 18WRF00573 from the Arbryn Flock

1ST RAM LAMB, RESERVE MALE CHAMPION & INTERBREED RAM LAMB CHAMPION (BOTTOM RIGHT)

Logie Durno Umpire 19ZNN27315 from the Logie Durno Flock



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Royal Welsh Show 2019

LOGIE DURNO FLOCK WITH CHAMPION EWE

Despite the extreme heat at the Royal Welsh Show the Charollais classes continued unabated; with the handlers looking hotter and more stressed than the sheep.

Geoff Probert from Herefordshire was delighted with his champion at the Royal Welsh Show; "the ewe was tremendously fleshed throughout and had that extra style and movement to go with it." The 2017 January born ewe was sired by Rhaeadr Orlando, a previous champion at the Royal Highland out of a home-bred ewe sired by Rutland Humdinger. The ewe was from the Logie Durno Flock of William and Carol Ingram from Aberdeenshire.

Taking the reserve slot was the two-shear ram, Glyn Coch Real Charmer from Adrian Davies's flock in Carmarthenshire. This strong tup was sired by Wrenvale



Mad 4 Ewe, which was purchased at the Builth Wells Ram Sale for 4,800 gns. His dam was a homebred ewe by Foulrice Eurostar.

Both the reserve titles went to lambs from the Logie Durno flock. Their ram lamb, Logie Durno Umpire not only won his strong class, but was successful in the Interbreed competition beating all the other breeds at this highly important show. Umpire was sired by Loanhead Talisman. His dam was sired by the 2010 RWAS Champion, Logie Durno Jackpot. The winning ewe lamb was also by Talisman but this time out of a Rockvilla Golden Promise, a stock ram that was also a RWAS Interbreed Champion.

Society Chairman, Arwyn Thomas had the winner of the shearling ram class, with his homebred tup Arbryn Tonto, sired by Tullyear Supremo out of a Glyncoch JPR sired ewe.

Gregor and Bruce Ingram exhibited the winning shearling ewe from their Loanhead Flock. A Rhaeadr Orlando sired ewe out of a Crogham Hannibal II home bred ewe.











PRIZE WINNERS 2019

FINAL LINE-UP OF THE SHEARLING RAM CLASS (PICTURED TOP LEFT)

RING FULL OF SHEARLING EWES (PICTURED MIDDLE LEFT)

RAM LAMBS (*PICTURED BOTTOM LEFT*) Geoff Probert handling the ram lambs

CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION

Geoff Probert presents the Championship Award to Gregor Ingram, on behalf of William and Carol Ingram, Logie Durno Flock.







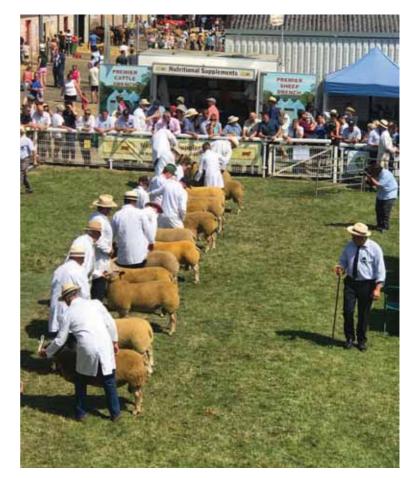


RAM

A Davies (16XCA00883) 1st D Curran (17XEV01199) 2nd 3rd C Sercombe (17PE05898) SHEARLING RAM 1st A Thomas (18WRF00573) G Burrough (18XNR00967) 2nd C Sercombe (18PE07012) 3rd **RAM LAMB** W&C Ingram (19ZNN27315) 1st D Curran (19XEV01429) 2nd A Thomas (19WRF00646) 3rd EWE W&C Ingram (17ZNN18479) 1st D Curran (17XEV01168) 2nd G&B Ingram (16WNC15420) 3rd **SHEARLING EWE** G&B Ingram (18WNC22746) 1st G Burrough (18XNR00910) 2nd C Sercombe (18PE06907) 3rd **EWE LAMB** G&B Ingram (19ZNN27341) 1st G&B Ingram (19WNC27404) 2nd 3rd A Davies (19XCA01402) **GROUP OF THREE - W&C Ingram**

