



National Sheep Association

Sheep South West

Wednesday May 10th 2023

Peterhayes Farm, Yarcombe, Honiton, EX14 9LW



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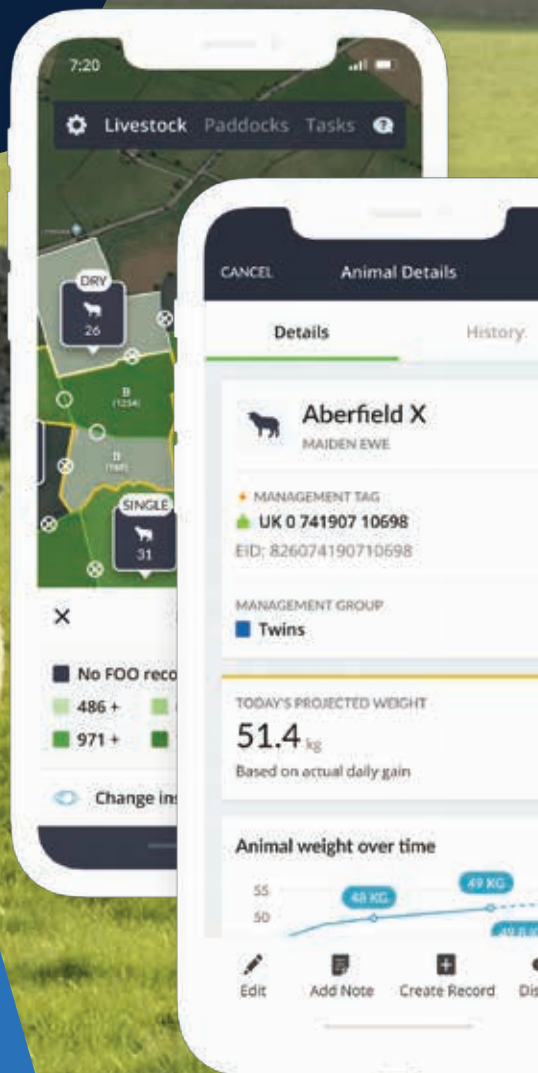
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It is with great pleasure I welcome you all to the 2023 NSA Sheep South West event.

Our very special thanks go to the Derryman family without whose help and cooperation this event could not take place. We look forward to seeing their top quality pedigree Hampshire Down, Suffolks and Romneys which they are renowned for breeding.



With a missed event in 2021 due to COVID it is brilliant to see the event back with a full complement of trade and breed society stands. You will be able to see the best sheep as well as all the important technologies that now support a modern sheep industry.

The highlight will be the opportunity to tour the farm, view the sheep and understand the approach the Derrymans take to producing quality pedigree stock.

Thank you to the organising committee whose hard work leading up to today make the event such a success.

Thank you for supporting the event, the money raised today goes towards running the NSA South West region for the next 2 years. It allows us to put on events, meetings and farm walks as well as putting people forward at a national level to represent your views.

On behalf of the NSA South West committee we hope you have an enjoyable and educational day.

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Host Farm Sheep South West 2023

Peterhayes Farm, Yarcombe, Honiton Henry & Hilary Derryman

FARM FACTS

- Peterhayes Farm is (320-acres) of stony clay loam 91m (300ft) above sea level
- Mount Pleasant Farm is 49ha (120-acres) of clay loam 198m (650ft) above sea level
- Further 35ha (86-acres) grass keep
- 90 Hampshire ewes lamb mid-December
- 100 Suffolk ewes lamb February
- 300 Romney ewes lamb March of which two thirds are bred pure
- 120 British Friesians calve year round at Peterhayes

TRADITION and technology work hand in hand at Peterhayes Farm, just outside Yarcombe in Devon.

The Derryman family has farmed here since 1916 when Henry's grandfather took on a Church Commission tenancy. The family then bought the farm in 1962. Despite significant changes in government agricultural policy since then, dairy and pedigree sheep are still core to this mixed farm.

Sales of breeding stock remain the priority. Repeat buyers for Hampshire Down, Suffolk and Romney females and rams are a clear indication five generations of Derrymans are still respected stockmen.

And the fact Henry, his sons Robert and

Peter and the latter's son Philip are all receptive to new technology ensures the Yarcombe flock prefix keeps a high profile both in the show and sale ring - as well as a constant stream of private buyers. "We don't do anything fancy here but always have in mind any enterprise must complement our type of farm," explains Peter.

