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EVENT GUIDE



Friday 9th February 2018

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The NSA Eastern Region brings you a refreshed format of a combined Winter Fair and Conference – practical farmer style - at Melton Mowbray market and kicking off a new season of NSA activities.



If we thought 2017 was busy then look out because 2018 is going to bring all that and more as we approach our exit from the EU, in theory just a little over 12 months away. The strong likelihood is an extended transition period which will be essential to help us, and the EU, make changes without falling off a cliff. The best thing we can do is spend all our efforts making the most of it – reducing the risks our exit may bring and optimising the opportunities it presents, and there are plenty of both.

Assuming producers are doing as good a job as they can, with levels of productivity good and costs under control, there are then two things essential for industry profitability – a market place that gives adequate return, and a Govt farm support programme that, amongst other things, offsets the costs of things that cant be recouped from the market and gives reward for the many things that farmers do for public benefit but that aren't adequately paid for.

There is a phenomenal amount of work and preparations being done behind the scenes and some days there feels to be a real wind of change blowing through Defra corridors, but after more than 18 months of discussion and negotiation we are only just about to formally discuss the crucial subject of trade. Michael Gove's recent speeches have meant the future direction for farm support is becoming clearer. We cannot ignore the overall direction and we will see those words 'environment' and 'public good' used more and more.

I am confident that, due in no small measure to the work of the NSA, Ministers and decision makers have a far higher level of understanding of the value of sheep farming than they did previously, and know what the impacts could be if they get things wrong. The most fundamental thing to get right, with 96% of the 40% of UK sheepmeat that is exported going to the EU, is continued tariff free access beyond our departure.

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We do need to be investing in markets further afield but this won't happen overnight and it will bring with it the prospect of free trade deals that could present some real competition and problems in our marketplace. We then have to safeguard the budget allocation to farming and rural development, justify its investment, and secure its better targeting.

Make no mistake we are facing huge change that we need to do our best to read, influence, and adapt to, but there is plenty within our industry that makes good sense and that we can argue for.

The Eastern Region Winter Fair starts a huge annual programme of the NSA helping engage you with the topics that will set the foundations for your future and that will help you to not just survive but hopefully to thrive. I hope you enjoy and make the most of this event and I look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Stocker

CEO

*National Sheep
Association*



NSA EASTERN REGION WINTER FAIR

The Venue - Melton Market

Welcome to NSA Eastern Region Winter Fair and Conference at Melton Mowbray Market – we hope you have a great day.

The market is the largest Town centre market in the country and whilst it predates the Domesday Book, it is also modern, with multimillion new facilities, opened in 2017.



We provide weekly sales of all Livestock, Fur and Feather plus Farmers and antique Markets, a Sunday car boot, Saturday horse and machinery sales, award winning Tavern and many special events.

Melton Mowbray Market prides itself on providing a trusted service to all customers, setting a fair market price and paying for full weight. We also provide a free fieldsman service, able to give expert on farm advice.

If you get the chance, and haven't yet seen it then please take the opportunity to look round our sheep centre and the new cattle building. Our staff will be around all day, and look forward to meeting you.

Hugh Brown
CEO



VENUE

Melton Mowbray Livestock Market,
Scafford Road, Melton Mowbray,
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OPENING TIMES

10.00am - 4.00pm

ADMISSION

Adults £5.00 NSA members FREE
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membership card, one card, one free
entry)

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EVENT GUIDE

Free Event Guide at the entrance.

DOGS

Only assistance dogs will be
permitted

DISABLED FACILITIES

Car parking and toilets available on
site.

FOOD

Provided by The Market Tavern. The
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extensive traditional menu: hot and
cold drinks and snacks.

TOILETS

Ladies and gents toilets, including
disabled facilities, are available.

HOW TO FIND US

Sat Nav postcode: LE13 1JY

The entrance to the public car park is
off the Nottingham Road. Follow the
market signs in Melton Mowbray.

