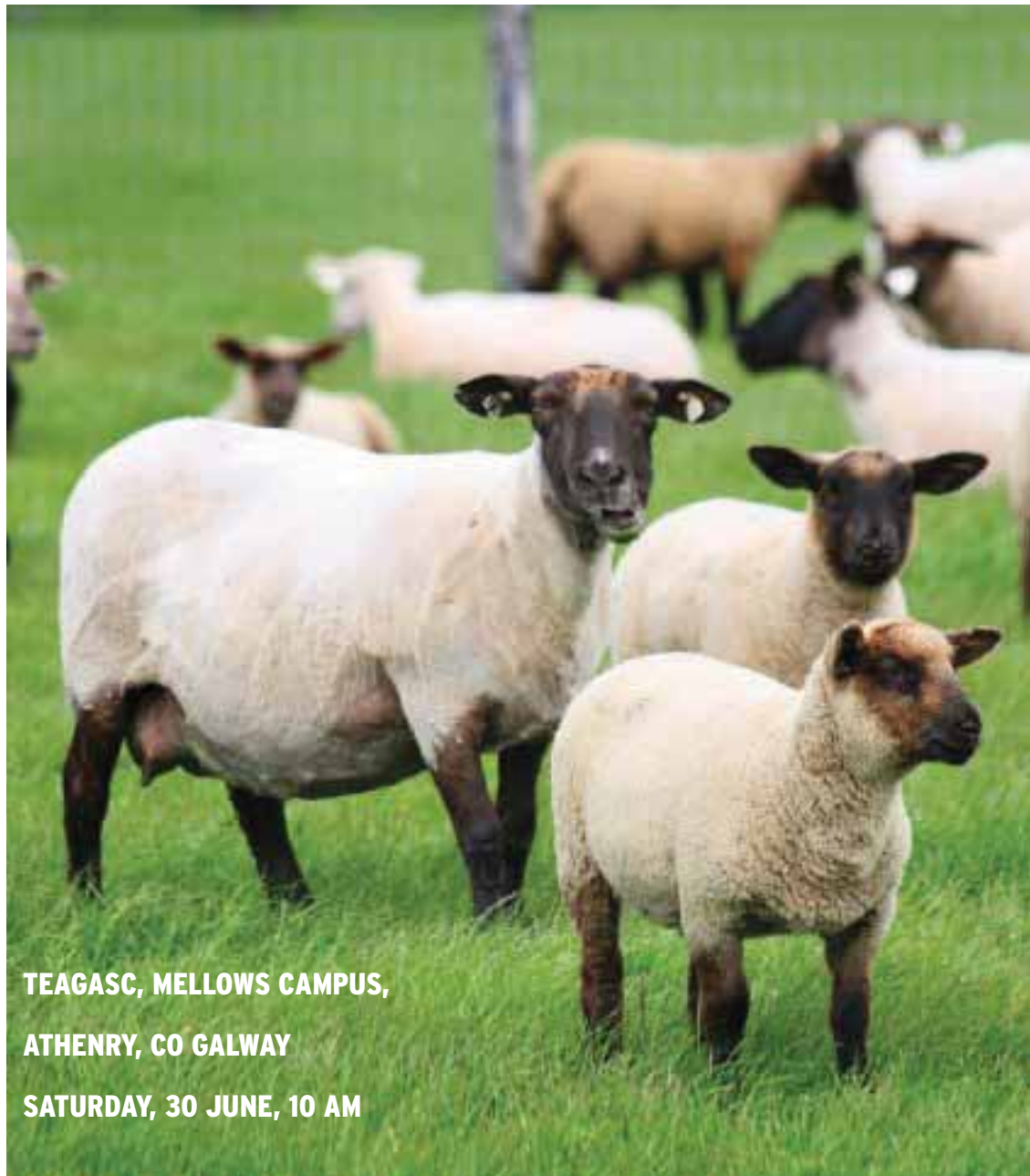




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Several months of hard work and discussions have gone into organising this day. It has been a multi-input undertaking and has been organised jointly by Bord Bia, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the *Irish Farmers Journal*, Sheep Ireland, Teagasc and University College, Dublin.

The committee are very grateful to all sponsors for their financial and organisational support, without which this event would not be possible.

With nearly 100 stands and approximately 1,000 entries in sheep breed championships and exhibits, Sheep 2012 is one of the largest practical sheep-only events

to be held in Ireland.

There are numerous highlights not to be missed, including:

- Educational seminars
- Practical workshops
- Cooking demonstrations
- Major demonstrations by the main processing plants
- Wool village
- Sheep breeding advice and breed championships/displays
- Sheepdog trails and training
- Wide range of commercial exhibits

The organising committee hope you find today both informative and educational. We hope that you can take and adopt some of the many messages and advice on offer to make sheep farming a more efficient, profitable and enjoyable occupation.