The 90-strong Hampshire flock was established 53 years ago. The Yarcombe flock, one of the society's largest, has its focus firmly set on ram production. These ewes lamb mid-December allowing ewes and lambs to turn out onto emerging grass growth from the lambing shed. Lambs are creep fed from the go with those not fit for future breeding sales finished by Easter at 40kg lw.

Between 40 and 50 ewe lambs are kept for breeding. About 35 Hampshire rams are sold annually.

The Yarcombe flock has been a regular feature in interbreed lineups for years now. Henry and Hilary first showed a pair of ram lambs at Devon County in 1971. One of the family's greatest achievements was securing the Signet interbreed championship with a ram in 1987. Suffolks were introduced in 1983 when Peter, in particular, was looking for another breed. This 100-ewe flock is based three miles away at Mount Pleasant Farm where Peter lives with his wife Cathy.

Peter's brother Robert was keen to introduce a self-replicating commercial breed 17 years ago to utilize steeper rented ground. There are now 300 Romney ewes lambing in March. Two thirds are bred pure; the remainder to a

Suffolk or Hampshire.

The Derrymans have performance recorded since the scheme's inception. "Recording has helped the breed achieve commercial goals – especially leaner carcasses in the Hampshire Downs," explains Henry.

Peter agrees: "This management tool has been a great benefit to both us and our customers who buy into the steady genetic improvement achieved over the years. Progeny has consistently recorded indices in the top 10% for all traits.

"Even though performance results are an obvious sale tool we still have to enjoy looking at our stock every day so all sheep must be good on their legs, stand square and have good front and back ends,"

"There are, however, other traits you can't see: Cold weather tolerance makes all the difference some years. And as nearly a third of our Suffolk rams are sold into Mule flocks to breed female replacements, maternal traits are also very important," adds Peter who is, however, concerned about the increasing costs associated with performance recording.

A majority of the farm is down to permanent pasture. The farm, in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) on the Blackdown Hills is in mid-tier stewardship. Long-term grass leys are complimented by a 14ha (35-acre) spring barley rotation, into which an increasing number of herbal leys have been introduced.

"The chicory in them was a godsend last summer and these herbal leys do seem to have anthelmintic properties," says Philip

