



DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP UK NEWSLETTER

News from the office...

On what should have been the Royal Highland Show week, I find myself writing the Summer Newsletter in the office, on a cool, blustery, non-Summer like morning. There appeared to be a ray of hope for all things normal to take place again, but after Boris's announcement this week, we're going to have to be a little more patient.

Since the February Newsletter there has been a plethora of sales, both live and online, where headline averages and clearance rates to envy all other breeds have been achieved. In particular, the sale at Carlisle on 22nd May saw a leading price of 7000gns for a pair of ET ewe lambs from Nick Brown-s Irthing Valley flock, based near Carlisle as well as many other flyers, which are included in the report further through this newsletter.

Out with the Carlisle Sale, DSSUK registered sheep have dominated all other sales as follows:

- McCartneys, Worcester £ 4,900gns for a ewe with a ram lamb at foot from the Beech Hay Flock.
- Beatties, Omagh (1st Sale) - £5,700 for a ewe with twin ewe lambs at foot from the Diamond Flock.
- Beatties, Omagh (2nd Sale) - £5,700 for a ewe lamb from the Artnagullion Flock.
- H&H Online Summer Stunners - £4,500 for a ewe lamb from the Diamond Flock.
- H&H Online Summer Sizzlers - £4,000 for a ewe lamb from the Beili Flock and £4,000 for an imported ewe hogg from the Topbank Flock.

The Society remains in discussions with the GB&Ireland Society regarding their joining our Society. Our Trustees have been putting a lot of time in behind the scenes with Zoom meetings to discuss how this can work positively for both Societies, and the membership will be informed as things progress.

The buzz words on the street at the moment are Dutch Spotted Sheep so please keep up the good work, continue your own promotions and help keep spreading the word to commercial farmers. If you take part in Facebook, please share our DSSUK posts, this form of communication is the simplest and most cost-effective method of reaching everyone, old and young.

Wishing you well for the summer, hope to see you at the sales... they'll be here before you know it!

Rachel Buckle

Secretary

Membership

The membership continues to rise,
and now stands at

326

so a warm welcome to everyone.

SALES

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INSPECTION RULES

Please read the sale and inspection rules carefully below before entering Society sales:

- All sheep will be subject to veterinary inspection before the sale, the decision of the inspector (s) will be final. Inspection shall include:
 - Teeth** – To be assessed whereby any incisor teeth that are felt beyond the front of the pad, as demonstrated by catching on fingers when running from the pad downwards will be rejected.
 - Testicles** – Should be of even size, move freely and be free of abnormalities. Ram lambs aimed scrotal circumference is 28cm. Shearling Rams aimed scrotal circumference is 33cm. All subject to the vet's discretion.
 - Udder** – Should be correct and free of abnormalities.
 - Mobility** – Sheep should be mobile and sound with no feet and/or leg structural issues.
- Any rejected sheep are NOT permitted to be sold through the ring.
- If any part of a combined Lot is rejected, i.e. ewe with lambs at foot, the whole Lot is rejected.
- Sheep rejected from the sale must be removed from the penning area and not further exhibited for sale.
- The Upset price is set at 200 guineas.
- Substitute entries must be notified no later than 7 days before the sale and certificates forwarded to the auctioneers.
- Substitutes are limited to 1 per vendor per class/section.
- Substitutes should be marked with a red dot clearly marked on the shoulder.
- Females which have been flushed, with or without, embryos being recovered before the sale must be declared in the catalogue and announced at the time of the sale. Failure to do so will result in the purchaser having the right to return the sheep – costs may occur.
- Any rams which have had semen taken off, must be declared in the catalogue and announced at the time of the sale.
- Pre-sale show – White coats to be worn.
- Pre-sale show – Vendors are limited to 2 entries per class/section.

QUALITY FROM START TO FINISH IN PRIME LAMB PRODUCTION

Premier Sale - Carlisle

Friday 27th August

Fully registered sheep only to be sold at this sale, both MV and Non MV.

Pre-Sale Show for MV Sheep only.

Graded females cannot be sold at this sale.

Please be aware that sheep entered for this sale must arrive at Carlisle the day before the sale. Inspection will take place on the docks between 12 midday and 4pm on the Thursday.

The pre-sale show is to take place at 5pm.

Online bidding facilities available.

Entry forms will be emailed to all members at the end of June. Closing date 23rd July 2021

Welshpool Sale

Wednesday 1st September

All classes including Graded sheep can be sold at this sale, both MV and Non MV.