CHAMPION - W&C Ingram (17ZNN18479) **RES. CHAMPION - A Davies (16XCA00883)** MALE CHAMPION - A Davies (16XCA00883) **RES. MALE CHAMPION - W&C Ingram** (19ZNN27315) **FEMALE CHAMPION - W&C Ingram** (17ZNN18479)

RES. FEMALE CHAMPION - G&B Ingram (19WNC27341)



GEOFF PROBERT SCRUTINISING THE RAM LAMB CLASS AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2019

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Balmoral Show 2019

PRIZE WINNERS 2019

OVERALL & INTERBREED CHAMPION (PICTURED OPPOSITE) 18WLK03933 from the Springhill Flock

RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION

(TOP LEFT) 2nd prize shearling ewe 18WLK03927 from the Springhill Flock

MALE CHAMPION (MIDDLE LEFT)

Shearling Ram 18XWZ00489 from the Lornbrook Flock.

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION (BOTTOM LEFT) Hollylodge Phoenix, 15XWZ00281 from the Lornbrook Flock.

1ST PRIZE RAM LAMB (BOTTOM RIGHT) Carnew 19ZXJ00965 from the Carnew Flock.







Balmoral Show 2019

INTERBREED TITLE FOR SPRINGFIELD FLOCK

The 2019 Balmoral Show will certainly be one to be remembered by Graham Foster, Springhill Flock, his outstanding shearling ewe, winning the Breed Championship, the Supreme Interbreed Championship and also chosen as Show Champion of Champions. Her powerful ET sister stood Reserve Charollais Champion. Both are ET daughters sired by Robleston Superman and out of a home bred ewe 14 WLK 02106. dominated the Exhibitor entered Interbreed Pairs Competition, Judge, James Warnock, placed William McAllister first in the Pair of Shearling Ewes and Trevor Bell first in the Pair of Shearling Rams. Charollais took the first and second spot in the Pair of Ewe Lambs. William once again in pole position with Trevor Bell placed second. In the Ram Lamb Pairs Jonathan Aiken was placed 2nd with his Charollais Pair

Kicking off the show classes was the Senior Ram Class where



Judge David Mawhinney chose Hollylodge Phoenix, a Blakeney King Louis son shown by Trevor Bell of the Lornbrook Flock as his first prize winner.

In the Shearling Ram Class, Trevor Bell, Lornbrook took the top spot with a well muscled Edstaston San Miguel son and out of a Hollylodge dam.

Taking the top spot in the Ram lamb Class was Jonathan Aiken with a smart Wernfawr Prospect ET son and out of one of their show ewes 16ZXJ0075, Carnew Roxette, prize winner as a lamb and as a shearling ewe.

First in the line up of ewes was a Logie Durno ewe purchased by the Lornbrook Flock as a ewe lamb. Her sire was Logie Durno Officer and dam a Crogham Hannibal II ewe.

The ewe lamb class provided another fine display of the breed with Springhill once again taking the top spot with a smart Ballynoe House Playboy daughter and out of the same dam as the Champion.

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1ST PRIZE EWE LAMB 19WLK 04430 from the Springhill Flock



SENIOR RAM Trevor Bell (15XWZ00281) 1st 2nd K&S Malcomson (17ZLZ00821) Trevor Bell (17ZUF00066) 3rd **SHEARLING RAM** Trevor Bell (18XWZ00489) 1st K & S Malcomson (18WNC22681) 2nd 3rd A Moore (18VBK00270) **RAM LAMB** J Aiken - (19ZXJ00965) 1st W McAllister - (19ZGQ03955) 2nd 3rd W McAllister - (19ZGQ03952) **EWE** Trevor Bell - (15ZNN12401) 1st 2nd Trevor Bell - (17ZHV01158) 3rd W McAllister - (16ZGQ02922) **SHEARLING EWE** G Foster - (18WLK03933) 1st 2nd G Foster - (18WLK03927) 3rd W McAllister - (18ZGQ03546) **EWE LAMB** 1st G Foster - (19WLK04430) 2nd J Aiken - (19ZXJ00966)

3rd G Foster - (19WLK04451)

OVERALL & FEMALE CHAMPION

Graham Foster (18WLK03933) RES. CHAMPION Graham Foster (18WLK03927) MALE CHAMPION Trevor Bell (18XWZ00489) RES. MALE CHAMPION Trevor Bell (15XWZ00281) INTERBREED WINNING PAIR OF SHEARLING EWES From the Artnagullion Flock



DAVID MAWHINNEY Judging the ram lamb class at Balmoral









Highland Show 2019

PRIZE WINNERS 2019

OVERALL & FEMALE CHAMPION (PICTURED OPPOSITE)

Shearling ewe, 18WHK00169 from the Braemuir Flock.