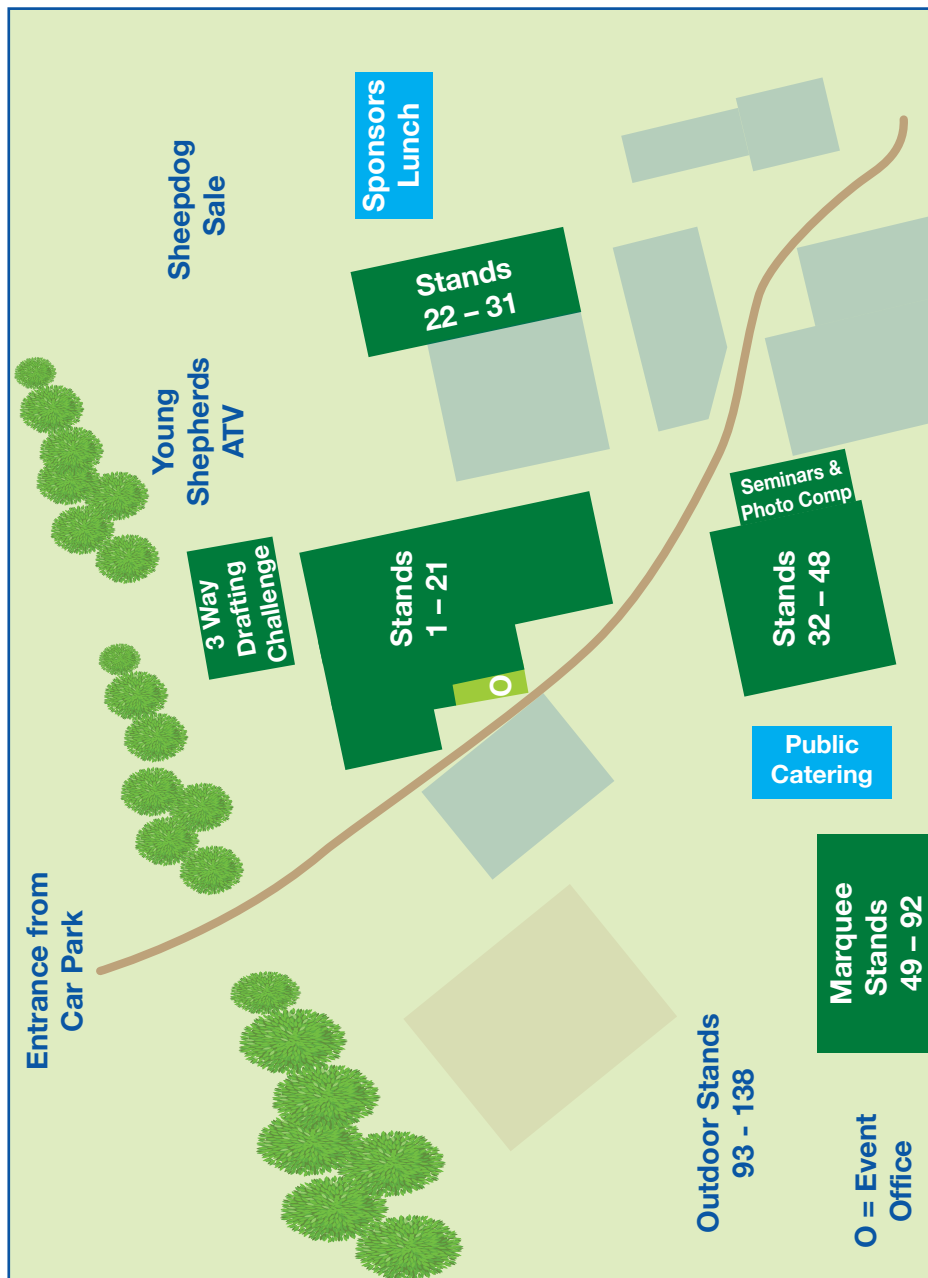


who also direct drills kale for the 80-odd shearling rams running across the farm overwinter. This green crop is drilled into the spring barley stubble.

Five years ago Philip invested (with the help of a grant) in Shearwell's electronic identification and management system. Each sheep is pre-populated with every lamb electronically consigned to its mother at birth when double tagged pre-turnout.

"The system saves so much stress and time. Group wormings, vaccinations and weighings are recorded as well as all movements using the hand-held reader. It is a godsend when we are selling rams off-farm as there is no need for all those individual movement licences," explains Philip.

"I think the sheep industry is doing a good job: We just need to get better at promoting it," says Peter. "Phil Stocker, the National Sheep Association's chief executive is very good at fighting our corner in Whitehall. But I don't understand why wool – which is such a fantastic product – isn't worth more. Something has got to click on that front somewhere soon as it is such a wasted opportunity."





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- 09.00** **Event Opens to the Public**
Trade and Breed Society Stand Judging commences
- 10.00** **NSA Next Generation Young Shepherd competition starts. Open sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers and Students by Kivells**
- 10.00** **Judging of Photography Competition starts. Seminar building.**
- 10.00** **Fleece competition judging. Sponsored by British Wool. Stand 1**
- 10.45** **Welcome to NSA Sheep South West with Phil Stocker NSA CEO and Peter Derryman representing the host farm – at the Presentation Area/ Office.**
- 11.15** **Seminar – Precision Grazing – more details on separate page**
- 12.00** **Seminar - Innovis**
- 12.30** **Presentation to fleece competition winners at Stand 1 – British Wool**
- 12.40** **Presentation to Photography competition winners at the photograph competition area**
- 12.45** **Seminar - NSA**
- 13.30** **Seminar - Defra**
- 14.15** **Seminar – Innovis**
- 15.00** **Presentation to Open and Student Young Shepherds. Sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers and Kivells. At the Sheepdog sale area.**
- 15.00** **Sale of Sheepdogs. Auctioneer Russell Steer – Kivells.**
- 17.00** **Event closes.**

**Farm Tours will run throughout the day
tickets can be reserved at the Event Office, so saving valuable time.**

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Thanks

The NSA Sheep South West organiser would like to thank the following for their support:

The Derryman family for hosting the event.

The Major, Main, National and Regional Sponsors and Seminar and Event Supporters.