Online bidding facilities available.

Entry form will be emailed to all members at the beginning of July.

Euro Sale Carlisle

Friday 3rd September

H&H have offered a section within their Euro Sale for both MV and Non MV Dutch Spotted Sheep. This is an ideal venue for graded females to be sold.

*****There will be a show for pens of 5 graded females*****

Entries to be received over the phone directly to H&H on 01228 406230 or email heatherp@borderway.com. Send in videos and images of your entries to H&H and they will be used to promote the sheep entered at this sale.

Beatties Northern Ireland

Friday 3rd September

This is the first official DSSUK sale to be held in Northern Ireland, for all classes of sheep including graded females.

For further information please contact your Northern Irish Trustee, Edward Adamson on 07711 071 290.

NSA Built Wells

Monday 20th September

H&H have agreed to run a ring for MV and Non MV males and females at this prestigious commercial ram sale.

To enter at this sale, you must be a member of the National Sheep Association, if you are not a member and would like to sell at this sale, please contact Jane Smith on 01291 673 939 or email jane@nsaramsales.co.uk. You can enter online at www.nationalsheep.org.uk/nsa-ram-sales/main-sales/online-entry-form/

Closing date for entries is 4th August 2021.



WEBSITE

The Stock For Sale page has now been removed from the website. This was originally included on the new website when sales during the first Covid lockdown were in doubt.

IMPORT

IMPORTING SHEEP

The Rules

Imported sheep can be registered at a fee of £80, up to any age.

From the 1st December 2019, if the sheep is not registered within two months, the fee doubles to £160.

Any females not kept by the importer for 18 months or males for 12 months will be subject to a further fee of £160.

The importer is the person whose name appears on the import licence.

A clear image of the tag and the overall appearance is required and must be submitted by either photo or preferably video.

REGISTRATIONS

Please prioritise getting your lamb registrations in. All entries for Society sales need to be fully registered at the point of entry and certificates must accompany the entry form.



SALE SUBSTITUTES

Important £ Substitutes must be notified to the auctioneers no later than 7 days before the sale, and certificates must be forwarded to the auctioneers before hand.

Substitutes should be identified with a red dot clearly marked on the shoulder.

Substitutes are limited to 1 per vendor per class/section at each sale

Lot 417 from Nick Brown, Irthing Valley sold for 7000gns to Henry Jewitt, Sunnybank Flock



BUMPER TRADE AT CARLISLE FOR THE BREED WHICH COMBINES CARCASE AND STYLE...

By Wayne Hutchinson

With a whole variety of sheep on offer at Harrison and Hetherington spring sale there was really only one show in town when it came to both interest and prices as the 71 strong offering of Dutch Spotted sheep from the Dutch Spotted Sheep UK society dominated the interest and consequently the prices, with breeders enjoying a bumper trade and buyers flocking to immerse themselves into the up and coming breed which combines carcase and style in a package which just makes people smile too... the perfect all round sheep it seems!

Topping the days exciting trade were a pair of twin lambs, sold with their recipient mother, from Carlisle based Nick Brown of the Irthing Valley flock. Nick is a veteran of the breed, starting his flock nearly 5 years since, loving them as they are so quiet and easy to work with, and now running a flock of 25 pure ewes. His stylish pair of gimmer lambs were by the 2800gns Westbroad B Explorer II, which has done well in his flock and also the Tip Top flock too. They were out of a ewe

imported from Holland, which has left a definite mark on the flock, and sold for 7000gns, selling to Henry Jewitt of the Sunnybank flock.

A May born gimmer shearling from Derek and Cindy Steen was next in the price list, selling Coxhill Dizzy for 5200gns. This smart sheep was out of Turbo Bont which they bought off Jan Rodenburg as one of their foundation females when they first got into the breed in 2018. It



Lot 423 from Derek Steen, Coxhill Flock sold for 5200gns to Wille Linton, Biggor



Lot 395 from Andrew Beattie & Lauren Kennedy, Carlouston Flock sold for 6000gns to Emma Allen, Diamond Flock

is by Irthing Valley Coco Pops which they bought privately from Nick Brown. Dizzy was bought by Willie Linton, Biggar as a new venture.

A pair of February born lambs from Andy Beattie and Lauren Kennedy caught the eye of Northern Irish breeders, Chris Johnston and Alan Short from the Johnstown and Diamond flocks. The top lamb of the pair, Carlauston Extrovert was the special one in their eyes, a cracking, powerful type of a lamb with plenty of good breeding behind them. They were sired by Tiptop Diablo, the top priced lamb bought last year out of Carlisle for 4000gns and out of a ewe imported in 2019 from noted Dutch breeder, Joost Louter. The pair sold for a cracking 5000gns.