RESERVE CHAMPION (TOP LEFT)

2nd prize shearling ewe, 18ZXJ23164 from the Carnew flock.

MALE CHAMPION (MIDDLE LEFT)

Rigghead Untouchable, 19HR02294 from the Rigghead Flock.

RESERVE MALE CHAMPION (BOTTOM LEFT) Loanhead Rembrandt, 16WNC15406 from the Rigghead Flock.

1ST PRIZE SHEARLING RAM (BOTTOM RIGHT) Kirkhouse Thor, 18XNK02170 from the Loanhead Flock





Royal Highland Show 2019

DELIGHT FOR FIRST TIME VICTORS

Eilidh and Erin Ducan from Aberdeenshire could not have been more delighted with their first Royal Highland Show championship. Their strong and powerful shearling ewe was the choice of the judge, Mr Robert Paterson Jnr from Perthshire. The Loanhead Single Malt sired female had last year stood 2nd in the ewe lamb class, but went much further this year. Her dam was by Riverdale Noble.

The judge also went for a shearling ewe as his reserve champion; Jonathan Aiken's 2nd prize sheep took this award. The Carnew Flock is now based in Cumbria and the task of showing the ewe went to Jonathan's brother Jeff, as Jonathan had judging task at the show. The embryo transfer born ewe was sired by Wernfawr Prospect out of a home-bred Oakchurch Ozil ewe. Male champion was the very smart ram lamb from Helen

smart ram lamb from Helen Sloan's Rigghead flock in Dumfries. The aptly named Untouchable, was shown by her daughter Hannah, and was sired by Tawelfa Rioja and out of a Banwy Pick of the Crop sired ewe.

Top of the shearling rams was Kirkhouse Thor, a purchase at the Worcester Premier Sale by the Ingram family from Aberdeenshire. This triplet born ram was sired by Kirkhouse Robinson and his dam by Kirkhouse Optimus.

In the senior classes, the winning tup was bred by the Ingrams but owned and exhibited by the Rigghead Flock. Rembrandt was by previous Highland Champion, Rhaeadr Orlando. Russell Gray from Lanarkshire picked up the red ticket with his senior ewe by Oakchurch Ozil, also a Highland Show Interbreed winner.

Last class of the day, ewe lambs went to Gregor and Bruce Ingram with their Loanhead Talisman sired lamb. MALES AND FEMALES AVAILABLE PRIVATELY SEMEN AND EMBRYOS FOR UK AND EXPORT

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AWARDS ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW 2019 JUDGE : MR ROBERT PATERSON JNR

1ST PRIZE EWE LAMB

19WNC27404 from the Loanhead Flock



RAM

1st H Sloan (16WNC15406) 2nd H Sloan (17YUX01620) **SHEARLING RAM** 1st G&B Ingram (18XNK02170) M&M Alford (18WNC22705) 2nd 3rd P Tait (18YXR01355) **RAM LAMB** 1st H Sloan (19HR02294) 2nd J Aiken (19ZXJ25558) 3rd W&C Ingram (19ZNN27315) EWE R Gray (17YUX01612) 1st 2nd H Sloan (16ZNN15351) G&B Ingram (16WNC15494) 3rd **SHEARLING EWE** E&E Duncan (18WHK00169) 1st 2nd J Aiken (18ZXJ23164) G&B Ingram (18WNC22727) 3rd **EWE LAMB** G&B Ingram (19WNC27404) 1st E&E Duncan (19WHK00214) 2nd 3rd G&B Ingram (19WNC27441) **GROUP OF THREE -** G&B Ingram CHAMPION - E & E Duncan (18WHK00169) **RESERVE CHAMPION**

J Aiken (18ZXJ23164) MALE CHAMPION H Sloan (19HR02294) RESERVE MALE CHAMPION H Sloan (16WNC15406) **1ST PRIZE EWE**

17YUX01612 from the Leelaw Flock



THE DUNCAN FAMILY Diane, Gary, Eilidh and Erin Duncan with the Judge, Robert Paterson Jnr









Gt Yorkshire Show

PRIZE WINNERS 2019

OVERALL & FEMALE CHAMPION (PICTURED OPPOSITE) Ewe 17YUX01612 from the Leelaw Flock.

OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION (TOP LEFT) Shearling ewe, 18WTZ00895 from the Fosters Flock

MALE CHAMPION (CENTRE LEFT)

1st prize shearling ram, Rhaeadr Tradesman 18XXK01837 from the Kirkhouse Flock.

1ST PLACED RAM LAMB (BOTTOM LEFT) Kirkhouse 19XNK02414 from the Kirkhouse Flock.

1ST PLACED EWE LAMB (BOTTOM LEFT) Kirkhouse 19XNK02415 from the Kirkhouse Flock.









Gt Yorkshire Show 2019

LEELAW EWE WINNER AT HARROGATE

Russell Gray from Lanarkshire took the Charollais Championship with his deepbodied and fleshy two-shear ewe. Her sire was the past Highland Show Interbreed winner, Oakchurch Ozil and her dam by Banwy Moonshine.

Judging the exhibits was Bruce Ingram from the Loanhead Flock in Aberdeenshire. His reserve champion was a shearling ewe from local breeder, Kenton Foster. His Fosters ewe went one better than in 2018 when as a lamb, she stood 2nd to the eventual champion. Her sire was Galtres Rameses and the dam a homebred ewe by a Wedderburn sire.

David and Johnathan Norman from Cumbria took the Male Championship ticket with their shearling ram, Rhaeadr Tradesman. The ram was purchased at the Worcester Premier Sale. His breeding was the Irish tup Ballyhibben Soft Touch and the dam was by

Knockin Pucker Up.

The Kirkhouse Flock was also the winner of the ram lamb class with their December born Ffrwd Tyrone son out of a very influential ewe in their flock, purchased from the Castellau Flock of Tim Prichard.

The Normans took their third red ticket of the day in the ewe lamb class. This smart individual was by a previous Great Yorkshire show winner, Netherton Sea the Stars and out of a home-bred ewe by Parkgate Kaiser.

Not surprisingly the Kirkhouse Flock put their prize winners together in the Group of Three class and stood top on the line.

Helen Sloan Rigghead Flock from Dumfries, exhibited their senior stock ram bred in the Leelaw flock to take the top award. This ram's breeding was very similar to the Champion; by Oakchurch Ozil and out of a Banwy Moonshine ewe.

The breed just missed out on the IB Terminal Sire Championship standing reserve and 3rd in pairs Interbreed Competition.

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RAM

1st Helen Slogn - (17YUX01620) 2nd Percy Tait - (16YSS03047) 3rd Thomas Hunter - (16XHE00179) **SHEARLING RAM** D & J Norman - (18XXK01837) 1st 2nd J Stott Junior - (18XNK02166) 3rd G & C Watson - (18YST00792) **RAM LAMB** D & J Norman - (19XNK02414) 1st Russell Gray - (19YUX02109) 2nd 3rd G & C Watson - (19YST00834) EWE Russell Gray - (17YUX01612) 1st P Tait - (16YXR01046) 2nd D & J Norman - (17XNK02037) 3rd **SHEARLING EWE** 1st Kenton Foster - (18WTZ00895) Percy Tait - (18YXR01356) 2nd D & J Norman - (18XNK02172) 3rd **EWE LAMB** 1st D & J Norman - (19XNK02415) Russell Gray - (19YUX02099) 2nd 3rd Kenton Foster - (19WTZ01014)

GROUP OF 3 D & J Norman OVERALL CHAMPION Russell Gray (17YUX01612) OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION Kenton Foster, (18WTZ00895) MALE CHAMPION D & J Norman - (18XXK01837) MALE RESERVE CHAMPION Helen Sloan - (17YUX01620)



1ST ADULT RAM Leelaw 17YUX01620 from the Rigghead Flock



BEST GROUP OF THREE Winners the Kirkhouse Flock of David & Johnathan Norman







Three Counties Show

PRIZE WINNERS 2019

BREED CHAMPION (PICTURED OPPOSITE) Dalby shearling ewe, 18PE06907 from the Dalby Flock.