CONFERENCE

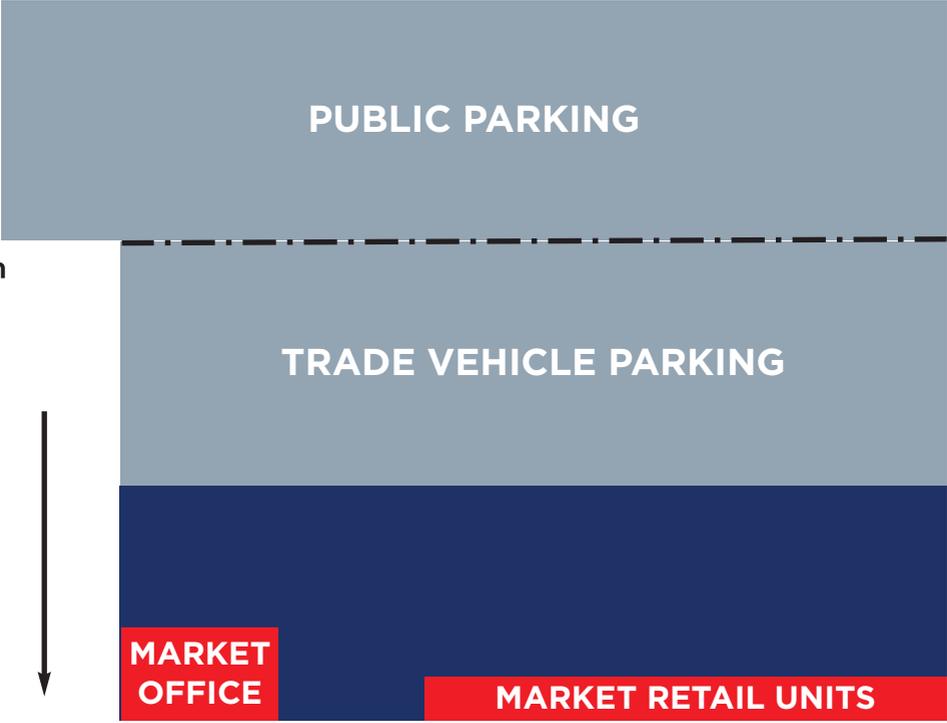
Seminars will start at 10 am and run
until 3.30 pm in the Banqueting Suite.
Full details on page 6-7.

STOCK JUDGING COMPETITION

Competitors please book in with the
Event Office upon arrival. Competition
will start at 10.30.

Vehicle entrance
Nottingham

Entrance from
Main Road



Public Entrance





Phil Stocker, CEO National Sheep Association will open the conference at 10.20 with a short welcome and introduction.

First speaker will start at 10.30 am in the warm and comfortable Banqueting Suite in the Market.

The focus of these talks is practical and helpful information to make your sheep flocks more profitable. Don't miss out on hearing these top speakers. There will be ample time for you to ask questions.

**10.30 Kate Hovers, BVSc CertSHP MRCVS
Reducing Lameness in Flocks**

Kate will outline the 5 point plan as developed by MSD Animal Health to dramatically reduce lameness in flocks.

**11.00 Charles Sercombe - NFU Livestock Chairman
and local sheep farmer
Future thoughts on the Sheep Sector**

Charles will give his views on the future of the sector following the Government's information on the likely direction for funding.

**11.30 Robert Spink - Sheep Farmer
Sheep Farming in an Arable Rotation**

Robert was an NSA Young Ambassador. He runs his own sheep flock and also is shepherd on a large arable farm in Suffolk. Robert will outline the challenges and opportunities with the integration of sheep on arable farms.



**12 noon Phil Stocker – CEO National Sheep Association
Improving the welfare and longevity of rams in commercial sheep flocks.**

Phil will report on the findings of the Animal Welfare Foundation-funded project on ram welfare and longevity. The project team worked with NSA to gather feedback from a range of commercial sheep farmers. He will discuss the recommendations for ram breeders and buyers to ensure rams have a long and productive working life.

**12.30 Charlie Thompson, BVMedSci BVM BVS MRCVS,
Zoetis Veterinary Consultant
Controlling Worms in Sheep – the ‘Spring Rise’**

Charlie will give visitors an insight into the problems that occur with the spring rise of parasites around lambing time and how best to tackle this.

**1.00 Liz Genever, Senior Beef & Lamb Scientist at
AHDB
Managing Young Ewes at Lambing**

Looking after young ewes in your flock can cut down culling and losses and improve production. Liz will expand on this and also introduce visitors to the exciting and new Challenge Sheep Project.

**1.30 Howard Gilbert, Volac
Successful rearing of surplus lambs**

Howard will report of a study carried out at IBERS Aberystwyth University looking into the most successful way to rear surplus lambs and the margins that can be achieved.

**2.00 Melton Mowbray Market
Sheep trade and the live market**

2.30 Presentation of prizes for Stock Judging



Timetable of Events

10.00 am

Event Opens to the Public.
Trade and Breed Society Stand Judging commences.

10.20 am

Official opening and welcome by Phil Stocker, CEO National Sheep in the Conference Area.

10.30 am

First seminar session begins.

12.45 pm

Presentations to Breed Society and Trade Stand winners.

2.00 am

Final seminar session begins.

2.30 pm

Presentation of prizes for the Stock Judging Competition.

4.00 pm

Event closes.

