

NSA BREED SOCIETY FORUM

Thursday 8th May 2014 at Hafod-a-Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground

'Meeting the needs of the commercial farmer'

10.00am Registration, tea and coffee

10.30am Welcome

Paul Wozencraft, NSA Cymru/Wales Chairman

10.40am NSA update

Phil Stocker, NSA Chief Executive, and Joanne Briggs, NSA Communications Manager

11.20am Current market requirements

John Richards, Hybu Cig Cymru Industry and Market Information Officer

12 noon New initiatives and future services

Lucy Webb-Wilson, Signet Breeding Specialist

12.40pm Lunch

1.20pm Meeting the needs of the commercial farmer

1.20pm-1.30pm – Dr Dai Morris, pedigree Lleyn breeder, and Sion Jones, commercial farmer running Lleyn ewes

1.30pm-1.40pm - The Welsh Mountain Breeding Project - Tim Tyne, breeder

1.40pm-1.50pm – Margaret Lawrence, pedigree Texel breeder, and commercial farmers Martin Greenfield.

1.50pm-2.30pm – Debate chaired by NSA Chief Executive Phil Stocker

2.30pm Tea and coffee

2.45pm Depart for farm walk

We can travel in convoy to the farm from the Royal Welsh Showground. It's a distance of only seven miles and directions will be provided on the day.

Please note, the farm walk is open to people who have attended the Breed Society Forum; you cannot attend the farm walk only.

3.00pm Farm walk with Keith Williams at Hendy Farm

Keith was named Farmers Weekly Sheep Farmer of the Year in 2013, catching the eye of the judges with his grassland management and focus on genetics. He runs 800 ewes and 200 ewe lambs, plus a small flock of performance-recorded commercial Texels and some suckler cows. He is moving away from his base flock of Welsh Mountain, Welsh Mule and Texel cross ewes, following a recent decision to begin introducing Lleyn genetics. Keith sells as many finished lambs as he can to Waitrose and is very focussed on increasing the overall profitability of his enterprise. Click here to find out more.

4.30pm Finish and depart



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