## – The Organising Committee Sheep 2012

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# Programme of events

10am to 6pm: open to the public

**12.15: Official opening ceremony by Mr Simon Coveney, T.D.,  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

11am to 3.30pm - National Sheep Breed Championships

10am	Sheepdog trials & Wool Village
10am	FBD Young Sheep Farmer 2012
10am	Teagasc Research-Demonstration farm tour and workshops
11am	Sheepdog training demonstration and workshops
11am to 12 noon	Flock Health Seminar
11am to 12 noon	Bord Bia Cookery Demonstration and Celebrity Chef Neven Maguire
11.50am to 12.15pm	Entertainment by Army Band, 4 Western Brigade
12noon	Teagasc Research-Demonstration farm tour and workshops
12.45pm to 1.40pm	Entertainment by Army Band
1pm to 2pm	Production Seminar
1pm	Workshops
2pm	Teagasc Research-Demonstration farm tour and workshops
2pm	Bord Bia Cookery Demonstration and Celebrity Chef Neven Maguire
2.30pm	Sheepdog training demonstration
3.00pm	Workshops
3pm to 4.15pm	Marketing Seminar

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## Seminar schedule

### 11am to 12 noon

**Title**  
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### Flock Health Seminar

Sheep diseases - prevention and cure  
Micheál Casey, Head of Regional  
Veterinary Laboratories, DAFM  
Damien Barrett, Veterinary Research  
Officer, Sligo RVL, John Fagan, Senior  
Research Officer, Athlone RVL, Michael  
Doherty, Veterinary Clinical Sciences  
Section, UCD

### 1pm to 2pm

**Title**  
**Chairman**

**Speakers**

### Production Seminar

Gains from breeding and management  
Michael Duffy, chairman of Teagasc sheep  
stakeholders group.

Ciaran Lynch, Teagasc Athenry, Noírin  
McHugh, Teagasc, and Eamon Wall,  
Sheep Ireland.

### 3pm to 4.15pm

**Title**  
**Chairman**  
**Speakers**

### Marketing Seminar

Satisfying the needs of the consumer  
Michael McHugh  
Declan Fennell, Bord Bia, Aine Keating,  
SuperValu, Jonathan Forbes, Kepak,  
and James Murphy, IFA.

### WORKSHOP LIST:

Taking place every hour on the hour from 10am to 3pm

1. Faecal egg sampling and correct use of anthelmintics
2. Hoof pairing / lameness
3. Selecting rams for breeding
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5. Lamb Drafting
6. Tagging / EID
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We thank all the sheep breed societies for holding their national competitions and or exhibiting at Sheep 2012, as well as all of the many commercial exhibitors.

Without the support of sheep breed societies and commercial exhibitors, Sheep 2012 would be much smaller.

Technology transfer is a vital component of Sheep 2012. We thank all of the participants in the seminars and workshops.

We thank the Gardaí and all of the public bodies for their support in organising Sheep 2012.

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## Improving the efficiency and profitability of your sheep flock

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**T**here are currently 33,766 sheep farmers with a breeding ewe flock of 2.4 million ewes. Sheep farming is the second most popular farm enterprise after cattle production with an annual output value of €186.6 million in 2011. Ireland is 416% self-sufficient in sheepmeat, resulting in over 76% of the total production, valued at €180m, being exported in 2011.

The lowland sheep flock is the major source of lamb output, accounting for more than 85% of carcase output. The hill and mountain flocks account for the remainder.

The short to medium term outlook for world sheepmeat markets and lamb prices is positive, with demand expected to exceed supply over the coming years. This is resulting in a renewed confidence in sheep and there is now an ideal opportunity to improve flock management to capture the potential that this new environment creates to improve returns from sheep farming.

Data from Teagasc eProfit Monitors, National Farm Survey (NFS) and Teagasc BETTER farms all clearly show that well managed sheep production enter-



prises can return gross margins that compare very favourably with other dry-stock enterprises. These results also show that the number of lambs reared per ewe joined, stocking rate and concentrate feeding to ewes and lambs are key drivers of profitability. There are a number of key components that sheep producers can adopt that will enhance the profitability and, ultimately, the sustainability of their enterprise.

### **FOCUS ON FACTORS THAT ARE UNDER YOUR CONTROL**

Specifically, sheep producers should focus on factors that are under their control and that significantly affect output and profitability, including:

Adopt a three to five-year business plan for your sheep enterprise. Here the focus



Prolificacy: the number of lambs reared per ewe joined is a major driver of output in lowland flocks.

should be on drivers of profitability namely increasing:

- Amount of grass grown
- Stocking rate
- The number of lambs reared per ewe joined
- Reducing the amounts of meals fed to ewes and lambs
- Improving flock health status

### ➤ **MAXIMISE PRODUCTION FROM GRAZED GRASS.**

Grass is the cheapest form of feed and must be central to efficient profitable lamb production. The first objective must be to grow sufficient grass and, secondly, to maintain quality leafy grass in front of the ewes and lambs at all stages. Lowland sheep producers should plan a reseeding programme for their farms.

New, improved grass varieties are overall much more productive and produce more grass earlier in the season.

There is also scope on many farms, particularly on dry farms, to extend the grazing season at both ends of the year, thus reducing conserved feed requirements.

### ➤ **DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRODUCE PROLIFIC FLOCK REPLACEMENTS**

Serious lowland sheep producers must develop a strategy of producing prolific flock replacements, preferably from within their own flock or from an outside source. Numerous studies show that the female progeny from Belclare rams have the capacity to wean 1.75 lambs per ewe joined.

### ➤ **CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE AMOUNT OF CONCENTRATE FEEDING TO LAMBS.**

There is significant evidence on some farms that an excessive amount of purchased concentrates is fed to both ewes and lambs. Much of this is unnecessary and is doing nothing for profitability except replacing cheaper grazed grass in the diet of the ewes and or lambs. It is necessary to more closely align lambing date with grass supply.

