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## **Exeter Ram Sale**

Friday 8th August 2025



## **Kivells - Exeter Livestock Centre**

Matford Park Road, Martford Business Park, Exeter, EX2 8FD

Viewing from 11:30am Sale starts at 1:00pm

Performance recorded meat and maternal rams. Teasers available to order through Declan.

Grass bred for efficient, high quality commercial sheep production.













Producing ear tags for over 30 years

You can rely on us for







Contact your local rep: Hollie Govier (South West England) 07376 228 211

## 2025 SALE INFORMATION

### Online Bidding via MartEye

To use this service:

- Download the Marteye app on your smartphone or visit kivells.marteye.ie on a computer
- Click Sign Up & enter your full details.
- Once you have done this you need to click the Join button on the Kivells page.
- We then get a notification that you are trying to register.
- All potential purchasers

- MUST contact the office on: 01392 251261 in order to be approved.
- Once you are approved you are ready to bid during the sale.
- All registrations MUST be made by Wednesday 6th August
- If you do not make contact with us you may not be approved to bid.

To view the sale you DO NOT need to register.

To watch either download the Marteye app on your smartphone or visit **kivells.marteye.ie** on a computer

Registration is only required for people wanting to bid.

# If you are unable to visit the sale, contact your regional sales advisers who will help you get the rams you need.



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## WHAT DO ALL THE NUMBERS MEAN?

CARCASE Trait
EBVs tell you how well a
rams' lambs will grow and
grade.

INDEX combines the EBVs for important traits. The most important traits have the biggest influene on the Index.

EWE Trait
EBVs tell you how well
a rams' daughters will
perform.

	Car	case tra	aits	Ev	we traits		Sh	epherd	ling	INDEX	Grade
Ram	Growth	Musde depth		Lambing Percentage	Matern. ability		FEC	Lamb ease	Lamb vigour		
							moTop 38	6. ≈Top 10%	Top 25%		
	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0				49	
11978BF	1.3	0.9	-0.1	5	0.1	1.3				71	Elite
06 <del>77</del> 8HH	0.7	0.1	0.2	5	-0.3	0.0				56	Select
06322MG	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-8	-0.3	-1.2				28	

EBVs (estimated breeding values) for each trait, this is an estimate of the rams' genetic merit that will pass on to its lambs.

Positive values are above average

Negative values are below average.

#### More stars the better

The best of the best (top 25% and above) for lambing ease, lamb vigour, parasite resistance and longevity.

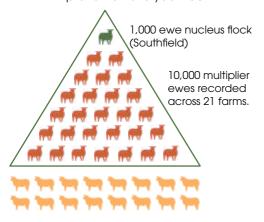
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## **DEVELOPED FOR** COMMERCIAL SHEEP **PRODUCERS**

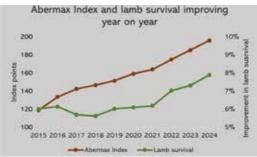
Our own systems are designed for commercial farmers, allowing consistent genetic progress in traits that deliver profit in customers' flocks.

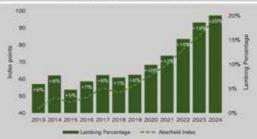
Large breeding flocks measuring 17,000+ lambs every year bringing tangible improvements to your flock.

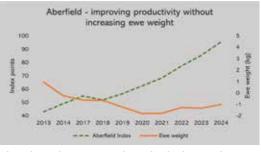


2,000+ rams sold per year

## GENETIC GAIN TRANSLATES TO REAL DIFFERENCES ON FARM







Each Innoivs sheep is evaluated using large, robust data sets recorded in flocks like yours...

190 166 individuals over 21 generations in pedigree





170 376 records of lambing ease, lamb vigour and

229 255 Lamb Weights



Sound decisions based on robust data

120 023 ultrasonic scanning records to assess the Carcase

96 304



5750 WORM counts



2725 whole body scans to assess Carcase and meat quality

lifetime ewe performance records



#### **ABERFIELD**

**Aberfield** is an improved alternative to traditional crossing sires. Producing efficient, profitable, replacement ewes and well conformed, fast growing wether lambs.



