



First Delivery Session – February 2015

Monday 16th February

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
10am-10.30am	Arrive and refreshments	
10.30am-10.50am	Welcome / NSA Next Generation introduction	Phil Stocker, NSA Joanne Briggs, NSA
10.50am-12noon	Ambassador introductions	
12-noon-12.30pm	Programme expectations – what NSA expects and what the Ambassadors expect	NSA and Eblex
12.30pm-1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15pm-2pm	Getting to know each other	
2pm - 2.45pm	Overview of the sheep sector	Chris Lloyd, Eblex
2.45 - 3pm	Tea/coffee break	
3pm-5pm	Genetics - Signet recording - Selecting and buying rams - Breeding your own replacements	Sam Boon, Signet
5pm-6pm	Designing the ideal sheep for the future	
6pm-7pm	Free time	
7pm-7.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks	
7.30pm onwards	Dinner followed by guest speaker	Samuel Wharry, NSA national chairman and share farmer from Northern Ireland

Tuesday 17th February

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8.15am-8.45am	Breakfast	
8.45-9am	Worm management survey	Katie Brian, Eblex
9am-10am	Body condition scoring and its importance in driving output in your flock	Nerys Wright, Eblex
10am-10.15am	Using the Eblex flock calendar to inform your flock management	Nerys and Katie
10.15-10.30am	Tea/coffee break	
10.30am-12.30pm	Vet's Corner – the importance of flock health planning, reducing lamb losses, biosecurity in a modern flock and sheep lameness	Anne Gibbs, MRCVS MacArthur, Barstow and Gibbs
12.30pm-1pm	Travel to farm Will Halford, Kempsey, Worcester	
1pm-4.30pm	Farm walk – lunch on arrival	Will Halford, Worcestershire farmer

	To include a look at Will's pre-lambing management and nutrition, flock health planning and lameness control	Lambs 1,800 North Country Mules and 1,200 home-bred Suffolk Mules, selling breeding stock and finished lambs
4.30pm-5pm	Travel back from farm	
5pm-5.30pm	Debrief from farm walk	NSA
5.30pm-7pm	Free time	
7pm onwards	Drinks, dinner and after-dinner entertainment	

Wednesday 18th February

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8.15am-8.45am	Breakfast	
8.45am-9.30pm	Travel to grass breeding farm Cropvale Farm, Smokey Lane, Cropthorne, Pershore, WR10 3NF	
9.30am-10.30am	Background to grass and forage management	Liz Genever, Eblex James Ingles, Barenbrug UK
10.30am-11.30am	Farm walk - soil assessment	Liz Genever, Eblex
11.30am-12.15pm	Background to grass breeding	James Ingles, Barenbrug UK
12.15pm-1pm	Lunch	
1pm-2.30pm	Farm walk - looking at plots	James Ingles, Barenbrug UK Liz Genever, Eblex
2.30pm-3pm	Debrief from first session and preparation for second session	NSA
3pm	Depart	



Second Delivery Session – May 2015

Wednesday 20th May

10am	Meet at Fernhill Farm, Cheddar Road, Compton Martin, Somerset, BS40 6LD. Tea and coffee available on arrival. www.fernhill-farm.co.uk	
10.30am	Catch up on what you have been up to since the last session / progress on your personal targets – facilitated by Phil Stocker and Joanne Briggs, NSA	
11am	Farming for Profit: Average farm costings date and discussion on ways to make enterprises more profitable – with Phil Stocker	With a break half way through
1.30pm	Lunch	
2.15pm	Farming for Profit: Taking your own costings information and identifying areas to focus on – with Phil Stocker	With a break half way through
4.30pm	Farm walk – with Andy and Jen Wear, taking in the sheep flock at Fernhill Farm and its other work offering farm and craft therapies and serving as an eco-venue for weddings and celebrations, events, festivals, meetings and workshops.	
6pm	Free time	
7pm	Dinner around the fire pit, followed by a discussion on production systems – with local sheep farmer Tim White. Tim has built up a thriving sheep business with no family farm behind him, running Exlana sheep on rented ground over a 100-mile radius. He will talk about the good and bad decisions he has made along the way, how he judges success and failure, farm costings and plans for the future.	