Judges of the Trade and Breed Society Stand competitions.

Rebecca Jordan for Press Releases.

Launceston Print for producing the event programme and their patience during its production.

Everyone who has supported the region by supplying advertisements for the programme. Please mention you saw their advertisement.

The NSA Sheep South West organising committee for all their hard work, supported by the NSA South West Region committee and anyone else who has helped in any way.

Event Caterers are:

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General Information

Event open 09.00 – 5.00pm

Admission:

NSA members **FREE** (on production of current card, only 1 reduced rate admission per card) Join in advance to take advantage of this.

Non members £15 inc. VAT

Students/YFC members £7.50 inc. VAT on production of current card

Children under 16 free

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NEW THIS YEAR

Competition featuring Mobile yard assembly and take down for teams of 2. This competition will be running throughout the day.

3 Way Drafting Challenge – This has been introduced at the request of Philip Derryman – this was part of the World Young Shepherd finals in New Zealand in 2011 when Philip Derryman was part of the England team that won and Philip was second – a tremendous achievement.

AHDB. As usual AHDB will have a very busy stand designed to help producers with various aspects of their business. Again EBV's will feature on the stand

with a new 'top trumps' style slant on them!

Breed Societies. The usual Breed Societies are again out in force but this year they are joined by some exhibiting here for the first time.

British Wool will be on hand to help to explain the current wool market situation and give useful hints on wool management and how to make the most of your wool clip. Also hear about the courses that are available through British Wool Training.

Demonstrations. Major sponsors Shearwell Data Ltd are running a series of demonstrations on their stand during the course of the day giving producers



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the chance to get an idea of how EID can help to run a more efficient and profitable business.

Blackdown Hill Hedge Association while primarily hedgelayers will be demonstrating hurdle making using hazel.

Farm Tour. The farm tour will give an insight into the issues that affect management policy and the decisions taken by the multi-generational Derryman family to further their business.

Fleece Competitions. Sponsored by British Wool. A full range of classes are being held.

Lamb Selection Competition. Sponsored by Innovis. This free to enter competition will give everyone the chance to test their skills on the AHDB stand.

NSA Next Generation Shepherd. Sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers. This competition is open to young people up to the age of 26 on the day of the event, who have to compete in a range of sheep related tasks. There is a £1,000 prize fund with £350 to the winner and £100 to the highest placed under 21. The winner (age permitting) will be invited to represent the South West region of NSA at the NSA Sheep 2024 event at Malvern in 2024.

Rural Crime. Devon and Cornwall Police will be on hand with ideas as to how you can protect your assets and

also an update on what they are doing to combat crime in the countryside.

NSA Student Next Generation competition. Sponsored by Kivells. This competition is for students at Agricultural colleges. It will follow the same format as the Open competition.

Sheepdog Sale. If you want to buy or sell a dog, this is your opportunity. The sale is becoming recognized as one where quality dogs can be bought. Russell Steer is the auctioneer and for entry forms/catalogues contact Kivells – tel: 01392 251261 or email livestock@kivells.com

Trade Stands. In excess of 130 trade exhibitors will be displaying agricultural related goods and services. No matter what your requirements there is a stand that can help you, whether it is new technology or an old favourite, there is something of interest for every sector.

Seminars. A range of seminars

Entry forms for the competitions can be downloaded from the website:

www.sheepsouthwest.org.uk or from Sue Martyn – 01409 271385
Email: suem@nationalsheep.org.uk

NSA Next Generation forms on the website or from

ian@nationalsheep.org.uk

11.15 **Precision Grazing**

In this session James Daniel, Founder and Director of Precision Grazing will ask “what is the optimum number of sheep?” and explore what factors are really driving profitability on the farm. James and his team work with livestock farmers across the country to help them reduce costs and increase profit whilst increasing biodiversity and achieving a healthy work/life balance. James was the Farmers Weekly Livestock Farmer of the Year 2022.

12.00 **Innovis – A New Way of Breeding Rams.**

Join Innovis's Dewi Jones as he discusses the role the breeding partners play in breeding rams for Innovis. Hear from South West breeding partners and a local customer as they discuss their partnership with Innovis and their experience of producing/buying Innovis rams.