#### **ABERFIELD SR**

**Aberfield SR** incorporates Lleyn genetics to the Aberfield, creating a ram suited to breed replacements in closed flocks, keeping ewe size at an optimum whilst maintaining prolificacy.



### **HIGHLANDER**

100% New Zealand maternal genetics, bred in the UK.

Produces a productive and efficient ewe with a smaller mature weight - a low impact option for a regenerative system.

Highlander ewes scan up to 200% on a grass based system and rear their own body weight in lambs by weaning.



#### **ABERMAX**

Derived from the best Texel and Charollais genetics to produce a powerful meat ram. Bred for prime lamb production, the breeding programme focuses on lambing ease and lamb vigour, improved lamb growth and finished lamb conformation.



#### **ABERBLACK**

Bred from specific Suffolk lines with introgression of other important traits from Texel and Charollais.

The breeding programme is focused on rams that produce easy lambing, vigorous lambs that are very fast gowing, and well conformed from forage diets. Ideal for outdoor lambing systems.



#### **PRIMERA**

100% New Zealand meat genetics, bred in the UK.

Lambs are easy lambing, suited to a low labour, outdoor system. Lambs are fast growing and easy finished on grass and forage.

All rams are performance recorded and reared in commercial conditions, on grass and forage only.

Each animal is health screened for the main production limiting diseases and are certified with a negative Borders Disease PI status.



Find out more about the different breeds

## **PRICING**

Our prices have been set as follows for each sale.

We aim to select a variety of breeds and grades for each sale but some grades may not always be available.

If you have a specific breed and grade you'd like, contact your sales adviser.

Maternal Rams	Elite	Select	Commercial
Aberfield Aberfield SR Highlander	£950	£850	£750

Meat Rams	Elite	Select	Commercial
Abermax Aberblack Primera	£900	£800	£700
Teasers	£350		

## COMPARATIVE PRICING

The continued work we do to improve genetics and health as well as investment in research and development is reflected in our prices, Although higher than industry averages, below we have demonstrated the value our rams can bring your flock when longevity and mating capacity are taken into consideration.

We have an online mating cost calculator which calculates the cost of getting your ewes in lamb to an Innovis ram vs other industry rams - scan the QR code to try it....

It is important to note that rams' genetic potential has a huge impact on flock performance and is the real driver of profit, it's benefit is not estimated here.

	Sale Price	Ewes per Ram	Working Life (years)	Total lambs reared per ram (135%)	Cost/Lamb Produced	Total kg per ram (kg)	Cost per Kg Liveweight
Innovis Elite Ram Liveweight	£950	80	4	432	£2.19	18,144	5.2p/kg LWt
Industry Crossing Sire	£650	50	3	203	£3.20	8,526	7.6p/kg LWt
					£1.01 cheaper		2.4p cheaper

## ONLINE BIDDING NOW AVAILABLE

Simply Download the **MartEye App** from your phone App Store & Register.

Then press the **JOIN** button on the **Kivells Page** 

Your full details will be required for using online bidding and a trading reference **MUST** be provided prior to the sale day if you are not known to the Auctioneers. Applications made on the sale day for online bidding run the risk of not being approved. All buyers must ensure they have transport arranged prior to the Sale. All lots must be paid for prior to them leaving the Market.

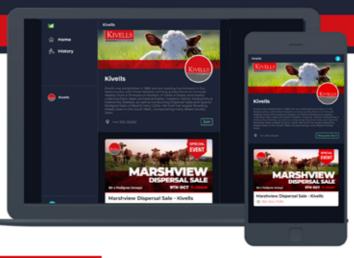
For full details on using this service please call Mark Davis or Hatty Tucker on 01392 251261





ALSO AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE:

kivells.marteye.ie







## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

#### **SELLING PROTOCOL**

All rams will be sold through the ring with the highest bid securing the purchase.

Bids will be recieved live around the ring.

Minimum prices are set for each breed and at each grade, shown on **page 7** of the catalogue.

The Innovis 'hat' option will not be available at this sale.

All rams purchased at the live sale must be paid for in full and moved on the day of purchase. Estates, Colleges or Businesses unable to accommodate this should notify our finance department in advance of the sale by email to **accounts@innovis.org.uk** or phone **01970 828236**.