Consider creep grazing lambs ahead of ewes as an alternative to creep feeding of concentrates to lambs. Lamb production systems based on high usage of concentrates become less sustainable when concentrate prices are high or lamb prices are low.

### ➤ **RESISTANCE TO ANTHELMINTICS**

There is mounting evidence that resistance to anthelmintics is becoming a problem on many farms.

Producers are advised to strategically use these drugs and to ensure the correct dosage is delivered.

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Faecal egg sampling of lambs should be used to determine the dosing strategy from weaning, combined with the provision of 'clean pasture' to lambs after weaning. Where there are suspicions regarding the efficacy of a particular drug, this should be investigated through faecal egg counts pre and post dosing and an alternative drug should be used.

### ➤ WINTER SHEARING OF EWES

Research at Athenry has shown that shearing ewes at the start of housing in December will increase lamb birth weight by about 0.5kg, and increase weaning weight by about 2kg, resulting in advancing age at slaughter by two weeks. This is a significant and easily attainable productivity gain that could be financially very worthwhile, particularly in an environment of declining lamb prices from June onwards.

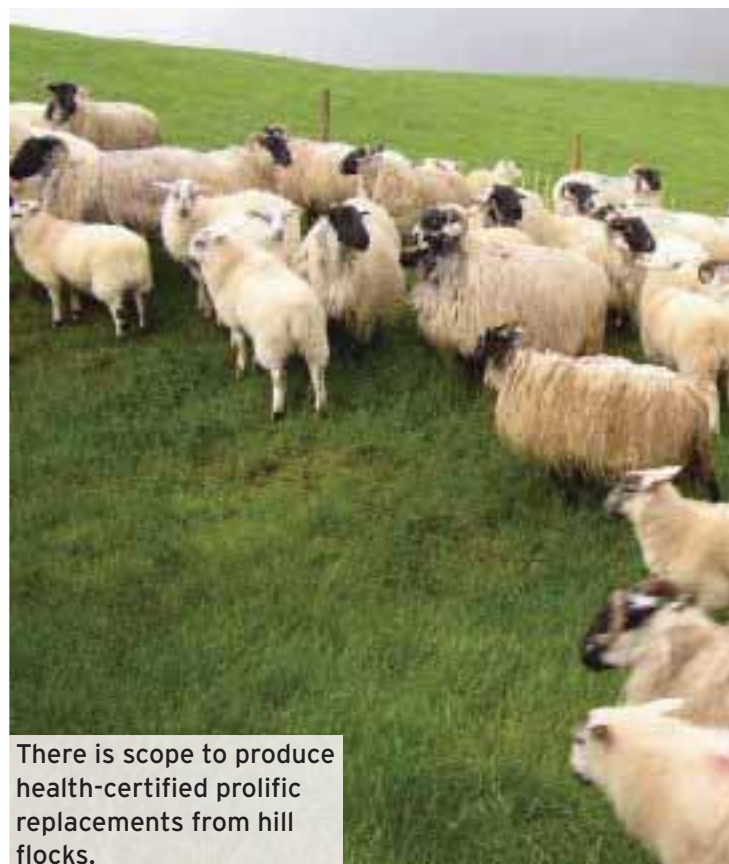
### ➤ LEARN FROM TEAGASC BETTER SHEEP FARMS

Teagasc have established a number of Lowland and Hill BETTER sheep farms to accelerate technology transfer from research to farm practice.

Well-established breeding, grassland, nutrition and flock health technologies are being applied and evaluated on these farms. Discussion groups, organised through the B&T advisers, visit these

**Table 1:** Production gains on Lowland BETTER farms 2009-2011 (adult ewes only)

Variable	Nat. average	2009	2010	2011	Change
Ewes lambed (%)	92	90.2	93.8	97.3	+ 7.1
Litter size	1.55	1.71	1.77	1.86	+0.15
Lamb mortality	9.0	7.8	8.0	8.5	+0.7
Lambs weaned/ewe joined	1.3	1.42	1.53	1.66	+0.24



There is scope to produce health-certified prolific replacements from hill flocks.

farms on a regular basis. Since the start of the BETTER farm programme, the output (*Table 1*) and gross margin on the lowland flocks have significantly improved (*Table 2*).

While sheep prices have improved during the past three years, analysis shows that about 60% of the increase in gross margin came from relatively modest gains in productivity. In the three Hill BETTER farms, significant productivity and financial gains have also been re-

**Table 2:** Financial performance of Lowland BETTER farms 2009-2011 (€ per ha)

	2009	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Gross output (€)	857	1051	1271	401	+47%
Total variable costs (€)	567	520	540	-27	-5%
Gross Margin (€)	290	531	731	441	+152%



corded from 2009 to 2011 (*Tables 3 and 4*).

The productivity and financial performance in the Hill BETTER flocks have paralleled the lowland BETTER flocks. Such productivity gains are achievable on most sheep farms by implementing a plan, focused on improving the main drivers of productivity.

If not already a member of a Discussion group, sheep producers are encouraged to join one and learn and adopt technologies from these BETTER farms.

