



THE BLUEFACED LEICESTER SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION



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To All Members

Enclosed are the Official Sales Entry Forms for the Association Sales.

All Sale Entry Forms must be returned to the Association Office by the stated Closing Dates.

If an entry fee is required these must be paid at the time of entry – if payment is not made your entry could be returned. No Late entries will be accepted. All Catalogues are prepared by the Association Office.

All Classes of entries can use the same type of form, but it is important to use only **ONE FORM PER CLASS OF SHEEP** – this will ensure your entries go in the correct section of the Sales Catalogue.

Please ensure you list your sheep in sale order and if you are using additional entry forms please number them in order.

If you are short of entry forms, more can be downloaded from the website or can be requested from the Office. Anyone wishing confirmation that sales entries have been received should send a stamped addressed envelope for acknowledgement or contact the Association Office. Entry forms may be scanned and emailed and these entries will be acknowledged by return email.

All lambs entered for the Association Sales must now be fully registered on to the Grassroots Database system prior to sale, so you must complete the entry form in full including UK Tag Information, Sire and Dam. For Shearlings and Older Sheep entry can be accepted with the Registration Number only, as long as the breeding history is complete on the database.

If you wish to sell Females there is an entry fee of £6.00 (inc. VAT) which is payable on all female entries at all Association Sales, if payment is not received at the time of entry, then your entry will be refused and returned. There is no entry fee for females in dispersal sales. There is no entry fee for rams.

Commission: There will be no Association Commission taken from Members Selling at Association Sales in 2024.

Catalogues: These will be sent out automatically to Vendors by the Auctioneers. The office will **not** hold a supply of Association catalogues and requests for catalogues should go to the relevant Auctioneers. Telephone Numbers are provided for this purpose.

Animal Husbandry / Health Status: To assist buyers again this year we are going to continue to include in Association Catalogues details of Animal Husbandry - these will be displayed under a letter coding system which will be displayed in the back of the sale catalogues - this information is supplied on a voluntary basis by the vendor. **If members wish to add any additional Comments regarding the Health Status of their Flock, or any information regarding MV status please add this on to your sale entry form.**

Substitutes:

One sheep per vendor per ten sheep or part thereof per section entered may be substituted.

Sheep not presented when entered for an Association Sale may be used as a substitute at another Association sale.

A pro-forma will be available on the day or can be downloaded from the website prior to the sale, which must be completed by the vendor and displayed on the relevant pen. Substitutes will be identified with a blue disc on a string hung around their neck – these will be supplied by the Association office. The Auctioneer and Chief Steward must be informed.

If you are substituting a ram or ewe lamb these too must be registered on the Grassroots Database prior to Sale time so please ensure your list of substitute lambs are registered.

Inspections:

The structure for inspections will remain the same as in 2023 and Inspections will take place at all Association Sales this year. The structure is to have one inspector in each pen working side by side with a third inspector outside the pens and if there is a sheep to be marked then the third inspector will be called in to the pen, if the inspector has a sheep he has a concern with then the third inspector will have the final say to determine if the sheep is to be red spotted or not. This structure will be used at Sales at Kelso, NSA Bult Wells, Hawes and Carlisle. At the remaining sales only one inspector will be present.

Any sheep, which are inspected and subsequently rejected, must be removed immediately from the Mart.

There is no appeal procedure.

Due to Health and Safety Guidelines, the Association has banned the use of dips and water sprays at the Auction Premises.