12.45 **NSA – Veterinary Health Attestations for export lambs.**

From December 2023 lambs destined for export to the EU will require documented evidence of health status, signed by the farm vet. It is understood that Red Tractor assured lambs already meet this requirement.

A panel of industry experts including export specialists from DEFRA and AHDB will explain and take questions on what is being proposed and steps non-assured producers should take to meet the new requirements.

13.30 **Defra – Animal Health and Welfare Pathway.**

An opportunity to engage with Martin Jenkins from the Defra Farming and Countryside Programme on the new Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. (AHWP).

14.15 **Innovis – As 12 noon.**



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It's good to be back! Following what feels like a long period of lockdown and disruption to face to face events like NSA Sheep South West it really does feel like we are returning to more normal times – although defining normal is getting increasingly difficult.

We started last year with our national event, NSA Sheep 2022 and here we are, a year later, with a full programme of our equally important regional sheep events taking place.

We know the success of NSA regional events is highly dependent on the host farm. There is nothing farmers like to do more than have a good look around someone else's system, particularly when there are interesting things going on, and farmers undoubtedly like to support others prepared to open their farm gates. I'm hoping that NSA Sheep South West will break some records for a number of reasons, firstly it's now been four years since its predecessor at Liz and Bryan Griffiths farm in North Devon, and people will, I hope, be keen to get back together again. Secondly I know Event Organiser Sue Martyn and her committee have worked hard to pull together a full and informative day with a strong trade presence, plenty of practical activities, and an interesting and topical seminar programme. Thirdly and most importantly, this year's hosts, the Derryman family run a long established and highly respected multi generation farm renowned for producing high quality breeding sheep and terminal sires, and the family has incredibly put recent sadness behind them, with the loss of Henry's wife Hilary, to continue with their decision to host NSA Sheep South West this year, for which we are very thankful.

Our industry can never before have been through such change and pressure. Almost



every way you look we are being challenged to be more sustainable, to contribute to climate change solutions, and to help rebuild nature, whilst improving the quality of our natural resources of soil, water and air. And all of this alongside the more recently recognised importance of providing food security and balancing this with growing exports.

Add to this the complexity of transitioning from outgoing support schemes to new offerings, we are at a time of great confusion. We have an urgent pressure on us to improve our productivity so enterprises can stack up financially without support. For sheep farmers keeping our fixed costs down and focussing on reducing waste through better sheep health have to be key priorities, while also finding ways to tap into the new schemes and get reward for delivering public goods both in the South West upland and lowland regions. So, what better reason to spend a day with NSA and all the exhibitors and supporters of the event joining us here. NSA Sheep South West won't disappoint!



NSA is an organisation that represents the views and interests of sheep producers throughout the UK. We work tirelessly to represent sheep farmers and the wider industry, campaigning for a sustainable future for all.

NSA is also a trusted source of information for everyone working with sheep. The latest industry research, news and interesting stories are delivered direct to the farmer through NSA publications such as the bi-monthly Sheep Farmer magazine or straight into the farmers' inbox with a weekly email passing on relevant news and activity from NSA and the UK sheep sector to members each Friday.

With no Government or levy support, NSA relies on membership fees and donations from individuals, as well as sponsorship/support from partners who share our passion for sheep farming and want to support and underpin NSA's unique, dedicated work. Every membership counts, it strengthens NSA's mandate to speak on behalf of the industry and provides the Association with vital financial support.

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Shearwell Data is delighted to continue its sponsorship of the NSA Sheep South West event this year, which promises to be an informative and action packed event, kindly hosted by the Derrymen Family.

Putting on an event like this takes some considerable organising, so it is only right that we recognise the generosity of the Derrymen family and the hard work of Sue and her colleagues at NSA South

West in organising this event for sheep producers from around the region.

Shearwell Data is based in the Exmoor National Park. It is a livestock identification and software management business, dedicated to supplying UK livestock farmers with quality, reliable products including visual and RFID tags, RFID readers, software and Apps, handling, weighing and husbandry equipment.

We provide a complete system to help farmers manage and fully utilise the data they gather from their livestock. Having quick, reliable data at your fingertips is crucial for any livestock farming business and can assist in key farming decisions.

Shearwell Data is recognised around the world as an expert in EID technology and has been developing new EID devices, software and readers for the livestock industry since 1992. Fast, accurate identification of cattle and sheep helps

improve productivity and enhance record-keeping for both management and statutory purposes. It's vital for breeding and to improve livestock health and welfare. All products are trialed on our farms to ensure quality, reliability and ease of use for livestock farmers.