Setting the trade afire at the start of the sale, and laying down a precedent for the rest of the sale was Alan Smyth from the Eden flock based near Penrith, who lambed 55 ewes this year and is hoping to lamb 100 next year. His first 2 lots hit 4500gns and his third 4000gns. All three lots were out of ewes he imported from the Netherlands, where he is careful to select from a variety of bloodlines to help keep a broad range of genetics, with twins at foot. The first outfit was sold with lambs by the homebred Eden Dynamite Jack, a son of the 4400gn Eden Bentley, and sold to the Downie Farming Company, Aberdeen. The other ewes had lambs at foot by Cruzar, an imported ram, selected specially for the flock and has been an important sire for the last few years, but will be looking for a new home this year as the breeding in the flock continues to progress. The second outfit heads to Graeme Jackson, Bentham, who had his eye turned by the balance and class of the ewe, and a pair of classy ewe lambs with real power. The second pair of Cruzar lambs sold to Jonathan Marshall from the Struie flock, Kinross.

A further brace of sheep hit 4000gns, the first from Roger, Gill & Sian Jones from the Pentre flock. This was a 2018 born imported ewe from Belgium with a smart February born ewe lamb at foot, sired by Lochlad Braveheart. The buyer for this lovely outfit were Messrs Corbett, Highleadon, Gloucester. The other at 4000gns was Dorothy, an imported ewe hog from Ali Jacksons Tiptop flock. This one sold to Martin Kilroe, Alderly Edge, Cheshire.

Trade was strong throughout the section with only 4 sheep not finding new homes, and the strong demand for this relatively new breed gives further encouragement for the breeders, and prospective breeders, that the future is looking rosy... well, spotted!



AVERAGES

14 Ewes with lambs	£3030.00
22 Pedigree Lambs	£2252.72
5 Empty Ewe Hogs	£3003.00



Lot 382 from Alan Smyth, Eden Flock sold for 4500gns to Downie Farming, Ballater, Aberdeenshire



Lot 383 from Alan Smyth, Eden Flock sold for 4500gns to Graeme Jackson, Mount Pleasant Flock



Lot 384 from Alan Smyth, Eden Flock sold for 4000gns to Jonathan Marshall, Struie Flock.

Sale Dates

SALE DATES 2021

CARLISLE – FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST

Sale of all classes of fully registered males and females (no graded)

Welshpool – Wednesday 1st Sept

Sale of all classes of males and females

**Beatties Northern Ireland – Friday 3rd Sept
(evening sale)**

Sale of all classes of males & females

Euro Sale Carlisle – Friday 3rd Sept

Sale of all female classes including Graded

NSA Builth Wells – Monday 20th Sept

Sale of all classes, please note – you have to be a member of the
National Sheep Association to sell at this sale.

Welshpool – Monday 6th December

Sale of inlamb ewes and ewe hogs

Carlisle – Thursday 9th December

Sale of inlamb ewes and ewe hogs



Information on closing dates, catalogues and reports, visit
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VIRTUAL SHOW

Virtual Stock Competition 2021 -
Kindly sponsored by Caisley Tags



To be held on the DSSUK Facebook page from the 12th of July to the 6th of August, with one class held per week.

Class 1: Shearling and older ram

Class 2: Ram lamb

Class 3: Shearling and older ewe

Class 4: Ewe lamb

Each class to run from the Monday-Friday of each week, with the most liked photo by 9pm on Friday winning, so get sharing!

Entries for all classes to be sent to
Siân via email

sianjonesentre@gmail.com

or

WhatsApp (07957 940342)

by the 2nd of July 2021

NATIONAL SHOW

We are very fortunate to be able to hold our National Show at this year's Great Yorkshire Show, with approximately 140 head entered, judging is on Tuesday 13th July, time to be confirmed. Please remember that tickets to the show can only be purchased prior to the show and not on the day of the show.

Please note at the time of this newsletter going to print the GYS are working closely with NYCC Public Health to ensure this event can hopefully go ahead.

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YORKSHIRE
SHOW





Year Book 2021

We will be publishing a Yearbook later in the year, for distribution in early January.

This will be a great opportunity to showcase your flock within this historic publication, a first for the breed within the UK. Details will be available shortly regarding advertising costs and deadlines.



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