1ST PRIZE SHEARLING RAM & RESERVE CHAMPION (TOP LEFT) Bronwydd Toyota, 18WAJ00595 from the Elmwick Flock.

1ST PRIZE EWE (MIDDLE LEFT) 16YXR01046 from the Knighton Flock

1ST PRIZE SENIOR RAM (BOTTOM LEFT) Dalby 18PE05898 from the Dalby Flock

1ST PRIZE RAM LAMB (BOTTOM RIGHT) Elmwick 19DQ02070 from the Elmwick Flock.









Three Counties Show 2019

BREED CONTINUED SUCCESS IN INTERBREED

The Charollais Pair were triumphant in the Interbreed Competition at the Three Counties Show for yet another year.

The winning animals were the breed champion, a shearling ewe from the Dalby Flock and the male champion, a shearling ram from the Elmwick Flock.

The judge, Alan Thomas from Lutterworth in Leicestershire selected as his champion the ET born progeny of Rockvilla Golden Promise from Charles Sercombe's Dalby flock from near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. The ewes dam was by Dalby Kracked-It. The shearling ewe stood reserve Interbreed Champion in the Terminal Sire Section of the show.

Taking the reserve and male champion award was Bronwydd Toyota, bred by Emyr Hughes in Pembrokeshire and owned and exhibited by Jennifer Curtis from the Elmwick flock in Evesham, Worcestershire. Toyota was sired by Wernfawr Spartacus out of Rhaeadr Legend ewe.

The Elmwick flock was victorious in both the lamb classes and paired the two together to win the Pairs Class as well. Jennifer's ram lamb was sired by Elmwick Saturn and the dam went back to a Southam tup.

The winning ewe lamb was by another home-bred tup, this time Elmwick Solsbury Hill and the dam was sired by Abbascombe Monty.

The Dalby Flock also picked up the red ticket in the senior ram class, with their son of Dalby Ranieri himself the Three Counties Champion in 2017.

Breaking the Dalby/Elmwick stronghold on the top spot, was the senior ewe from the Knighton Flock of the late Percy Tait. Shown by Will Price the daughter of Buckland Omar took the judges eye.

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CHAMPION & IB PAIRS WINNER AND RESERVE TERMINAL SIRE IB Charles Sercombe 18PE06907 RES CHAMPION & IB PAIRS Jennifer Curtis 18WAJ00595 **1ST PRIZE EWE** LAMB Jennifer Curtis's winning ewe lamb.



JUDGING Alan Thomas gives the ram lambs a good look over on the move.



JUDGING Line up in the pairs class; winner Elmwick Flock (right)











PRIZE WINNERS 2019

INTERBREED & BREED CHAMPION (PICTURED OPPOSITE)

Foxhill Ewe 16XWY00452 with breeder Mike Alford and judge Will Price.

INTERBREED & BREED CHAMPION (TOP LEFT) Foxhill ewe 16XWY00452 from the Foxhill Flock.

RESERVE CHAMPION AND 1ST PRIZE SHEARLING EWE (MIDDLE LEFT) Sheldon 18XNR00910 from the Sheldon Flock.

1ST PRIZE SHEARLING RAM (BOTTOM LEFT) Sheldon 18XNR00967 from the Sheldon Flock.

1ST PRIZE SENIOR RAM (BOTTOM RIGHT) Ffrwd Samson, 17YET01474 from the Sheldon Flock.









Royal Cornwall Show 2019 **LE FOR FOXHILL FLOCK** TERBREED

It was a day for celebrations for the Charollais breed at the Royal Cornwall Show, when the breed champion was picked out as the Interbreed Winner.

The three-shear ewe came from the renowned pedigree breeders, Michael and Melanie Alford from Cullompton, Devon. The Foxhill ewe was sired by Logie Durno Olympian and out of a Carthorpe Grand Duke daughter.

Making this selection was the judge, Mr Will Price from Birmingham who was taken by the ewes correctness, style, super shape and overall presence in the ring.

