



Exlana Newsletter Spring 2016

We hope you have all survived the exceptionally wet weather that seems to have flavored the UK winter, had a successful lambing and can now look on the bright side-----at least our sheep don't have to put up with carrying a heavy sodden fleece

This year has been a cracker for the shedding sheep world and especially the Exlana, we hosted an exceptional ram sale, farmers visited us from as far afield as Germany, Lithuania, Holland, France, NZ, Australia and USA---all with an interest in wool shedding sheep and the rigorous breeding program that the Exlana is bred under.

Even the Kiwis are beginning to see the light <http://farmersweekly.co.nz/article/wool-less-shears-costs> an interesting article comparing costs for wool and cleanskin sheep

Trial work into feed efficiency in Exlana sheep has begun with data collected from 70 ram lambs in autumn 2015 & set to continue in 2016---this work has been funded by our partners ASDA & Dunbia . We hope this will lead to a comprehensive study into feed efficiency and allow us to select for this important trait.

We all know the benefits of shedding sheep , both economical and physical but it's always good to see this in hard data. Jake Hancock of Wessex Conservation Grazing has been breeding up his flock with Exlanas for a number of years and shared his AHDB Stocktake data with us. Jake runs a low input, grass only system

If you take part in Stocktake and would like to share your results please let us know

This year our ram sale will be held on 9th August at Westleigh, Tiverton EX167HL. Just 3 miles from Junction 27 on the M5, where we will be offering some of the best in proven, progressive wool shedding genetics. Full details available nearer the time, if you would like a catalogue please let us know

In addition to the sale we will be attending the following NSA events;

NSA Scotsheep 1/6/16

NSA Southsheep 7/6/16 –and running tours of a local Exlana flock on the previous day

NSA Sheep Event 27/7/16



The more profitable wool shedding sheep

Ram Sale

Tuesday 9th August 2016

Ayshford Sheep Shed,

Westleigh, Tiverton,

Devon. EX16 7HL

Further details contact

Tim White 01985 845 063 / 07880 983 593

Peter Baber 01647 252 549 / 07967 595 098