Thursday 21st May

9.15am	The plan for the remaining three delivery sessions + blog deadlines – with Joanne	
9.30am	Getting the most from your farm accounts: managing the figures, VAT and tax liabilities – with Mark Seager, Old Mill Accountancy Group	
11am	Coffee break	
11.30am	Getting your hands on land! Securing grazing lets, negotiating FBTs, setting up share farming agreements and succession planning on owned units – with Kate Russell, The Central Association of Agricultural Valuers	
1pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Managing parasite burdens in sheep without encouraging anthelmintic resistance development – with Lesley Stubbings, independent consultant / SCOPS advisor	
3.30pm	Finish	



Third Delivery Session – July 2015

Monday 27th July

10am	Meet at Kingsway Vets, Skipton Auction Mart, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1UD. Tea and coffee available on arrival.
10.30am	Personal development session with Wyn Owen, Organisational Development Consultant. Wyn is from a farming background in Wales but now provides personal development training for (mainly) rural businesses. He will aim to help you develop your skills in time management, conflict resolution, delegation and negotiation, among other things.
1.30pm	Walk to Skipton Mart for lunch in the canteen – please bring cash.
2.30pm	Afternoon session with Wyn Owen.
4pm	Travel to Campanile Hotel, Bradford, 6 Roydsdale Way, Euroway Estate, Bradford, BD4 6SA
7pm	Meet for dinner at 7.30pm, by kind invitation of the British Wool Marketing Board. Dinner will be followed by our guest speaker John Geldard. John is a longstanding supporter of NSA and a previous national chairman. He started as a tenant farmer in the Lake District and built up a thriving family business as well as creating Plumgarths Farm Shop and a rural food hub providing local business and big retailers.

Tuesday 28th July, by kind invitation of British Wool Marketing Board

8am	Breakfast. Leave at 8.35am
9am	Arrive at Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ. Tea and coffee on arrival
9.10am	Introduction to BWMB and viewing of the sales auction
10.30am	Tour of the wool grading depot, including a look at fleece rolling and a discussion on wool types
12.45pm	Lunch and Q&A with Ian Hartley, BWMB Chief Executive
1.15pm	Presentation on BWMB's marketing work and the Campaign for Wool
1.45pm	Depart for Howarth Scouring
2pm	Tour of Haworth Scouring
3.15pm-3.30pm	Return to Wool House for session with Joanne and Phil, NSA, on Ambassador targets and to set the scene for our evening session on lamb supply and demand, marketing and price.
4.30pm	Depart Wool House for Campanile Hotel.
7pm	Meet for dinner at 7.30pm. Dinner will be followed by a round table discussion on the lamb market – not a depressing evening talking about the price (!) but a debate on opportunities for the future

Wednesday 29th July

7.30am	Breakfast. Leave at 8am
9am	Arrive at Roaming Roosters, Barrowford Road, Higham, Lancashire, BB12 9ER. Roaming Roosters is a growing business started by two brothers. They have a farm shop, bistro and online sales offering. Simon Mellin will talk about how the business started and grew, before his marketing manager explains how the business brands itself and adds value to all the lamb, beef, pork, chicken and other products they sell.
12 noon	Lunch at Roaming Roosters
1pm	Depart Roaming Roosters to travel to Pot Haw Farm, Moorber Lane, Coniston Cold, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 4ED
1.45pm	We will be met at Pot Haw by John Henderson and David Coates, who were trail blazers when they set up one of the first share farming arrangements in the UK in the 1980s. John is a huge advocate of the share farming concept and will share his views on how it could work more often in the UK, while David will show us around his 600-ewe flock and 90 suckler cows.
3.45pm	Finish and depart



Fourth Delivery Session – September 2016

Tuesday 15th September

9.30am	Meet at Two Sisters, Penygarnddu Industrial Estate, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2TA
9.30am	Live-dead session, starting with grading live lambs in the lairage and following them through to the chiller cabinets.
1pm	Working lunch.
2pm	Factory tour and butchery demonstration.
4pm	Q&A session with representatives from the Two Sisters agricultural, processing, technical and commercial teams.
5.30pm	Travel from Two Sisters to our evening accommodation:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male Ambassadors: Black Sheep Backpackers, 24 Station Rd, Abergavenny, NP7 5HS. <u>Please bring your own towels</u> • Female Ambassadors: Swan Inn, 33 Cross Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5ER.
6pm	Free time
7.30pm	Meet for tea at the Swan Inn, 33 Cross Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5ER. We will eat at 8pm and then be treated to two after dinner speakers – Lyndon Edwards is an enthusiastic NSA member and also the NFU Cymru Livestock Board Chairman. He will talk about his work on and off the farm – Also Mick Wright, a former share farmer on the Glanusk Estate and now running his own large flock.

Wednesday 16th September

7am	Breakfast. Leave at 7.30am
8am	Arrive at Monmouthshire Livestock Centre, Croesbychan, Bryngwyn, Raglan, NP15 2BH, a new auction market site opened in December 2013.
8am	Introduction to the market with auctioneer Lyndon Trumper.
9am	Site tour and watch the sale of finished lambs, store and cull ewes, cows and calves, feeding bulls, store cattle, barren cows, calves and stirks.
12 noon	Lunch in the mart canteen, with one of the market directors.
12.30pm	Travel towards Garway, Herefordshire, to meet Richard Sparey of Lodge Farm. We are going to park in the local pub and then split between a number of 4x4s so we can go around his more extensive land.
1pm	Farm tour with Richard, who runs a mainly sheep enterprise with an emphasis on getting the most out of grassland and alternative crops. He will share his views on how nutrition and genetics (he works closely with Innovis) has allowed him to make a significant improvement in output per hectare.
3pm	Depart.