Reserve champion was the 1st prize shearling ewe from Gerald Burrough's Sheldon flock in Honiton, Devon. This successful show ewe was by Foulrice Rechab and her dam was by another Foulrice tup, Omar.

The top male on the day was another from the Sheldon Flock; this time a home-bred shearling ram by the same sire as the winning shearling ewe, Foulrice Rechab but a different dam line; a ewe by Eastbach Laser.

The Sheldon Flock had a third winner, with their stock ram Ffrwd Samson. A prolific winner in the show ring, this tup had been the interbreed winner at the Devon County Show earlier in the year and reserve interbreed champion at the Bath & West Show.

Ben and Amelia Watts from Ashburton, Devon had a great day with lambs from their Willow Flock. Their December born son of Oakchurch Smuggler stood top of the line in the ram lamb class and then went on to take the reserve ticket in the Interbreed Ram Lamb section. Willow Uh-Oh's dam was by their own ram, Willow Optimus Prime.

Their winning ewe lamb was very similarly bred to the tup lamb; sired by the Oakchurch tup and out of a different Optimus Prime ewe.

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RAM

1st Gerald Burrough (17YET01474)

2nd Tom Nancekivell (17WGN03157)

3rd Ben & Amelia Watts (17WKW00343)

SHEARLING RAM

- 1st Gerald Burrough (18XNR00967)
- 2nd Mike & Melanie Alford (18WNC22705)
- 3rd Tom Nancekivell (18WWZ03145)

RAM LAMB

- 1st Ben & Amelia Watts (19WKM01425)
- 2nd Gerald Burrough (19XNR00992)
- 3rd Mike & Melanie Alford (19XWY00550)
- 1st Mike & Melanie Alford (16XWY00452)
- 2nd Ben & Amelia Watts (17WKM01158)
- 3rd Mrs Carol Irwin (17XUA00263)

SHEARLING EWE

- 1st Gerald Burrough (18XNR00910)
- 2nd Gerald Burrough (18XNR00918)
- 3rd Ben & Amelia Watts (18WKM01251)

EWE LAMB

- 1st Ben & Amelia Watts (19WKM01428)
- 2nd Tom Nancekivell (19WWZ03172)
- 3rd Mike & Melanie Alford (19XWY00554)

BREED, FEMALE & INTERBREED CHAMPION

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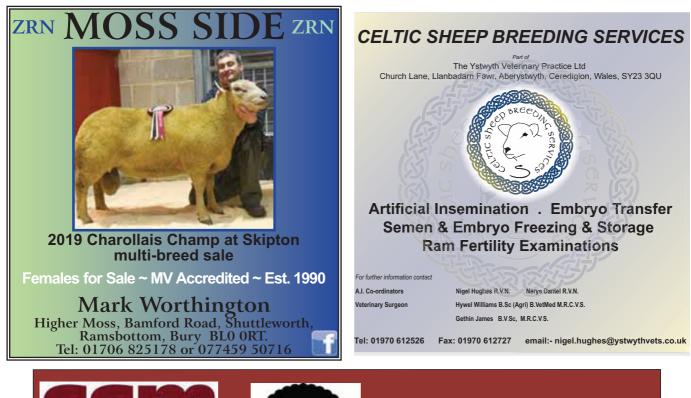
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	North of England Region - Judge: Emma Mellen					
	Cumbria - Large Flock Ewes		Cumbria - Large Flock Ewe Lambs		Cumbria	
1st 2nd 3rd	J Wales J Stott D J & A Trafford	1st 2nd 3rd	J Wales J D Loftus J Stott		Champion - <i>J Wales</i> Reserve - <i>S Cummings</i>	
	Cumbria - Large Flock Stock Ram		Cumbria - Large Flock Homebred Ram Lamb		Yorkshire Champion - <i>T & J Hunter</i>	
1st 2nd 3rd	J Wales D J & A Trafford J Stott	1st 2nd	J Wales J Stott		Reserve - C W Marwood	
	Cumbria - Medium Flock Ewes		Cumbria - Medium Flock Ewe Lambs		Cumbria - Medium Flock Stock Ram	
1st 2nd 3rd	S Cummings D & J Norman S Pickthall	1st 2nd 3rd	S Cummings S Pickthall D & J Norman	1st 2nd 3rd	S Cummings D & J Norman S Pickthall	
	Cumbria - Medium Flock Homebred Ram Lamb		Yorkshire - Large Flocks Ewes		Yorkshire - Large Flocks Ewe Lambs	
1st 2nd	D & J Norman S Cummings	1st 2nd 3rd	C Marwood T & J Hunter N D & C D Morgan	1st 2nd 3rd	T & J Hunter C W Marwood S Tindall	
	Yorkshire - Large Flocks Stock Ram		Yorkshire - Large Flocks Homebred Ram Lamb		Yorkshire - Medium Flocks Homebred Ram Lamb	
1st 2nd 3rd	T & J Hunter S Tindall C W Marwood	1st 2nd 3rd	C W Marwood T & J Hunter S Tindall	1st 2nd	S & N Hodgson K Foster	
	Yorkshire - Medium Flocks Ewes		Yorkshire - Medium Flocks Ewe Lambs		Yorkshire - Medium Flocks Stock Rams	
1st 2nd 3rd	K Foster J Danforth S & N Hodgson	1st 2nd 3rd	K Foster D Dennis J Danforth	1st 2nd 3rd	S & N Hodgson D Dennis S & N Hodgson	
Ove	rall Reserve Champ. Flock S Cummings		erall Champion & Overall Stock Ram Champion J Wales - Thackwood	Rese	erve Stock Ram Champion T & J Hunter	