2024 SALE DETAILS

SALE	SALE DATE	CLASSES	ENTRIES CLOSE
KELSO Lawrie & Symington 01555 662281 or Hexham 01434 605444	Friday 13 th September	Rams only All Ages	**Lawrie & Symington – Wednesday 24 th July at 12 noon ** Hexham – Wednesday 24 th July at 12 noon ** Association Office – Tuesday 13 th August * see extra details inside*
CASTLE DOUGLAS 01556 502381	Wednesday 18 th September	All Classes	Friday 16 th August
BALLYMENA 02825 633470	Saturday 21 st September	All Classes	Wednesday 21 st August *see extra details*
RUTHIN 01824 702025	Saturday 21 st September	All Classes	Wednesday 21 st August
BUILTH WELLS Andrew Walton 07831 613432 or Jack Walton 07739 440457 Sion Eilir at Jones Peckover: 01745 583260 / 07852 252371	Monday 23 rd September	All Classes	** Auctioneers M Walton – Wednesday 7 th August at 12 noon Jones Peckover – Wednesday 7 th August at 12 noon ** Association Office – Thursday 22 nd August *see extra details*
TAVISTOCK 01822 610080	Tuesday 24 th September	All Classes	Thursday 22 nd August
HEXHAM 01434 605444	Wednesday 25 th September	All Classes	Thursday 22 nd August
WELSHPOOL 01938 553438	Thursday 26 th September	All Classes	Friday 23 rd August
HAWES 01969 667207	Thursday 3 rd October	All Classes	Thursday 29 th August
CARLISLE <i>Traditional & Crossing Type</i> 01228 406230	Friday 11 th October	All Classes & Recorded Lamb Class	Friday 6 th September
ARMOY 02820751237	Saturday 12 th October	All Classes	Tuesday 10 th September

KELSO

TWO official entry forms must be completed. One should be obtained from Border Union or the Auctioneer and returned to the Auctioneer of your choice by

**Wednesday 24th July at 12 Noon (Lawrie & Symington) &
Wednesday 24th July at 12 noon (Hexham & Northern Marts)**

AN ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM (ENCLOSED) MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED IN FULL TO THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE FOR THIS SALE BY TUESDAY 13th AUGUST.

PLEASE ENSURE THE SAME NUMBER OF SHEEP ARE ENTERED WITH THE AUCTIONEERS AND THE ASSOCIATION.
THE BORDER UNION WILL DRAW THE BALLOT, and Sheep will be Catalogued and Sold in that order.

BUILTH WELLS

The two Association Auctioneers are as undernoted and only entries to these Auctioneers will be catalogued in the Association catalogue.

Anyone entering with an auctioneer other than those listed below will be sold in a separate ring and entries will appear in the NSA catalogue only.

NSA entry forms can be obtained from the Auctioneers and must be returned to them by
M Walton - Wednesday 7th August at 12 noon – Jones Peckover - Wednesday 7th August at 12 noon

AN ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM (ENCLOSED) MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED IN FULL TO THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE FOR THIS SALE BY THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST.

PLEASE ENSURE THE SAME NUMBER OF SHEEP ARE ENTERED WITH THE AUCTIONEERS AND THE ASSOCIATION.

The Sale Ballot will be drawn by NSA and catalogued in that order

A maximum of 4 females may be entered for this sale; a maximum run of 20 sheep will be permitted per exhibitor.

OFFICIAL AUCTIONEERS

**Michael Walton - Contact Andrew Walton: 07831 613432 or Jack Walton 07739 440457
Jones Peckover: Contact Sion Eilir: 01745 583260 or 07852 252371**

General Information which applies to ALL Sales

Please pay particular note to the General Information and Conditions of Entry as these will be strictly adhered to.