Remote buyers will have 48 hours to contact the office to pay and arrange delivery/collection. Reasonable delivery charges may be incurred depending on milage and logistics.

Any queries over accounts must be addressed pre or post the event.

## The team at Innovis would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support on the day.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All rams are sold in accordance with the Innovis Terms and Conditions for supply of goods and services, available to view on our website at www.innovis.org.uk

Innovis will guarantee the performance of all rams sold at its official sales for the first mating season after purchase, provided that the owner can demonstrate that they have made reasonable efforts to ensure the health, welfare and security of the ram during that period.

Any issues post sale must be raised prior to 1st February 2026 and accompanied by appropriate evidence/supporting documentation in addition to a veterinary report where applicable. In the event that a ram is found to be defective, a replacement ram of equivalent genetic potential will be supplied. A credit note for the value of the ram may be issued against the buyers next purchase if the replacement is not available. No cash refunds are given.

ABER	ABERFIELD		CAR	CARCASE TRAITS	AITS		EWE TRAITS		\$	SHEPHERDING	()		
LOT	RAM	BORN	Growth	Muscle	Fat depth	Lambing %	Matern. ability	Ewe weight	Productive Life	Lambing ease	Lamb	INDEX	GRADE
									***Top 5%,	** Top 10%,	*Top 25%		
Bree	Breed Average	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0				75	
_	15055SL	Apr-24	1.4	0.3	0.3	12	0.5	2.6				107	ELITE
2	15061SL	Apr-24	1.3	-0.1	0.4	10	0.7	2.5				103	ELITE
က	15062SL	Apr-24	1.2	-Q.1	0.2	10	0.7	2.5				103	ELITE
4	00100LC	Mar-24	1.9	0.7	0.1	6	0.2	1.3				103	ELITE
5	00115LC	Apr-24	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	12	0.3	6'0-			*	102	ELITE
9	00277LC	Apr-24	1.2	0.5	0.1	6	0.2	1.5		*		102	ELITE
7	14383DL	Mar-24	2.5	1.1	0.3	4	0.3	1.2		*		66	ELITE
∞	15054SL	Apr-24	9:0	-0.6	0.2	12	0.5	2.5				66	ELITE
٥	00077LC	Mar-24	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	11	0.0	0.3		* *	* * *	86	ELITE
10	00153LC	Mar-24	2.0	-0.1	0.1	12	0.0	1.1				86	ELITE
11	00168LC	Mar-24	1.3	0.8	0.3	4	0.5	6.0				26	ELITE
12	00175LC	Mar-24	1.0-	0.0	0.0	8	-0.1	1.0-			*	76	ELITE
13	15048SL	Apr-24	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	8	0.5	8'0				66	ELITE
14	00059LC	Mar-24	2.7	0.7	0.3	-	9.0	-0.2		*		66	ELITE

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Q	Lamb vigour	*Top 25%											
SHEPHERDING	Lambing ease	, ** Top 10%, *Top 25%		*			*	*	*				
IS	Productive Life	***Top 5%,						*				**	
	Ewe weight		0.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	2.6	1.9	0.8	2'0-	0.1
EWE TRAITS	Matern. ability		0.0	-0.2	0.4	9.0	0.1	-0.2	2'0	1.0	0.4	6.0	-0.2
3	Lambing %		0	01	7	01	6	10	0	ΙΙ	8	l	11
AITS	Fat depth		0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
CARCASE TRAITS	Muscle depth		0.0	0.4	0.2	6.0-	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	-1.0	-0.7	0.3	-1.0
CAI	Growth		0.0	0.1	1.2	-1.5	0.4	-0.3	1.1	-0.2	-0.9	9.0-	-2.5
	BORN		(Innovis EBVs)	Mar-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24
BERFIELD	RAM		Breed Average	216E000	00047LC	15101SL	15085SL	00029LC	21/8100	14928SL	15051	TS960£1	15106SL
BER	LOT		Breed	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