	East of England Region - Judge: Daniel Rowbottom				
	Large Flock - Ewes	Large Flock - Shearling Ewes	Large Flocks - Ewe Lambs		
1st 2nd 3rd	T Mawer G & C Watson C & H Hayward	1st T Mawer 2nd G & C Watson 3rd T Blyth	1st G & C Watson 2nd T Mawer 3rd O Chapman		
Lai	rge Flock - Junior Stock Ram	Large Flock - Senior Rams	Show Points Cup - C Sercombe		
1st 2nd 3rd	T Mawer G & C Watson G Maxwell	1st G & C Watson 2nd G Maxwell 3rd C & H Hayward			
	Champion Junior Ram, Champion Ewes & ampion Shearling Ewes - T Mawer	CHAMPION FLOCK - <i>T Mawer</i>	RESERVE CHAMPION FLOCK, Show Sheep of the Year, Champion Ram & Champion Ewe Lamb - G & C Watson		

	Welsh Region - Judge: David Roberts					
	Large Flock - Ewes	Large Flock - Shearling Ewes	Large Flock - Ewe Lambs			
1st 2nd 3rd	Myfyr Evans G & E Gibbin Emyr Hughes	1st G & E Gibbin 2nd Emyr Hughes 3rd Myfyr Evans	1st G & E Gibbin 2nd Myfyr Evans 3rd N Sheldon			
	Large Flock - Stock Rams	Small Flock - Ewes	Small Flock - Shearling Ewes			
1st 2nd 3rd	Emyr Hughes G & E Gibbin N Sheldon	lst Dyfed & Mari Williams 2nd Sian Tucker & Katie Grove 3rd ID & EM Griffiths	lst Matthew Bevan 2nd Dyfed & Mari Williams 3rd Sian Tucker & Katie Grove			
	Small Flock - Ewe Lambs	Small Flock - Stock Rams	Large & Small Flocks - Junior Stock Ram			
1st 2nd 3rd	Dyfed & Mari Williams Matthew Bevan Sian Tucker & Katie Grove	lst Matthew Bevan 2nd ID & EM Griffiths 3rd Sian Tucker & Katie Grove	lst Emyr Hughes 2nd Sian Tucker & Katie Grove 3rd Dyfed & Mari Williams			
	CHAMPION EWES - Myfyr Evans CHAMPION SHEARLING EWES & CHAMPION EWE LAMBS - Gethin & Eleri Gibbin - Matthew Bevan					
	Overall Flock Champion - Gethin & Eleri Gibbin Overall Reserve Flock Champion - Emyr Hughes					