- USE ONE ENTRY FORM PER CLASS.** The entry form must be returned by the closing date shown and no responsibility will be accepted by the Secretary for Entry Forms not received in the mail (proof of postage does not mean your entry has received its destination). If confirmation of acceptance is required please enclose a S.A.E. **NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED.** All lambs entered for the Association Sales must be fully registered on to the Grassroots Database system prior to sale so you must complete the entry form in full including UK Tag Information, Sire and Dam information. For Shearlings and Older Sheep entry can be accepted with the Registration Number only as long as the breeding history is complete on the database.
- All sales will be pre-balloted in public at the Auction Mart at 12 noon (approx) on the day following the closing date of each sale. Entries will then be catalogued in sale order.
- A proportionate number of sheep from 2023 will be taken from the beginning and the end of the entries forward in that year and placed in the middle of each section in 2024 (approx. 1 vendor per 100 sheep) e.g. 500 sheep entered in 2023 = first five and last five vendors forward placed in the middle in 2024.
- An entry fee of £6.00 (inc. Vat) is payable on all female entries at **ALL SALES**. If this is not included with the entry form, entries will be returned and the closing date may be missed. There is no entry fee for rams.
- There is no entry fee for females in Dispersal Sales. Ewe lambs in a dispersal sale will be subject to normal inspection procedures. All dispersals will be sold at the beginning of the females.
- The 2024 Upset Price for All Rams is £200. The Upset Price for Females is £150 – This applies to all sales except Northern Ireland Sales in Ballymena where the upset price is £300 for Rams & Females and Armoy the upset price is £200 for Rams & Females.
- All sheep must be penned at least 1 hour prior to start time of the sale. This includes females whose sale start later in the day. **OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE SOLD.**
- All sheep must be sold in catalogue order, with the exception of the Champion sheep which can be sold anywhere within the members run of sheep.
- Sheep can only be entered for one sale. Sheep not presented when entered may be used as a substitute at another sale.
- One sheep per vendor per ten sheep or part thereof per section entered may be substituted. The Substituted sheep is to be marked with a blue disc hung around its neck on a string – this will be supplied by the Association Office. Ear numbers will be checked prior to sheep entering the ring. Those which do not tally with the entry form will be rejected. If you are substituting a ram or ewe lamb these too must be registered on the Grassroots Database prior to Sale time so please ensure your list of substitute lambs are registered.
- Only catalogued sheep will be allowed in the market.
- All sheep are subject to inspection on sale day by Association Inspectors. Vendors or their representative should try to be present (but not in their pen) during these inspections. All sheep forward for pre-sale show classes will be inspected by the Association Inspectors prior to entering the Judging ring and must be identified by their catalogued lot number either hung on a string around the sheep's neck or marked on the sheep's face.
- Sheep which are rejected will have the Association Logo cut from the tag, head marked and must be removed immediately from the Auction Mart.
- Any sheep found by the inspectors to be cudspilling will retain its tag but will be removed from the auction.
- If a ram is found by the inspectors to be marginally incorrect in the testicles he will be given an identification mark of a red spot on the rump by the inspectors and the vendor must notify the Auctioneers and have the fault announced in the ring at the time of sale and warrant the ram a stock getter. If the vendor is not prepared to warrant the ram a stock getter, its tag will be cut out and it must be removed from the auction mart.
- Any shearling sheep considered to be marginal in the mouth but of good general conformation will be marked with a red spot on the shoulder and announced in the ring.
- Lambs - If the teeth on a lamb can be scraped it will be red spotted, Bad mouthed lambs will still be rejected.
- No shaving/clipping of hair in front of the eyes will be permitted and the sheep will be removed from the auction mart.
- Coloured wool - Coloured Wool must be declared by the Vendor at the time of sale, but Inspectors still have the right to reject sheep for coloured wool so extensive as to seem not true to breed type. If coloured wool is not declared and found by the purchaser before it leaves the market, the sheep can be returned on that day.
- Inspectors decision is final.
- Whilst all sheep are inspected by Association Officers, purchasers must satisfy themselves as to the correctness of any animal which will be their responsibility on the fall of the hammer.
- Ram Lambs not likely to be mature enough to be active at tupping time can be removed from the market.
- Anyone found to have "ground" the teeth of any animal will be severely dealt with.**
- Any Vendor selling a ram from which semen has already been stored must advise the Auctioneers and have it announced at the time of Sale.
- If a ram is proved incapable of and ineffective at natural service, and is to be returned by the purchaser to the vendor, notice must be given as soon as possible by the purchaser to the vendor and the ram must be returned to the vendor no later than 5th December in reasonable condition. The purchaser agrees that the right to reject the ram and return it under this clause will be lost if the purchaser has after purchase taken semen from the ram.
- Any female should be guaranteed free of lamb at time of sale unless otherwise stated. Any female animal to be returned should be returned by 5th January in reasonable condition. No claim should exceed the purchase price of the animal.
- Only rosettes awarded which apply to the sale you are attending will be allowed to be exhibited on vendors' pens prior to Sale. **ALL other rosettes will be not permitted to be displayed.**
- If members wish to add any additional Comments regarding the Health Status of their Flock, please add this on to your sale entry forms - please include Genotype results, MV status (either accredited or monitored through a scheme - if it's a private test then it can be given out at the time of sale).**
- Prior to Purchase it is the responsibility of the buyer to ensure that any Bluefaced Leicester they wish to breed pedigree stock from is fully registered with the Association.