**Table 3:** Production gains on Hill BETTER Farms 2009-2011 (adult ewes only)

Variable	2009	2010	2011	Change
Ewes lambed (%)	88.2	79.5	95.9	+ 7.7
Litter size	1.18	1.29	1.32	+0.14
Lambs weaned/ ewe joined	0.96	0.92	1.10	+0.14

## ➤ FURTHER INTEGRATION OF HILL AND LOWLAND SECTORS

In some of the mountain and hill areas, producer groups have been established to produce prolific crossbred replacements for fat lamb production on the lowlands. There is scope for further expansion of such initiatives and the certification of the health status of lambs from such groups would further enhance their value and attractiveness to lowland buyers.

## ➤ MARKETING AND LAMB QUALITY

Lamb should be managed and marketed so as to maintain a high quality standard that merits a premium price in the marketplace.

Carcaseweight and fat cover are the most important factors in determining carcase quality.

Producers should familiarise themselves with the carcase specifications for the market they supply and select lambs to fit those specifications.

The Bord Bia Lamb Quality Assurance Scheme standard is now a widely recognised standard and membership of this scheme will enable lamb to be sold on the higher priced premium markets.

## ➤ GENETIC IMPROVEMENT

Sheep Ireland is charged with developing a new breeding programmes for sheep and has developed an overall Sheep Value Index.

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**Table 4:** Financial performance of Hill BETTER Farms 2009-2011 (€ per ewe)

	2009	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Gross output (€)	42.71	45.02	72.31	29.60	+69%
Total var costs (€)	22.88	20.91	15.24	-7.64	-33%
Gross Margin (€)	19.83	24.11	57.04	37.21	+188%

This is based on the €uro-star system which acts as an indicator of the effect on profitability that can be obtained from the animal's progeny. The €uro-stars are scored on a scale of one to five and compares all animals within each breed. A one star indicates that the animal lies within the bottom 20% of ranked animals for the given trait and a five star corresponds to the top 20% of animals.

**Sheep Value Index** – this is the overall index for each animal and encompasses three sub-indices, each weighted on relative importance:

- **Production sub-index** – ranks animals based on their ability to produce good terminal progeny. This takes into account the progeny's growth rate, carcase characteristics and days to slaughter.

- **Maternal sub-index** – ranks animals on the expected performance of their daughters and takes into account the daughters' mothering ability, ease of lambing and the efficiency at which their progeny are finished.

- **Lambing sub-index** – ranks animals for lambing traits and takes into account the lambing ease and survivability of the animal's lambs.

**How to use the indices** – prior to using any index, each farmer must determine the most suitable animal for their production system. The next question is how to achieve that ideal animal. For example, if farmers are interested in finishing all their lambs for slaughter, then they should pay particular attention to the production sub-index of the animal under consideration. On the other hand, if farmers are looking to breed their own replacements, then they should examine the maternal sub-index carefully. Irrespective of the type of animal that is needed, careful attention should be placed on the star rating of the animal and the accuracy associated with the trait of interest.



All bought-in or returning sheep should be isolated from the rest of the flock and kept in quarantine for at least three weeks to allow for preventative treatments and vaccinations to be administered and regularly inspected for signs of disease.

The higher the accuracy of the given trait, the greater the information that is known about the animal and the greater the confidence producers can have that their published index value reflects their true index value

### ➤ **MAINTAIN A DISEASE FREE FLOCK**

The introduction of new sheep on to the farm is the greatest disease threat to an existing flock. Any movement of stock onto the farm, such as sheep being brought back from a sale or show, can pose a threat to the disease status of the flock.

All sheep brought on to the farm are potential disease carriers, even a single well groomed pedigree ram direct from farm or a pedigree sale. Sheep farms are different in terms of management, disease status and the immune status of the flock. A plan needs to be in place for the treatment and management of bought-in sheep to minimise the risk of introducing new diseases to the existing flock. Furthermore, it is also possible to introduce drug-resistant parasites with the transfer of new sheep into a flock.



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## Potential to improve profit

**T**he number of pedigree ram breeders participating in Sheep Ireland's breed improvement program 'LambPlus' has increased very positively for the 2012 season.

This is hugely encouraging and bodes well for breed improvement and the Irish sheep industry as a whole. From a ram buyer's point of view, it illustrates that Irish pedigree breeders are committed to delivering more profitable rams to Irish sheep farmers.

So far, this year has been a disappointing one in terms of lamb price. A very modest growth in breeding ewe numbers surely cannot be at fault for such a change in fortunes for the sector. Producers who continually make efforts to advance their management proficiency are the ones best armed to combat such market volatility. Profitable sheep farmers must attain a wide variety of skills to achieve a high level of productivity from their flocks. The objective of Sheep 2012 will be to demonstrate many of these skills and, undoubtedly, there is something to learn for all involved in the sector.

Half of the genetic make-up of our annual ewe replacements is contributed by the ram we choose to use at breeding. Sheep Ireland's aim is to provide the ram buyer with additional information which they can use to make their final purchasing decision. Every flock contains ewes



that consistently outperform their counterparts under the same farm conditions. Every effort should be made to develop and promote these superior genetics within the flock. These ewes should be mated with high genetic merit rams to maintain a high level of performance. So the question is: where do we find these rams?