ABE	ABERFIELD SR		CAR	CARCASE TRAITS	AITS	<b>.</b>	EWE TRAITS		SHEPHERDING	NDEX	CDADE
LOT	RAM	NSIOB	Growth	Muscle	Fat depth	Lambing %	Matern. ability	Ewe weight	Lamb vigour		1000
									***Top 5%, ** Top 10%, *Top 25%		
Bree	Breed Average	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0		75	
26	30390DN	Mar-24	1.8	6'0	-0.1	11	0.5	5.3		110	ELITE
27	30029DN	Feb-24	4.5	1.7	0.2	7	0.0	5.9		105	ЭШЭ
28	30417DN	Mar-24	2.7	1.4	9.0	2	0.3	5.1		86	ELITE
29	30259DN	Feb-24	0.5	9'0	-0.3	6	-0.1	4.5		66	ELITE
30	29976DN	Feb-24	2.8	1.4	0.4	4	0.0	2.2		64	ELITE
31	30441DN	Mar-24	3.5	1.4	0.1	-5	1.0	6.1		64	ELITE
32	30264DN	Feb-24	2.0	1.4	0.5	-ا	-0.1	4.1	*	98	SELECT
33	30496DN	WMar-24	3.6	-0.2	0.2	2	0.2	6.4	*	81	SELECT

	GRADE			ELTE	ELITE												
	NDEX		205	228	227	226	225	225	224	222	222	220	220	218	218	218	218
RDING	Lamb vigour	** Top 10%, 25%													*		
SHEPHERDING	FEC	***Top 5%, ** Top 10%, *Top 25%			*					*	*					*	* *
	Ewe weight		0.0	2.1	0.5	0.5	1.5	-1,4	-0.1	1.1	0.1	-1.0	0.3	9:0-	1.6	1.0	9.0
EWE TRAITS	Matern. ability		0.0	6:0	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.2	9.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0'0	0.1	0.4
	Lambing %		0	6	_	2	4	6	-2	-	0	4	-7	2	-2	9	ကု
AITS	Fat depth		0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
CARCASE TRAITS	Muscle depth		0.0	0.7	6.0	1.8	1.5	0.8	[-]	0.5	9.0	0.3	1.7	0.8	1.4	0.4	1.3
CAR	Growth		0.0	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.3	1.1	3.7	1.4	1.0	1.7	2.2	1.5	3.4	1.0	1.6
	BORN		(Innovis EBVs)	Apr-24													
HIGHLANDER	RAM		Breed Average	14892SL	14902SL	20076CF	20107CF	20127CF	20051CF	15334SL	15348SL	19944CF	15229SL	19885CF	19454CF	14893SL	15267SL
HGH	LOI		Breed	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47

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									***Top 5%, ** 25	** Top 10%, *Top 25%		
Breed	Breed Average	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0			205	
49	15217SL	Apr-24	1.1	1.1	0.2	-2	0.3	9.0	*		216	ELITE
90	19792CF	Apr-24	6.0	2.0	0.0	3	-0.3	2.0-			215	ELITE
51	19553CF	Apr-24	1.6	1.1	-0.1	1	-0.1	8'0		*	215	ELITE
52	19841CF	Apr-24	3.8	9'0-	0.2	2	0.2	6.0			215	ELITE
53	15316SL	Apr-24	0.4	0.2	-0.1	5	0.0	2.0	*		215	ELITE
54	15169SL	Apr-24	4.8	1.0	0.4	-4	0.1	2.7		*	214	ELITE
22	15205SL	Apr-24	2.9	1.2	0.0	9-	0.1	1.6		*	213	SELECT
99	14934SL	Apr-24	-1.0	1.0	-0.4	-2	0.2	0.4	*		213	SELECT
22	19960CF	Apr-24	2.4	0.4	0.1	-2	0.0	-0.1			212	SELECT
28	19952CF	Apr-24	2.7	0.0	0.4	-3	0.1	-0.7			207	SELECT