As a family, farmer owned business, Richard Webber, Director of Shearwell Data



knows the value and importance of using products that work: “As a farmer I know the importance of using reliable tags - I want to do the job once. I don’t want the hassle of having to replace tags- as livestock farmers we are all busy and we want to minimise the stress on our stock. That is why all our products are developed and trialled on our farms, to ensure their robustness, reliability and effectiveness.”

The Shearwell SET tag for sheep and goats, which can be used as either a visual or RFID tag, has become a market leader in the UK, with over 50% of the UK market share, because of its retention and reliability. We are proud of the products we design, develop and manufacture and the support that is provided by our Customer Service staff and our Reps and Support team that are located around the country. We aim to provide customers with the ability to talk to a person to place orders or answer a query, which includes Saturday mornings between 0900 and midday! Customers can also place orders using our website Shearwell.co.uk or via our social media platforms.

In the last couple of years we have brought a number of exciting new products to market including the Turbo Tagger and the ShearWeigh weigh head

and load bars. In the coming months we will be launching My Farmworks, an exciting and evolved version of FarmWorks.

This is also a good opportunity to remind livestock farmers that Shearwell Data has a significant number of products that are eligible for funding under the current Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF) 2023, including Auto drafters, panel readers, stock recorders, weigh heads and load bards and the Heatwave milk warmer. For more information please call the team or visit our website.

On behalf of the Shearwell Data business, we wish the NSA Sheep Event organisers and attendees a very successful and enjoyable event. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for sunshine to showcase the beautiful Devon countryside on 10th May 2023!



AHDB exists to support the reputation of your lamb in the domestic market and abroad.

Many commercial and pedigree producers have followed the Shape the Future vote last year, where levy payers were invited to tell us what work was most important and where you would like your money spent, AHDB sector councils launched five-year sector plans. Included in the Beef and Lamb plan, three areas of work were defined to protect, or further promote, the reputation of the sector.



Marketing

Marketing adds value to your business by generating new customers, balancing demand, minimising waste and maximising value. We reach millions of people every year to champion your beef and lamb as part of a healthy and sustainable diet, with the aim of ensuring more product is sold at home and overseas.

For more information visit ahdb.org.uk/WeEatBalanced

Exports

The more beef and lamb we can sell around the world, the better chance we have of supporting farmgate prices by getting the best value for the whole carcass.

Our aim is to increase market access and drive exports to underpin prices.

We will measure impact by sharing the number of markets open, the value and volume of trade, and the value that brings per head.

Insight and evidence

It is only possible to build on the reputation of beef and lamb if we demonstrate the excellent on-farm practices from across our industry.

The aim of this work is to provide farmers with independent insight and evidence on animal health and welfare, environment and market intelligence to maintain and improve on-farm practices.

Reputation

So, what do we mean by reputation? In consumers' eyes the hot topics are their own health, animal health and welfare, and the environment.

These will feature in our marketing, exports and insight and evidence work to protect, or further promote, the reputation of the sector.

We measure the impact of our reputation work by gathering data annually about the perception of consumers towards beef and lamb.

For more information, contact your South West representative Leah on 07979 943392 or Leah. Shanks@ahdb.org.uk or visit ahdb.org.uk/meet-the-team to find your regional representative.

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Signet Breeding Services

Signet Breeding Services, part of AHDB, is responsible for delivering the national genetic evaluations for sheep across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Signet's latest activity centres around the launch of new abattoir derived breeding values as part of the National Terminal Sire Evaluation and the creation of a new breeding index to highlight the most profitable rams.

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British Wool proud to be supporting the NSA

British Wool continues to support the NSA this year at events including the NSA Sheep South West.

As a true collective marketing organisation, everything we do is about adding value to your wool. Our system of collecting, grading and testing British wool adds value by providing a high quality, consistent product to customers.

We look forward to welcoming members on our stand at the event which will include a range of British wool products from our licensees on display.

More consumers and manufacturers than ever are hearing the positive messages of buying British wool products.

Over the past year we've seen an increased number of end brands as part of the British Wool Licensee Scheme, including clothing manufacturer Fred Perry, premium mattress manufacturer Harrison Spinks, bedding specialists the Woolroom as well as seeing the creation of a traceability scheme and widespread promotions during Wool Month.