Since 2009, Sheep Ireland have been producing Euro-Star genetic evaluations for breeders participating in the performance recording of their sheep. Breeders who participate collect information in relation to lambing and growth performance and maternal ability to help identify rams within each breed that display superior genetic merit. This affords a ram buyer the opportunity to



actively source rams that will contribute in a positive manner to their flock. Sheep Ireland have proven, in the strong commercial projects that are currently in operation as part of the overall breed improvement program, that major differences occur between the performance of physically identical rams across the areas of lambing, growth and maternal qualities. Selection 'by eye' is certainly an essential element of any ram purchase but farmers must ask themselves: how much of any ram's appearance has been determined by his breeding and how much has been determined by the management and feeding of the breeder/previous owner?

The Euro-Star evaluations provide a hugely valuable extra source of infor-

mation which can be used to identify better genetics within a group of rams. The principal of the Euro-Stars is a very simple one. Within each breed rams are ranked based on all performance records collected for that particular breed. Rams can be selected under specific traits (currently production, maternal & lambing) depending on what aspect of a flock an individual would like to improve. Five star rams for any of the traits represent the top 20% of recorded rams within that breed. Similarly, one star rams represent the bottom 20% of recorded rams, again within that particular breed.

Euro-Star rams are becoming more available to ram buyers as more breeders join the scheme every year. The large volume of commercial flock data that currently feeds into the ram evaluation helps to verify and validate that the evaluations really work in practice. Ram buyers will find Euro-Star rams at all main pedigree sales throughout the coming season in addition to the Sheep Ireland Euro-Star sale planned for August.

### ➤ **COMMERCIAL FARMERS**

The level of participation by pedigree breeders will ultimately be determined by commercial sheep farmers. Breed improvement is a medium to long term project which will require commitment from the industry as a whole. The dairy and beef sectors are demonstrating that major gains can be made by using this technology. The opportunity has presented itself to sheep farmers. The only question that now needs to be asked is: have you got figures for that ram?. Those who do not, hopefully soon will, but this will only happen in response to commercial demand.

➤ **Contact:** Sheep Ireland at 1850 600 900 or email [ewall@icbf.com](mailto:ewall@icbf.com)

# BORD BIA

## Satisfying the needs of the consumer

**T**he first quarter of 2012 was a broadly positive one for the Irish sheep sector, with prices continuing to track above previous years.

With an exceptionally mild and dry winter, the season got off to a good start, as conditions were ideal for grass growth and outdoor lambing. Trade remained buoyant into mid-April as the Easter period gave an added impetus to consumer demand, both on the domestic and export markets.

Prices took an unexpected downward turn in late April. This was well ahead of the seasonal price adjustment, which normally coincides with the transition from old to new season lamb from late May onwards. According to recent figures released from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, total hogget numbers were up 24% on the previous year, equivalent to an additional 64,000 head.

The additional supplies of heavy hoggets at a time when new season lambs were coming on stream coincided with a weakening demand in France – our main export market. These factors brought about a drop in producer prices, but by mid-June stability returned to the market as prices rose to levels on a par with 2010.

Responding to these circumstances, Bord Bia brought forward and extended the summer lamb promotional campaign. Starting in early June, with an objective of maintaining and increasing the frequency of purchase of Irish lamb



and encouraging shoppers to look for the Bord Bia Quality Mark, a series of promotional activities were put in place to include social media, radio, TV, print, in-store activity and PR.

As one of the most recognised and trusted marks on the Irish retail shelf, the Quality Mark continues to underpin all of our lamb promotional activities on the home market. It continues to be an imperative to grow the membership of



Cookery demonstrations and tastings by celebrity chef Neven Maguire will be held on the Bord Bia stand throughout the day.

the scheme to ensure that we have a consistent supply of Irish Quality Assured lamb throughout the year. On a positive note, Irish consumers continue to remain loyal to the lamb category. According to a Kantar report commissioned by Bord Bia on the Irish retail market, sales of lamb grew by 16% in the last 12-week period ending 13 May 2012.

Taking into consideration the current economic environment in which consum-

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ers are cautious in their spending, we can be re-assured that lamb consumption is growing. Nevertheless, we cannot afford to become complacent; lamb is an expensive meat for the consumer and it is crucial that when they buy it, they really enjoy the eating experience.

That puts an onus on us all within the supply chain to ensure that we deliver and satisfy the needs of the consumer.

The Sheep 2012 marketing seminar, entitled 'Satisfying the needs of the consumer', will deliver some interesting insights into consumers' needs and address the challenges and opportunities ahead for the Irish sheep sector.

Representing all elements of the supply chain, the line-up of presentations, together with a questions and answers session, will generate an excellent debate. Speakers will include Declan Fennell, Bord Bia, Aine Keating, SuperValu, Jonathan Forbes, Kepak, and James Murphy, Irish Farmers' Association.

On the Bord Bia stand at Sheep 2012, farmers can see first-hand the details of our promotional campaign for both the home and export markets, together with a meat display that will reflect ideal market specifications.

There will also be a meat display from the main lamb exporting companies who will be present to meet with farmers.

Cookery demonstrations and tastings by celebrity chef Neven Maguire and Bord Bia demonstrator Maura Dufficy will be held throughout the day.