SUBINDEX         INDEX         Lambing Ease         GRADE           4         174         ****Top 25%         ELITE           6         232         ELITE           6         226         ELITE           6         226         ELITE           6         226         ELITE           6         226         ELITE           6         225         ELITE           7         221         *         ELITE           4         219         ELITE
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) i	INDEX		174	202	201	661	661	861	861	361	161	161	161	190	681	681	187	185	180	
LAMBING	SUBINDEX		4	9	6	10	14	9	4	7	8	5	4	2	8	1	10	9	-2	
	Fat depth		0.0	6.0	0.2	1.0	0'0	-0.2	0.4	0.4	6.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	2.0	-0.2	-0.1	0'0	
ULTRASOUND	Muscle depth		0.0	1.0	9'0	9'0	-0.5	-0.1	1.5	6'0	0.1	1.0	0.4	0'0	0.2	6'0	-0.2	0.3	-0,4	
ח	Growth		0.0	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.5	2.0	6.0	1.4	2.6	0.2	-0.2	1.2	6'0	2.6	0.4	0.1	2.1	
	BORN		(Innovis EBVs)	Mar-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Apr-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Mar-24	
<b>ABERMAX</b>	RAM		Breed Average	12523FW	00014LC	00792EF	00794EF	13695SF	10604BC	13991SF	00801EF	10601BC	10618BC	13775SF	30192DN	10730BC	00789EF	13642SF	13691SF	
<b>ABER</b>	LOT		Bree	77	78	6/	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	68	06	16	92	

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ABERBLACK		CA	CARCASE TRAITS	ITS	LAMBING	SHEPHERDING	RDING		
B	NSOS	Growth	Muscle depth	Fat depth	SUBINDEX	Lamb survival	Maternal index	INDEX INDEX	GRADE
						***Top 5%, **Top 10%, *Top 25%	op 10%, *Top %		
\our	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	3			102	
Ja	Jan-24	2.5	1.9	1.1	2	*	*	691	ELITE
Ma	Mar-24	0.4	0.8	0.1	5			130	ELITE
Jan-24	-24	0.0	0.8	0.4	0			120	SELECT
Jar	Jan-24	0.0	0.7	0.0	l		*	117	SELECT
Jar	Jan-24	1.9	9.0-	0.5	l			110	SELECT
Jar	Jan-24	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	L-			100	COMMERCIAL
Jar	Jan-24	-1.6	-0.3	-0.4	l			82	COMMERCIAL
Jar	Jan-24	0.1	-1.1	0.2	0			81	COMMERCIAL

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			5			INDEX	LAMBING	GRADE
LOT	RAM	BORN	Growth	Muscle depth	Fat depth		SUBINDEX	
							***Top 5%, **Top 10%, *Top 25%	
Br	Breed Average	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	207		
102	19542CF	Apr-24	3.1	1.7	0.3	274		ELITE
103	20050CF	Apr-24	2.1	1.7	0.3	265	*	ELITE
104	20015CF	Apr-24	1.1	2.2	0.2	264	*	ELITE
105	19821CF	Apr-24	1.4	1.5	0.1	254	*	ELITE
901	20058CF	Apr-24	2.7	1.0	0.1	254		ELITE
107	19851CF	Apr-24	3.3	0.4	1.0	1251		ELITE
108	20105CF	Apr-24	1.6	1.2	0.1	249		ELITE
109	19826CF	Apr-24	1.0	1.4	0.2	248	*	ELITE
110	19966CF	Apr-24	1.5	1.1	0'0	247		ELITE
111	20104CF	Apr-24	1.7	1.0	0.1	247		ELITE
112	19950CF	Apr-24	1.6	6'0	0.0	242		ELITE
113	19725CF	Apr-24	8'0	1.1	1.0	240	*	ELITE
114	19611CF	Apr-24	0'0	1.4	0'0	539	*	ELITE
115	19495CF	Apr-24	9'0	1.0	-0.1	236		ELITE
116	19756CF	Apr-24	0.0	1.1	0.0	233	*	ELITE
117	19407CF	Apr-24	0.8	0.8	0.1	233	*	ELITE
118	19556CF	Apr-24	1.8	0.3	9.0	233	*	ELITE
119	19496CF	Apr-24	1.0	0.7	-0.2	233		ELITE