In the Market

On Friday in Melton Market there will be the regular Farmers Market. There is a wide range of local produce stalls selling a delicious mixture of meat, fish, vegetables, bread, cakes and other prepared dishes. Of course Stilton Cheese - but much, much more as well.

Running All Day

Stock Judging Competition

Test your skills by judging pens of sheep and a short quiz.

4 Stock Rams

4 Breeding Ewes

4 Prime Lambs

Free to enter and prizes of :-

£25

£20

£15

£10

AHDB Beef & Lamb

AHDB will be demonstrating the importance of body condition scoring (BCS) ewes as part of nutrition management and showing how selecting lambs for slaughter at their optimum, pays returns.

Trade Stands

A full list of the many varied agricultural display stands is listed in this guide.



TRIM YOUR COSTS, NOT YOUR EWES' FEET

Many UK sheep producers are cutting the costs of flock lameness by implementing the Five-Point Lameness Reduction Plan, which includes an investment in vaccination alongside prompt treatment of any affected sheep, and other prudent management interventions.

This proven long term lameness reduction plan builds flock resilience to disease, reduces the infection challenge on the farm and establishes immunity. The result is a significant reduction in the number of lame sheep on the farm and increased profitability.

Lameness costs you money by causing health and welfare problems. Firstly, in ewes, lameness leads to reduced grazing and sub optimal nutrition, which can cause twin lamb disease, reduced fertility and poor milk production. In lambs, lameness delays finishing and even if they do finish, lame lambs are unfit to travel, which presents a significant challenge when trying to comply with UK animal welfare legislation.

ADAS has calculated the cost of lameness per affected ewe to be £89.80¹. This means that if the incidence in any given flock is 10%, the cost of lameness is £8.98 for every ewe in the flock. Another recent study has shown that flocks could save £3.86 per ewe per

year by stopping routine foot trimming and minimising foot bathing to control footrot – two management practices that have been associated with a higher prevalence of lameness².

Footrot is the main cause of lameness on UK sheep farms. Vaccination is an aid to preventing lameness in a flock by stimulating immunity to (and reducing lesions caused by) *Dichelobacter nodosus*, the bacteria causing footrot. Vaccination should be on a whole flock basis and timed to coincide with times of high disease risk on the farm.

Computer modeling has shown a cost benefit for whole flock vaccination if lameness incidence due to footrot is more than 2% of sheep affected³.

References:

1. *Economic impact of health and welfare issues in beef cattle and sheep in England. ADAS UK study (2013).*
2. *J R Winter and L E Green. Cost benefit analysis for ewes lame with footrot. The Veterinary Journal 220 (2017) 1-6.*
3. *University of Reading Footrot Cost Model*





BREED SOCIETY STANDS

Details of Exhibitors

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NSA Eastern Region Ram Sales

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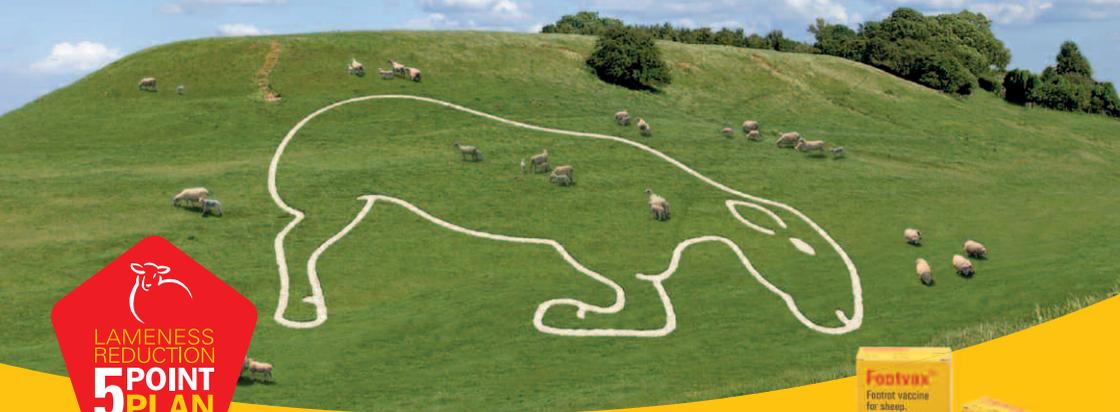
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STAMP OUT LAMENESS

FOLLOW THE FIVE POINT PLAN



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The Five Point Plan:

- **Cull** – to build flock resilience
- **Treat, Quarantine and Avoid** – to reduce the disease challenge, and
- **Vaccinate** – to establish immunity



Reference:
1. Farmers Weekly Magazine Sheep Lameness Survey 2012

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