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## Class 1

### Senior ram

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Place
B1		Declan Miley	
B2		Tom Flanagan	
B3		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B4		Sonny Jennings	
B5		Eunan & Mark Bannon	

## Class 2

### Shearling ram

B6		Declan Miley	
B7		Tom Flanagan	
B8		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B9		Liam Delaney	
B10		Sonny Jennings	
B11		Barry Cunningham	
B12		Eunan & Mark Bannon	

**Class 3****Ram lamb**

B13		Declan Miley	
B14		Declan Miley	
B15		Tom Flanagan	
B16		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B17		Liam Delaney	
B18		Sonny Jennings	
B19		Barry Cunningham	

**Class 4****Senior ewe**

B20		Tom Flanagan	
B21		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B22		Liam Delaney	
B23		Barry Cunningham	
B24		Eunan & Mark Bannon	

**Class 5****Shearling ewe**

B25		Declan Miley	
B26		Declan Miley	
B27		Declan Miley	
B28		Tom Flanagan	
B29		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B30		Liam Delaney	
B31		Eunan & Mark Bannon	

**Class 6****Ewe lamb**

B32		Declan Miley	
B33		Declan Miley	
B34		Tom Flanagan	
B35		PJ & Mary Jo O'Dea	
B36		Liam Delaney	
B37		Sonny Jennings	
B38		Barry Cunningham	
B39		Eunan & Mark Bannon	

**Belclare Sheep Society exhibitor listing**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Tel. Number</b>	<b>Entry/Exhibit Number(s)</b>
Miley, Declan	Ballygalss, Knockcroghery, Co. Roscommon	086-8620013	B1,B6,B13,B14,B25,B26,B27,B32,B33
Flanagan, Tom	Ballyroe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway	093-47705	B2,B7,B15,B20,B28, B34
O'Dea, Mary Jo	Eske, Athenry, Co. Galway	091-848037	B3,B8,B16,B21,B29,B35
Jennings, Sonny	Ballygluin, Tuam, Co. Galway	087-2198913	B4,B10,B18,B37
Bannon, Eunan & Mark	Slanemore Hill, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	044-9340163	B5,B12,B24,B31,B39
Delaney, Liam	Coolgarragh, Ballylinan, Athy, Co. Laois	087-6471134	B9,B17,B22,B30,B36
Cunningham, Barry	Togher, Tuam, Co. Galway	087-7792129	B11,B19,B23,B38



# Beltex Sheep Society Championships

## Class 1

### Senior ram

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Place
bx1		John Brown	
bx2		T.J. Gormley	
bx3		T.J. Gormley	
bx4		Cyril Keane	
bx5		Brian Mathews	

## Class 2

### Senior ewe

bx 6		John Brown	
bx7		John Brown	
bx8		T.J.Gormley	
bx9		T.J.Gormley	
bx10		Dermot Goss	
bx 11		J&Y Hargrove	
bx12		J &Y Hargrove	
bx 13		Cyril Keane	
bx14		Francis Lyons	
bx15		Dudley Maher	
bx16		Brian Mathews	

## Class 3

### Shearling ram

bx17		John Brown	
bx 18		Brian Corrigan	
bx 19		Brian Corrigan	
bx 20		T,J,Gormley	
bx 21		T,J,Gormley	
bx 22		Dermot Goss	
bx 23		Francis Lyons	
bx 24		Dudley Maher	
bx 25		Brian mathews	
bx 26		S&P McCartney	
bx 27		S&P McCartney	

## Class 4

### Shearling ewe

bx28		John Brown	
bx 29		Brian Corrigan	
bx30		Brian Corrigan	
bx 31		T.J.Gormley	
bx 32		T.J.Gormley	
bx 33		Dermot Goss	
bx 34		Dermot Goss	
bx 35		Cyril Keane	
bx 36		Francis Lyons	
bx 37		Dudley Maher	
bx 38		Brian Mathews	
bx 39		Brian Mathews	
bx 40		S& P McCartney	
bx 41		S& P McCartney	

**Class 5****Ram lamb**

bx 42		John Brown	
bx 43		Brian Corrigan	
bx44		Brian Corrigan	
bx 45		T.J.Gormley	
bx46		T.J.Gormley	
bx 47		Dermot Goss	
bx 48		J & Y Hargrove	
bx 49		Cyril Keane	
bx 50		Oliver Kerins	
bx 51		Oliver Kerins	
bx 52		Oliver Kerins	
bx 53		James Killilea	
bx54		Niall Kyne	
bx 55		Francis Lyons	
bx 56		Dudley Maher	
bx 57		Dudley Maher	
bx58		Brian Mathews	
bx59		S & P McCartney	
bx 60		S & P McCartney	
bx 61		Cathal Tuohy	

**Class 6****Ewe lamb**

bx 62		John Brown	
bx 63		Brian Corrigan	
bx 64		T.J.Gormley	
bx 65		T.J.Gormley	
bx 66		Dermot Goss	
bx 67		J & Y Hargrove	
bx 68		J & Y Hargroves	
bx 69		Cyril Keane	
bx 70		James Killilea	
bx 71		Niall Kyne	
bx 72		Niall Kyne	
bx 73		Dudley Maher	
bx74		Dudley Maher	
bx75		Brian Mathews	
bx 76		Brian Mathews	
bx 77		S&P McCartney	
bx 78		S&P McCartney	
bx 79		S&P McCartney	
bx 80		Cathal Tuohy	