Fifth Delivery Session – October 2016

Tuesday 27th October

10.30am	Meet at Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH.
10.45am	Media training session with Vickie Robinson, Farmers Guardian Head of Technical Content. This session will cover how to harness online activity and social media to promote individual farm businesses and the UK farming industry as a whole.
12.45pm	Lunch.
1.30pm	Media training session with Joanne Briggs, NSA Communications Manager. This session will look at some of the issues NSA deals with and how we communicate these to the general public and press.
4pm	Planning for tomorrow at the NSA Next Generation and Innovation for Agriculture event.
4.30pm	Travel from Newton Rigg to evening accommodation - Wayfarers Hostel, 19 Brunswick Square, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7LR. <u>Please bring your own towels</u>
	Free time
7pm	Meet for tea at the Agricultural Hotel, Castlegate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA117JE, where we will be joined by Matt Bagley, NSA member and Head of Agriculture and National Centre of the Uplands at Newton Rigg College.

Wednesday 28th October

10am-3.45pm	NSA Next Generation and Innovation for Agriculture event at Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH – see separate itinerary on next page. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR BLUE TSHIRTS**
4pm	Travel to Caltech Crystalyx, Solway Mills, Silloth, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 4AJ.
5.15pm	Factory tour and BBQ / social evening with 2014 NSA Next Generation Ambassadors, by kind invitation of Caltech Crystalyx.

Thursday 29th October

9am	Meet at The Hired lad, Penrith Market Agricultural Hall, Penrith, CA11 0DN.
9.15am	For our final session we will be joined by the NSA Next Generation Ambassadors from 2014 for an interactive session looking at the year you've spent together as Ambassadors, what you've achieved and what your plans for the future are. This session will be with Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman and share farmer, plus Joanne Briggs and Hannah Park.
12.30pm	Lunch.
1.30pm	Depart.



Inspiring the Next Generation of Sheep Farmers

Wednesday 28th October 2015

Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0AH

- 10am Registration / Tea and coffee
- 10.30am *Welcome:* Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman and share farmer
- 10.50am *Guest speakers:* Nic and Paul Renison from Renwick, Cumbria, will talk about their experience as new entrants into sheep farming
- 11.30am *NSA Next Generation Ambassadors:* Joanne Briggs, NSA Communications Manager, will introduce the current Ambassadors and open the application window for the 2016 intake
- 11.50am *Work stations: Session 1**
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.10pm *Work stations: Session 2** [Five minutes change-over]
- 1.55pm *Work stations: Session 3** [Five minutes change-over]
- 2.40pm *Work stations: Session 4**
- 3.20pm *Closing comments*
- 3.40pm Finish and depart

* *Work station details on next page*

Optional extra: By kind permission of Caltech Crystalyx, there is the option of a follow-on session at their Solway Mills, Silloth, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 4AJ. This will be a lighter part of the day, providing an insight into the company's impressive UK-wide set-up and offering refreshments and a generous evening meal.
Arrive 5.15pm – Depart 7.30pm



Work Station Options

Which session?	What's the purpose?	Who's it led by?
Lamb selection	An interactive session showing how finishing and selecting lambs is appropriate for different market specifications.	Liz Ford, AHDB Beef & Lamb
Sheep handling	See the world through the sheep's eyes! Knowing how their vision is different to ours helps shepherds know what works well when handling sheep.	Miriam Parker, Livestock Wise
Supplementary feeding	Grass is the cheapest feed for sheep, but what do we do when it isn't enough to meet the nutritional demands for ewes and lambs?	Dr Cliff Lister, Caltech Crystalyx
Health planning	How to reduce losses and drive efficiencies by having a flock health plan that is specific to your sheep and allows you to be proactive about disease.	Amanda Carson, APHA, and Matt Colston, Elanco
Using EBVs	Understand how EBVs work, what their purpose is and how using them when buying in stock can benefit a flock's profitability.	Catherine Nakielny, The Ram Shop
Grassland management	Getting the most from grass is key to running a profitable sheep enterprise. Mr Harris will explain what he does on his farm and how it's benefitted him.	John Harris, local farmer
EID and legislation	Movement recording/reporting can be the trickiest thing about keeping sheep. Get to know the legalities, and how EID can also be a useful management tool.	Hilary O'Keife, Shearwell Data