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Welsh Mule Sheep Breeders Association Newsletter

For this year's sales,
ewe lambs must be
tagged with a yellow
electronic tag in the
left ear and a

BLUE

coloured tag in the
right ear

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REMINDER:

We would be grateful if members could ensure that they choose the correct sale entry form to complete when entering sheep for sale.

Yearlings and older ewes, please use the **WHITE** forms;

Ewe Lambs, you need to use the **BLUE** forms and

For Performance Mule Ewe Lambs, please use the Performance Ewe lamb column on the Ewe lambs sale entry form.

2022 SALE DATES: WELSHPOOL:

- Wednesday, 7th September (Ewes)
- Thursday, 8th September (Ewe Lambs)
- Thursday 6th October (Ewes & Ewe Lambs)

HEREFORD:

- Friday, 9th September (Ewes & Ewe Lambs)
- Tuesday, 11th October (Ewes & Ewe Lambs)

RUTHIN:

- Saturday, 10th September (Ewes & Ewe Lambs)

Vaccines Shortage

There are currently shortages of the vaccines such as Heptavac P Plus and Footvax. Manufacturer MSD Animal Health said stock disruption was being caused by "logistics and regulatory challenges in 2021 due to Brexit that reduced safety stocks".

If you are unable to get hold of Vaccines please Speak to your vet or suitably qualified person (SQP) as it will depend on what you need to cover. Any sheep that are kept and used for breeding in subsequent years will need a full primary course of Heptavac P Plus in pregnancy, if they have not already received one.

As part of conditions of sale entry you must clearly state what product used to vaccinate your sheep. If you have used other products as a result of the shortages then please state and declare this on the sale entry forms.

2022 Sale Draw:

The draw for the all the association's September 2022 sales will be conducted at:

6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at the offices of Welshpool Livestock Sales, Buttington, Welshpool,

prior to the meeting of the executive committee of the association

Ewe Lamb Competition:

Please submit your entries for the ewe lamb competitions to the association's auctioneers by 9.00am on the day of sale.

There will be two classes of competition as usual, one for white-faced ewe lambs, the other for coloured-faced ones. The champion will be selected from the winners of the two classes.

CLOSING DATES FOR RETURN OF SALE ENTRY FORMS:

September Sales

Monday, 25th July

October Sales

Monday, 12th Sept



NSA Sheep Event returns

NSA Sheep Event returns with the ideal show for UK sheep farmers.

The National Sheep Association's (NSA) flagship event, NSA Sheep 2022 will return to the Three Counties Showground, Worcestershire this July and will be firmly focussed on looking towards a positive future for the UK sheep industry.

Taking place for the first time since 2018 due to covid enforced cancellations, the biennial event, is firmly established as the leading technical sheep event in the UK. It provides visitors with the unique opportunity to view the latest innovations in the sector, hear from leading experts and influential figures, and browse the numerous sheep specific trade stands.

NSA is looking forward to welcoming visitors back to the event on Wednesday 27th July 2022. Phil Stocker, NSA Chief

Executive, comments: *"Having so greatly missed the chance to meet up with NSA members and the wider sheep sector at face-to-face events for the past two years all at NSA are excited to be bringing together plans for the event this summer."*

The event will once again offer visitors a varied range of seminars, demonstrations, workshops, competitions and more than 250 industry specific trade stands. The popular seminar line up will debate varied topical issues such as future market opportunities, sheep farming's social relevance and how the sheep farm's grasslands can be a salvation for carbon capture and nature recovery. Entry to the event is free for NSA members. Alternatively, advance tickets, priced at £16 each, are available to buy online from www.sheepevent.org.uk

As in previous years, NSA will also be running farm tours the day before the event on Tuesday 26th July 2022, which

will include visits to two forward thinking sheep farms. In addition, the popular NSA Sheep Event dinner will take place on the evening before the event celebrating the coming together of the nation's sheep farmers. Further details available at www.sheepevent.org.uk

The Welsh Mule Breeders Association will have a stand at this years event. Come to visit us at stand number 36.



Welsh Mules sales prices for last two years

Welshpool	2021		2020	
	Nos	Av Price	Nos	Av Price
September:				
Yearlings	5013	191.50	5097	167.01
Ewe lambs	8173	137.80	8373	116.42
October:				
Yearlings	237	184.67	280	158.38
Ewe lambs	6097	121.49	5747	96.49
Hereford				
September:				
Yearlings	2633	204.81	2841	173.43
Ewe lambs	7515	142.11	7274	115.71
October:				
Yearlings:	141	167.01	145	136.21
Ewe lambs	5257	120.37	4971	99.20
Ruthin				
Yearlings	2318	161.40	1575	113.45
Ewe lambs	2849	112.62	2567	73.08

YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE WELSH MULES

The association's Field Officer, Will Jones has many roles to play from promoting the Welsh Mules at shows and events to following up queries after sales. He is on hand to help both vendors and buyers and can be contacted on 07854 600667.

The association's official auctioneers can be contacted at:

For the Welshpool sale:

Welshpool Livestock Sales; Buttington Cross, Welshpool, SY21 8SR (01938) 553438

For the Hereford sale:

Builth Market Auctioneers; Market Office, The Smithfield, Builth Wells, LD2 3ED (Tel: 01982 553228)

For the Ruthin sale:

Vale of Clwyd Livestock Market; Plas Glastir, Ruthin LL15 1PB(01824) 702025
Jones Peckover; 1 The Roe, St Asaph, (01745) 583260



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