Northern Ireland – Ballymena Sale

The Ballymena Sale is for Sheep that are ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT

The Sale Requires Sheep to be entered under these sale conditions:-

This means that all sheep entered for this sale must be Scrapie Monitored OR Geno typed 1

EU status – All sheep need to be of standard;

Ram Lambs & Females must be 30 days on holding prior to Sale – Either have isolation facilities.

Sheep sold at this sale are eligible for movement into GB and Northern and Southern Ireland

Please note - Any Buyer wishing to purchase a sheep to be exported to either GB or Southern Ireland there will be a charge for the cost of the production of an export certificate. (you can have multiple sheep listed on the same export certificate - it is not one certificate per sheep).

The cost per certificate will be £25 and this will be managed by the market at the point of payment.

The catalogue will be prepared by the Association. - No late entries will be accepted for the sale.

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR SELLING RAMS.

ENTRY FEE FOR FEMALES ONLY IS £6.00 (INCL VAT) PER SHEEP ENTERED.

Entries will not be processed until the correct fee is received – If no fee is received with your entry form then your form will be returned and your sheep will not be entered for Sale.

CARLISLE RAM SALE – FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 – CHANGE IN ARRANGMENTS FOR TRADITIONAL JUDGING

New for this year – The Judging for the Traditional Rams and Females will be held the night before the sale

Thursday 10th October 2024 at 5.30p.m

The Judging for the Crossing Type will remain the same on Friday morning at 7.30a.m

Change to Pedigree Registration Date 2022 & Onwards

At the Instruction of the Council the Following Changes have been made to the details for Pedigree Registration.

For Lambs born in the Current Year - Up to and on the 1st December 2024 the registration of lambs is free of charge.

Any sheep to be registered after the 1st December, 2024 there is a late registration charge of £15 per sheep, this fee is to be paid by the breeder and they have up to the 30th June 2025 to do this.

ALL TAGS FOR LAMBS BORN IN 2024 MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME SET ON THE TAG FORMS FROM 1ST MAY - 31ST MAY 2024 AT THE LOWER RATE AND FROM 1ST JUNE TO THE 30TH JUNE 2024 AT THE HIGHER RATE. NEW MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE TAGS IN THEIR FIRST YEAR AT THE LOWER RATE UP TO 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

HELME TROPHY

Three ram lambs by one sire sold to the highest average through Association Sales

GREENOP TROPHY

Six ram lambs by any sire sold to the highest average through Association Sales

J. R. BELL & SON TROPHY

The Traditional Sire of The Year Trophy

awarded to the vendor of three Traditional Type Ram Lambs by the same sire sold to the highest average through the Association Sales

CLAIMS FOR THESE TROPHIES SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SALES.

DISPERSALS

All Flocks advertising Dispersals will automatically lose their flock number and prefix following the sale.

No flock numbers or prefixes can be reinstated

PLEASE VISIT THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE www.blueleicester.co.uk FOR:-

Up To Date Sale Information, Sale Entry Forms, Substitute Forms

Details Of Sheep For Sale At Association Sales, Sale Catalogues, Sale Reports & Photographs And Much More ...