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LOI	RAM	BORN	Growth	Muscle depth	Fat depth	INDEX	SUBINDEX	GRADE
							***Top 5%, **Top 10%, *Top 25%	
Bre	Breed Average	(Innovis EBVs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	207		
120	19852CF	Apr-24	8'0	0.7	-0.1	233	*	ELITE
121	19357CF	Mar-24	1.0	0.7	0.1	232		ELITE
122	19651CF	Mar-24	1.9	0.1	0.1	231	*	ELITE
123	20012CF	Apr-24	1.4	0.0	0.1	226	*	SELECT
124	19567CF	Apr-24	1.0	0.1	0.1	223	*	SELECT
125	19825CF	Apr-24	1.0	0.5	0.1	223	*	SELECT
126	19850CF	Apr-24	-0.2	0.5	0.0	219	*	SELECT
127	19395CF	Apr-24	6'0-	1.0	0.0	216		SELECT
128	19942CF	Apr-24	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	215		SELECT
129	19831CF	Apr-24	0.4	0.1	-0.1	215		SELECT
130	19961CF	Apr-24	6'0	-0.2	-0.2	214	*	SELECT
131	19940CF	Apr-24	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	214		SELECT
132	19832CF	Apr-24	6'0-	8.0	-0.1	214		SELECT
133	19696CF	Apr-24	-0.4	0.4	0.2	212		SELECT
134	19818CF	Apr-24	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	210		SELECT
135	19499CF	Apr-24	0'0	-0.2	-0.2	205		COMMERCIAL
136	19858CF	Apr-24	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	205	*	COMMERCIAL

## **OUR SALES**

Our first ram sale was held in 2011 at Aberystwyth.

2025 will be our 15th season of sales and since our original sale, we are now hosting 8 sales and a number of selection days throughout the UK as well as events for Pilgrim's and Kepak.

Our rams are bred by 23 breeding partner flocks located throughout the country and recording 10,000+ ewes. Each ram has gone through rigorous selection process before being deemed fit for sale and we regularly cull animals that do not achieve the high standard we and our clients expect.

The Innovis breeding programme remains one of the largest globally.

## **2025 SALES**

Okle Clifford Farm	Okle Clifford Farm, part of Hartpury University and College	14 August
Great from Grass	Fearn Farm, Tain, IV20 1TL & 'YourBid'	29 August
Lockerbie Mart	Harrison & Hetherington, Sydney Place, Lockerbie, DG11 2JA (location change due to BTV restrictions)	1 September
Coldrochie Farm	Redgorton, Perthshire, PH1 3EN	3 September
Aberystwyth 2	Peithyll, Aberystwyth, SY23 3HU	11 September
Old Hall Farm	Roughlee, Nelson, BB9 6NL	17 September







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## **BLUETONGUE**

The emerging risk of Bluetongue to UK flocks has been widely discussed in the farming press. The precise level of risk to any individual flock is difficult to estimate as many factors may influence the proportion of the flock that become infected.

We do know that the weather conditions are very likely to be a major factor, if the summer temperature and rainfall conditions favour the midge populations then we may see far larger numbers of flocks infected in 2025 than we saw last year. The proportion of infected animals in those flocks may also be significantly higher.

We do know that once a sheep is infected the disease is severe and very often fatal. As breeding rams are the most valuable animals in the flock and a big financial investment, **Innovis are vaccinating all breeding rams**, to provide maximum protection against BTV-3 before sale.

All rams will be sold with an accompanying health decleration document which details all vaccines the ram has received, including BTV-3. The BTV-3 vaccines currently available are anticipated to provide protection for approximately 1 year so buyers should consult their vet to discuss booster vaccinations next year as part of their annual health planning.

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## GENETIC UPGRADE VOUCHER

Here at Innovis we work hard to make sure we are constantly improving the genetics we offer to our customers so that our flock performance can continue to improve. For the rams we offer for sale this means that the average index and threshold to qualify as an Elite grade (Top 25%) gets higher each year.

Once again this year we are offering a Genetic Upgrade Voucher to customers who have a live Innovis ram **born on or before 2020**.

#### Terms & Conditions:

- Vouchers must be claimed **before 5pm on Thursday 7th August** to redeem your voucher at this sale.
- One voucher to be offered per live ram e.g., a customer who bought 3 x 2020 born rams can receive 3 x £50 vouchers.
- $\bullet$  Each voucher can only be used on one ram e.g., a customer receiveing 3 x £50 vouchers must purchase 3 new rams to be able to use all 3 vouchers.
- Each voucher must only be redeemed when buying an Elite or a Select grade ram.
- Voucher must be used in the same year as when it is received, it will expire at the end of the year.