Sustainability is becoming more important to consumers who are increasingly looking for products with strong environmental credentials as well as high quality and welfare attributes. We know that British wool ticks all those boxes. The growth of the licensing scheme and success of our online shop indicates that these key messages are reaching consumers.

Wool Month, a promotional initiative as part of the Campaign for Wool raised consumer awareness of the benefits and sustainability of wool products.

A series of events took place including the hosting of press briefings, the launching of new products and retail activity to spread the wool message to consumers. Two of British Wool's largest licensees Woolroom and Harris Tweed targeted the mainstream press and saw celebrity endorsement too.

British Wool also used Wool Month to launch its 'What on Earth are you wearing?' campaign.

The campaign highlighted the perils of fast fashion and how British wool garments can be one of the solutions to this highly publicised issue.

With a social media following of more than 100,000, alongside a range of new and ongoing projects, farmer-led British Wool has made great strides in generating more demand for this 'incredible natural resource'.

Finally, we wish you all a successful shearing season and the very best of luck to those of you who are competing at the shows.

We look forward to catching up you at the NSA event – please do call on our stand and find out more about the work British Wool is doing on behalf of the UK sheep industry.



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credibility to the benefits of Crystalyx and allows livestock farmers to put their trust in Crystalyx products.

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More proactive approach needed to tackle sheep wormer resistance

Survey data shows that only one in five sheep farmers are currently following SCOPS advice and incorporating a newer group 4 or 5 wormer active into their annual programme, raising industry wide concerns about the rate at which wormer resistance is continuing to develop.

Wormer resistance presents a significant threat to the UK sheep sector and the industry has been calling for urgent action to address the problem so that effective worm control options remain available in the future.

A crucial part of current recommendations is for all flocks to introduce a newer wormer active. While the majority of farmers surveyed – 87 percent – are taking some practical steps to slow down or prevent resistance to the older group 1, 2 or 3 wormers, only 19 percent of farmers surveyed have taken this important action.

The data indicates that this may be, in-part, due to farmers believing that they are unaffected by resistance, with 59 percent having not tested for wormer resistance and 54 percent not checking the efficacy of their wormer post-treatment.

Matt Colston, ruminant technical consultant at Elanco, explains that regardless of a farm's current resistance status, SCOPS advice is to use a newer group 4 or 5 wormer for lambs during the mid-late season, and as a quarantine dose for all incoming sheep.

"Overuse of any wormer group will increase the rate at which resistance develops to that group. Strategically introducing a group 4 wormer, before there is a visible problem, is therefore vital," he says.

"Updating your worm control plan to include the use of the group 4 wormer, Zolvix™, for

lambs in the latter part of the grazing season, will help slow the development of resistance to the older wormers, while clearing out any resistant worms that may be compromising lamb growth and performance.

"When used as a quarantine treatment, Zolvix will minimise the risk of resistant worms being brought onto the farm," explains Mr Colston.

The survey showed that for those already using Zolvix, half use it as quarantine treatment and 42 percent use it as a mid-late season break dose for lambs, when best practice would be for all farms to include it at both of these key points.

Waiting until there is an visible resistance issue to any wormer group leaves little room for manoeuvre when it comes to managing the worm challenge, and Mr Colston emphasises the importance for all sheep farmers of following the advice from SCOPS (www.scops.org.uk).

"The results suggest that a significant proportion of farmers are unknowingly feeding wormer resistance, and if we want healthy, productive sheep and profitable sheep farms in the future, this is something that we must work harder to change".

At this year's South West event, we welcome the NSA Zolvix Exchange partners to visit the Elanco stand to receive a welcome pack.

To find out more on preventing wormer resistance on farm, please visit:
www.farmanimalhealth.co.uk/sheep/sheep-worms/zolvix-wake-up.



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Fact file

- 450 acres shallow sandy soils
- 830 Highlander ewes
- 170 ewe lambs
- 60 suckler cows

Profit from sheep: introducing a high output, low-cost forage-based system with the Highlander

Adopting a relatively high output, low-cost forage-based sheep enterprise with the complementary Highlander is the way to go, says Exeter based Chris Berry. "I'm as confident as I can be that our system is proving to be sufficiently resilient and profitable going forward under the new support regime without relying on payments.