## Beltex Sheep Society exhibitors

Name	Address	Tel. Number	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Brown, John	Gormagh, Durrow Tullamore, Co. Offaly	087 9820223	bx1, bx6, bx7, bx 17, bx28, bx42, bx62,
Corrigan, Brian	Corracar, Drumella, Co. Leitrim.	086 6098800	bx18, bx19, bx 29, bx 30, bx43, bx44, bx63
Gormley, TJ	Brownsgrrove, Tuam Co. Galway.	087 2898829	bx2 bx3 bx8 bx9 bx20 bx21 bx31 bx32 bx45 bx46 bx64 bx65
Goss, Dermot	Lurgankeel, Killcurry, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	087 6139732	bx10 bx22 bx33 bx34 bx47 bx66
Hargroves, Joseph & Yvonne	Derrynaseera, Coolrain, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	086 358007	bx11 bx12 bx48 bx67 bx68
Keane, Cyril	Ballinamana West, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway.	091 796031	bx4 bx13 bx35 bx49 bx69
Kerins, Oliver	Carrigans Lower, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.	087 9041473	bx50 bx51 bx52
Killilea, James	Newline, Maree, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway.	091 84556	bx53 bx70
Kyne, Niall	Moyvoon, Oughterard, Co. Galway.	087 6547265	bx54 bx71 bx72
Lyons, Francis	Heathview, Killconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	086 2676697	bx14 bx23 bx36 bx55
Maher, Dudley	Ballinakill, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.	0505 22724	bx15 bx24 bx37 bx56 bx57 bx73 bx74
Mathews, Brian	Quarrymount House, Killeigh, Co. Offaly.	087 2658781	bx5 bx16 bx25 bx38 bx39 bx58 bx75 bx76
McCartney, Sean & Paul	Old Court, Clough, Ballacolla, Co. Laois.	087 9445270	bx26 bx27 bx40 bx41 bx59 bx60 bx77 bx78 bx79
Tuohy, Cathal	Shanderg House, Coose, Whitegate, Co. Galway.	086 2726995	bx 61 bx80

# Charollais Sheep Society All-Ireland Championships

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All-Ireland judge: Andrew Duncan of the 'Snugborough' flock

## Class 1

### Senior ram

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Tattoo No. or other ID
1		Kevin Brady - F91	A54 10-086
2		Liam Conway - B72	D8 9007
3		Liam Conway - B72	F66 0004
4		Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 9024
5		Frank Gibbons - B54	F19 9018
6		Sonny Jennings - A99	ZWV 9001
7		Sonny Jennings - A99	F58 0041
8		Vincent Kelly - F17	B4 10-036
9		Sarah O'Neill - A17	A54 9080
10		Graeme and John Taylor - D38	D38 0016
11		Aidan Murphy - F15	

## Class 2

### Hogget ram

12		Damien Conway - D49	D49 11-005
13		Liam Conway - B72	B3 11-041
14		Liam Conway - B72	D33 11-019
15		Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 11-137
16		Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 11-169
17		Vincent Kelly - F17	D56 11-021
18		Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 11-042

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### Class 3

#### Ram lamb

19	Joan and Frank Barrett - D29	D29 12-001
20	Joan and Frank Barrett - D29	D29 12-009
21	Kevin Brady - F91	F91 12-012
22	Enda and John Carr - H14	H14 12-003
23	Bernard Casey - D65	
24	Damien Conway - D49	D49 12-005
25	Damien Conway - D49	D49 12-011
26	Liam Conway - B72	B72 12-024
27	Liam Conway - B72	B72 12-025
28	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 12-001
29	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 12-015
30	Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-012
31	Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-026
32	Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-051
33	Andrew Gilmore - F16	
34	Patrick Holland - F71	
35	Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 12-031
36	Vincent Kelly - F17	F17 12-003
37	Ian and Robert Matthews - H27	H27 12-001
38	Edward and Sheena McCarthy - C71	
39	Edward and Sheena McCarthy - C71	
40	Thomas McCormack - F11	F11 12-007
41	Thomas McCormack - F11	F11 12-008
42	Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 12-022
43	Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 12-023
44	Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 12-025
45	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 12-001
46	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 12-006
47	Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-013
48	Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-015
49	Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-039
50	Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-046

### Class 4

#### Senior ewe

51	Kevin Brady - F91	B54 8018
52	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 6024
53	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 9022
54	Andrew Gilmore - F16	YBX 9024
55	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 8012
56	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 10-003
57	Eugene O'Sullivan - F39	B3 9030
58	Graeme and John Taylor - D38	A66 7018

### Class 5

#### Hogget ewe

59	Kevin Brady - F91	A78 11-040
60	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 11-026
61	Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 11-027
62	Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 11-005
63	Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 11-044
64	Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 11-037
65	Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 11-051
66	Ian and Robert Matthews - H27	A78 11-023
67	Thomas McCormack - F11	F11 11-002
68	M. D. and J. Miley - H19	A54 11-015
69	Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 11-031
70	Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	E2 10003
71	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 11-033
72	Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 11-007
73	Eugene O'Sullivan - F39	F39 11-035