#### Please note:

No vouchers can be issued on the day of the sale. If you have qualifying rams, please ensure that all vouchers have been redeemed prior to the date above.

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## BREEDING EWES FOR SALE

Innovis continue to offer the ability to list your crossbred females for sale on the Innovis website.

To advertise your ewes for sale on the Innovis website, we have 2 options:

## Package 1-£20:

- Listing to appear on the Innovis website
- Ewes advertised on all Innovis social media pages on a regular basis
- Innovis staff to contact individuals who may be interested in purchasing crossbred ewes.

### Package 2 - £30:

- All items listed above in package 1
- Additional advertising on the Innovis Sell My Livestock portal.

If you would like to list ewes for sale, follow these steps:

- 1. Visit our website scan the QR code
- 2. Choose the best package for you
- 3. Complete the following information:
  - Name/business name
  - Location
  - Contact number
  - Email address
  - Breed of animals
  - Quantity for sale
  - Price per head
  - Age of animals
  - Health status & vaccination
  - Attach any relevant images
- 4. Double check the information provided
- 5. Proceed to the checkout and complete payment. Once payment has been recieved the listing will go live as soon as possible.

For more information or for any help with a listing, get in touch with our head office on 01970 828236



## **Health Protocol**

Innovis understand that when selecting sheep for breeding, health is vitally important in order to protect the productivity of your flock. Therefore, we operate a unique programme to maximize health and biosecurity of our whole ram production system, from the source flocks, through to growing units and finally the rams for sale.

All breeding partner flocks are part of a health screening programme where ewes are blood sampled and some culled and screened for the major production limiting iceberg diseases through a partnership with 'Farm Post Mortems'. Further strategic screening is undertaken throughout the year and tailored flock health plans ensure that all ram lambs have had a similar start to life

The five main Iceberg diseases:

### Maedi Visna (MV)

Our breeding partner flocks are either MV accredited with PSGHS or monitored on a proportional testing programme in line with the MV accreditation scheme but operated by Innovis. Please contact our office if you specifically want MV accredited (PSGHS) stock. Innovis would implement a test and cull protocol across the whole flock if one of our breeding flocks tested positive for MV until two clear tests were achieved.

#### **Borders Disease**

In a ground-breaking initiative for our Sheep Industry, each ram has been bled and certified as Borders Disease (PI) Negative. Any PI positive

ram would be culled albeit that none have been identified since we started testing in 2017.

### Caseous lymphadenitis (CLA)

All our breeding flocks are monitored for CLA and any suspect abscesses on rams tested. Vaccination would be introduced if a flock were identified with CLA.

### Ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma (OPA)

As there is no robust validated test, we monitor condition score of ewes on a regular basis and post-mortem fallen stock or any ill-thrift animals where possible. We are actively involved in trying to develop a more robust approach to diagnosis and screening.

#### Johnes Disease

All retained ram lambs are vaccinated with 'Gudair' vaccine before five months of age, irrespective of the flock Johnes status, to safeguard their working life to customers. We also monitor for Johnes disease at multiplier flock level annually through faecal samples and post-mortem reports.

Ram lambs move on to grower units, selected for good biosecurity and management systems - each farm runs a grass and forage-based system and has a tailored health plan, meaning that each ram for sale is grown under similar conditions.

Finally, to ensure our rams are fit for purpose, each ram undergoes a pre-sale MOT to examine its suitability for breeding. This includes a clinical examination together with palpation and visual inspection of the external genitalia. Rams will leave our sales having had a quarantine drench of either 4-AD = Monepantel (Zolvix<sup>TM</sup>) or 5-SI = Derquantel / abamectin (Startect<sup>TM</sup>) in line



with SCOPS guidelines. The rams will have also received a trace element bolus and Pasteurella vaccination booster pre-sale.

Sheep Scab - rams will have either been screened for exposure to Scab (Psoroptes ovis antibody ELISA test) at a group level or treated with a 2% Moxidectin injection at 1mg moxidectin/kg bodyweight pre-sale.

For information on **Bluetongue**, see page 22.



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