"In the last five or so years we've turned around what was a traditional high input sheep enterprise; we've reduced purchased concentrate by 95%, fertiliser by 55% and we've cut the fuel bill while increasing output of lamb and cattle from 240kg/ha to 280kg/ha," he explains.

"Despite the 2022 drought combined with the fact our farm is within one of the driest parishes in Devon, our Highlander ewes scanned 181% with just 2% empty. The flock has achieved a five-year rearing average of 160-165% lambs, a volume we're happy with for a March outdoor lambing system. Fertility is reflected in the entire flock lambing within 35 days. Ewes are maintaining themselves in BCS 3.0 to 3.5 throughout the season and averaging four to five crops. Add together the performance benefits and they're also contributing towards reduced emissions."

A portion of the Highlander flock is bred to the Focus Prime, a terminal sire from Innovis bred specifically for Kepak. "We introduce the rams in ratio of one to 80-100 ewes. Lambs reach 18-19kg target weight and grade R3L or better by an average 20 weeks."

Chris who farms in partnership with his parents, Michael and Michele says he experienced that



light bulb moment after spending time studying in New Zealand and witnessing successful low input systems.

"I returned home to lambing 650 ewes, they were a lot of work and I was aware labour would be a future issue. Around the same time, I heard about the New Zealand bred Highlander from Innovis; here were genetics that could work hard for us instead of us working hard to manage the sheep." In 2015 the Berrys agreed to a transitional change from split lambing to one March outdoor lambing group, grade up their traditional Mule and Lleyn cross flock to Highlanders and introduce a rotational grazing system.

"Nowadays I have help at lambing from one apprentice working a nine to five day. We check the flock three times daily and intervention is running at an acceptable 2-3%. Motherability is good, the ewes have well-formed udders and plenty of milk, they keep an eye out for their lambs, while the lambs have that essential vigour which makes them a lot less vulnerable to predators and inclement weather," he says adding: "We've established a solid platform going forward but there's always room for improvement, and for us that includes improving soil health."



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Increased feed costs are making many Farmers look at re-evaluating forage use in an effort to reduce input costs however the levels of trace elements in the forage may be perfectly adequate to maintain the livestock but may reduce the performance required and stop them reaching their genetic potential.

Especially as many flocks are already nutritionally stressed due to the drought in 2022 and the unusual Winter / wet Spring.

There are 92 naturally occurring elements found in soils, however only 27 of these are classified as essential for animals. Essential elements are required for maintenance and growth, reproduction and health, these are divided into 2 groups dependent on their concentration in the body, namely the Major or Macro elements and the Micro or Trace elements.

Trace Elements contribute to the oxygenation of blood, repair of cells and tissue, development of rumen microorganisms bone & muscle growth etc. and allow the animal to utilise protein, carbohydrate and fat, in fact after oxygen and water they are the 3rd most important item for life and provide the ruminant animal with energy for growth and

production, and it should be noted that many trace elements work closely with vitamins

Deficiencies in the UK are often not caused by a lack of a particular element, but are more likely caused by interactions with high levels of one element interacting and acting as an antagonist preventing the absorption or locking up of another mineral element. Heavy clay soils carry higher natural levels of elements while light sandy soils tend to be depleted.

Many farmers assume that treating the soil, crop, feeding buckets etc will solve all problems, sometimes it will! The difficulty arises when we start to understand that each animal and their individual requirements differ due to stage of growth, lactation, induced stress levels, for example

newborn lambs that are weak and unable to stand or fast growing heavier muscled breeds such as Texel, Beltex or Charolais lambs dying for no apparent reason may actually be a Selenium issue

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Our South West and national livestock boards, and our team of advisers, work to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and ensure a fair return on their produce, as well as promoting British beef and lamb – particularly through the South West PGI, which is used to promote the benefits of grass-fed livestock across the world.

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Visiting animals at an event is an enjoyable and educational experience for many visitors, particularly children. However such a visit can never be free from risks. Farm animals can sometimes carry infection that can be harmful especially to young children.

Here are some simple steps to keep you and your children safe from infection

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching animals or their pens.
- Wash and dry your hands before eating or drinking.
- Supervise children closely – make sure they don't put their hands in their mouths after touching animals.
- Do not eat or drink in the animal areas.
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