South West Region - Russell Gray

	Large Flock Ewes		Large Flock		Large Flock	
1st 2nd 3rd	G Burrough T Newth R Endacott	1st 2nd 3rd	Shearling Ewes G Burrough R Endacott T Newth	1st 2nd 3rd	Ewe Lambs G Burrough S Jonas D Laws	
	Large Flock Stock Ram		Large Flock Junior Stock Rams		Medium Flock Ewes	
1st 2nd 3rd	S Jonas T Newth R Endacott Medium Flock	1st 2nd 3rd	T Newth G Burrough R Endacott Medium Flock	1st 2nd 3rd	B & Watts T Nancekivell Y Underwood Medium Flock	
	Shearling Ewes		Ewe Lambs		Stock Rams	
1st 2nd 3rd	T Nancekivell Y Underwood L Pollard	1st 2nd 3rd	Y Underwood T Nancekivell B & A Watts	1st 2nd 3rd	T Nancekivell B & A Watts Y Underwood	
	Medium Flock Junior Stock Rams		Small Flock Ewes & Shearling Ewes		Small Flock Ewe Lambs	
1st 2nd 3rd	B & A Watts Y Underwood L Pollard	1st 2nd 3rd	J Barker A Brown & G Beckley E Simmons & K Esler	1st 2nd 3rd	A Brown & G Beckley E Simmons & K Esler L Monk	
	Small Flock Stock Rams		Small Flock Junior Stock Ram			
1st 2nd 3rd	A Brown & G Beckley P Tully C Twiggs	1st 2nd 3rd	P Tully A Brown & G Beckley J Barker			
Large Flock Winner G Burrough		Medium Flock Winner T Nancekivell			Small Flock Winner A Brown & G Beckley	
Large Flock Reserve T Newth		Medium Flock Reserve Small Flock Rese		Small Flock Reserve E Simmons & K Esler		
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	Large Flock		Medium Flock		Small Flock	
1st 2nd 3rd	D & S Cowan Malcomson family A Moore	1st 2nd 3rd	D Anderson D Cromie T & D Fenton	1st 2nd 3rd	G Foster N McMordie W Martin	
	Large Flock Ewe Lambs		Medium Flock Ewe Lambs		Small Flock Ewe Lambs	
1st 2nd 3rd	D & S Cowan I Goudy Malcomson family	1st 2nd 3rd	D & J Anderson T & D Fenton H McBratney	1st 2nd 3rd	G Foster N McMordie W Martin	
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1st 2nd 3rd	H McBratney - Artnagullion Trojan Malcomson family - Loadhead Trademark D & S Cowan - Dalby Tarquin	1st 2nd 3rd	N McMordie G Foster A Moore		mpion Flock - D & S Cowan Reserve Champion Flock G Foster	
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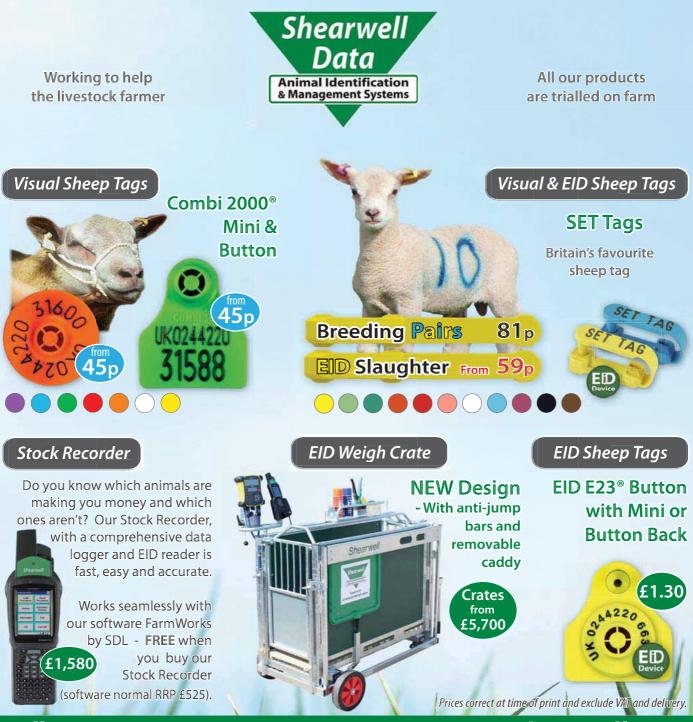
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