



WELSH LAMB & BEEF PRODUCERS LTD

NEWSletter

SPRING 2020



WLBP Farm Records Events

During December 2019 and January 2020, WLBP conducted Farm Records events in conjunction with Lantra and Farming Connect.

We visited 18 different locations covering all of Wales. The events included an introduction to WLBP, an overview of the FAWL scheme and an in-depth demonstration of the Farm Records facility.

We had a great turnout at all locations and numbers ranged from 20–60 people at each location. The feedback received was very positive, with many members realising the benefit that Farm Records could offer their businesses.

It was also a great opportunity for members who are already using the system to give their feedback on the facility. From this, we will look at improving and updating the facility to suit the needs of our members, and to keep up to date with any future changes in legislation.

The members who attended were surprised by the capability of the system in maintaining statutory farm records, completing medicine books, health plans and your FAWL Management Record Book.

The phone app proved very popular, with many attendees commenting on how easy it is to input records while on farm.

If you are a FAWL member and would like more information on the WLBP Farm Records facility, please visit our website: <https://farmrecords.wlbp.co.uk> or contact the FAWL office on 01970 636688 to speak with our Farm Records Co-ordinators: Llŷr Lewis: 07741 549270 / LlyrL@wlbp.co.uk or Sion Ifans: sionifans@wlbp.co.uk



Organics and the EU Exit transition period

On 31 January the UK left the EU and entered into a transition period until the end of 2020. During this transition period, businesses will be able to trade with the EU on the same terms as they do now. There are no immediate changes and organics will continue to follow EU rules until the transition period ends including import/export rules and labelling requirements.

The rules for organic production will remain the same as now. The UK continues to operate under Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Commission Regulations (EC) Nos 889/2008 and 1235/2008 which also apply in the EU.

For further information about preparing your farming business for 1st January 2021, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-farming-sector-and-preparing-for-eu-exit>

SEED DEROGATION: For 2020 only the percentage of organic seed within grass and forage seed mixes has changed, due to a shortage of seed caused by the 2018 drought.

Derogation required prior to purchase	Derogation before inspection	No derogation required
Less than 50% organic grass and forage mixes	50%–99% organic grass and forage seed mixes	100% Organic Seed
Less than 70% organic arable silage and wholecrop mixes	70%–99% organic arable silage and forage seed mixes	
100 % non-organic seed		

Seed mixes to be sown during 2021 must contain a minimum of 70% organic seed, even if purchased in 2020.

Regulations on Oil Storage in Wales

Regulations to protect the environment and properties as a result of spills from oil storage containers will be extended to all tanks from 15 March 2020.

The regulations set standards for oil storage facilities which aim to prevent the escape of oil and the resulting risk of water pollution and damage to land and property. The principal requirement is for secondary containment to prevent any leaks from an oil storage facility escaping into the wider environment. These requirements apply to all new oil storage facilities from 15 March 2016. Existing oil storage facilities serving non-domestic properties will now need to be compliant from 15 March 2020. Domestic storage tanks in place before 15 March 2016 remain exempt until they are replaced.

Agricultural fuel oil storage facilities, which had been covered by the Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil Regulations (SSAFO) 2010, are now included within the new regulations. Storage systems which complied with the SSAFO standards are unlikely to need any changes. There is now a common standard applied to all oil storage in Wales. **However, the regulations remove an exemption for old agricultural fuel oil storage facilities which were in existence before 1991.**

The Welsh Government have published Guidance on the Regulations, which is available at: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/oil-storage-regulations.pdf>

Natural Resources Wales, as the regulator, have published a Frequently Asked Questions document, which is available at: <https://naturalresources.wales/media/681287/osr-wales-faq-rt-pc-final-draft-v2-01022017.pdf>

WELSH LAMB & BEEF PRODUCERS LTD				
SUMMARY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS year ended 31/03/2019				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C				
	2019	2019	2018	2018
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Turnover		1897		1258
Cost of Sales		1782		1144
Gross Profit		114		114
Administrative costs		-127		-121
Interest Receivable		2		0
Taxation		-3		1
Deficit for year		-14		-6
BALANCE SHEET				
FIXED ASSETS		90		97
Current Assets				
Debtors	960		612	
Bank	1717		1705	
	2677		2317	
Creditors	2064		1694	
Net Current Assets		613		623
Deferred Tax		-3		-6
NET ASSETS		700		714
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share Capital		2		2
Reserves		697		712
		699		714

Welsh Lamb & Beef Producers Ltd NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of members will be held at Marine Hotel, Marine Parade, Aberystwyth SY23 2DA on Thursday, 27th February 2020 at 2.30pm
Yours faithfully, WG Jones, Secretary

AGENDA

- 1.0 To receive minutes of the previous AGM
- 2.0 To receive a report from the chairman,
Mr David Bebb Evans
- 3.0 To receive and approve the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019*
- 4.0 To appoint directors – Messrs Ceiriog Jones & Hedd Pugh retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election**
- 5.0 To approve Whittingham Riddell as Reporting Accountants

* Copies of the annual accounts are available on the society's website (www.wlbp.co.uk) or for a hard copy, please contact the office on 01970 636688

** If you wish to make a nomination to the board, please forward the name and address of the member to:
WLBP Ltd, PO Box 8, Gorseland, North Road, Aberystwyth
by 25th February 2020 supported by the signatures of 6 other WLBP members.