## Charollais Sheep Society All-Ireland Championships

### **Class 6**

### **Ewe lamb**

Entry/ Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor	Tattoo No. or other ID
74		Kevin Brady - F91	F91 12-006
75		Bernard Casey - D65	
76		Cian Casey - F37	F37 12-001
77		Liam Conway - B72	B72 12-023
78		Liam Conway - B72	B72 12-067
79		Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 12-002
80		Albert Ferguson - A78	A78 12-006
81		Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-046
82		Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-049
83		Frank Gibbons - B54	B54 12-028
84		Andrew Gilmore - F16	
85		Patrick Holland - F71	
86		Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 12-104
87		Jim and Frampton Jeffrey - D32	D32 12-112
88		Edward and Sheena McCarthy - C71	
89		Edward and Sheena McCarthy - C71	
90		Thomas McCormack - F11	F11 12-001
91		Thomas McCormack - F11	F11 12-002
92		M. D. and J. Miley - H19	H19 12-003
93		Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 12-004
94		Edmund and Paul O'Gorman - A54	A54 12-006
95		Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 12-002
96		Sarah O'Neill - A17	A17 12-020
97		Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-009
98		Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-029
99		Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-050
100		Eamonn Quinlivan - A91	A91 12-077
101		Gordan and Carol Nicholson - D5	D5 12-002
102		Gordan and Carol Nicholson - D5	D5 12-007

**Irish Charollais Sheep Society exhibitors - see page 28**



### Irish Charollais Sheep Society exhibitors

Name	Address	Tel. Number	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Barrett, Joan and Frank	Blackhill, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow	045-401264	19,20
Brady, Kevin	Killurin, Killeigh, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	086-1694745	1,21,51,59,74
Carr, Enda and John	Carnmore Road, Oranmore, Co. Galway	091-794854	22
Casey, Bernard	Ohill, Drumlish, Co. Longford	043-3324904	23,75
Casey, M/S C. & M.	Cartrungoland, Drumlish, Co. Longford	043-3324509	76
Conway, Liam	Esker, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	090-9678247	2,3,13,14,26,27,77,78
Conway, Damien	Kilmurray Lower, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow	059-6482480	12,24,25
Ferguson, Albert	Ballinvriskig, Whites Cross, Co. Cork	021-4309297	4,28,29,52,53,60,61,79,80
Gibbons, Frank	Caggle, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon	090-6629645	5,30,31,32,62,63,81,82,83
Gilmore, Andrew	Cortubber, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan	042-9667458	33,54,84
Holland, Patrick	Lisheenavalla, Claregalway, Co. Galway	091-799076	34,85
Jeffrey, Jim and Frampton	The Bungalow, Ahanesk, Midleton, Co. Cork	021-4631462	15,16,35,64,65,86,87
Jennings, Sonny	Cahergal, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway	093-49348	6,7
Kelly, Vincent	Lisheenkyle, Oranmore, Co. Galway	091-844572	8,17,36
Matthews, Ian and Robert	Gorteen, Killeigh, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	057-9344205	37,66
McCarthy, Edward & Sheena	Ballybeg, Buttevant, Co. Cork	022-23339	38,39,88,89
McCormack, Thomas	Ardikellan, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon	086-2521275	40,41,67,90,91
Miley, M.D. and J.	Ballyglass, Knockcroghery, Co. Roscommon	086-8620013	68,92
Murphy, Aidan	Killincooley House, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, Co. Wexford	053-30142	11
Nicholson, Gordan and Carol	Lissataggle, Gortatlea, Tralee, Co. Kerry	066-9764848	101,102
O'Gorman, Edmund and Paul	Lisfuncheon, Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary	052-7467155	42,43,44,69,70,93,94
O'Neill, Sarah	Bollinaspect, Camolin, Co. Wexford	053-9383124	9,18,45,46,55,56,71,72,95,96
O'Sullivan, Eugene	Balgeeth, Ardath, Co. Meath	01-8354753	57,73
Quinlivan, Eamonn	Liscullane, Tulla, Co. Clare	065-6835214	47,48,49,50,97,98,99,100
Taylor, Graeme and John	Cloonboygher, Carrigallen, via Cavan, Co. Leitrim	049-4333234	10,58

# Galway Sheep Breeders Association

## Class 1

### Ram purebred registered

Entry/ Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Tattoo No. or other ID	Sire	Sire of Dam	Date of Birth	Breeder	Place
G1		Martin Warde	JM091356	HM070678	JM0237	09/03/2009	Martin Maher	
G2		Martin Warde	SM081956	G0062755	CDR2	01/01/2008	Sean Monaghan	
G3		Martin Maher	MM090311	TC060465	MM030112	20/03/2009	Tom Murphy	
G4		Martin Maher	PS101464	GP070119	TC050400	11/03/2010	Tommy Sice	
G5		Hubert Melia	HM1100997J	JC080986	FC060960	16/02/2011		
G6		Tom Murphy	GL100647B	TC060465	DC0702161	31/03/2010	Paddy Glynn	
G7		Tom Murphy	DI101040	HR0500219	HR060253	23/03/2010	Gerry Dillon	

## Class 2

### Lamb ram purebred registered

G8		Martin Warde	MW120651	JM091356	MM050172	13/02/2012		
G9		Martin Warde	MW120647	JM091356	SM081956	25/03/2012		
G10		Martin Warde	MW120649	JM091356	MM050172	19/02/2012		
G11		Martin Maher	JM1201597A	MM090311	HM070678	01/03/2012		
G12		Martin Maher	JM121612G	MM090311	HM070678	05/03/2012		
G13		Hubert Melia	HM0201190G	JC080986	FC060960	28/03/2012		

## Class 3

### Ewe purebred registered

G14		Martin Warde	MW080434	MM050172	MW0127	21-03-08G		
G15		Martin Warde	MW040219	JC0123		01/01/2004		
G16		Martin Warde	MW080508	FT060534	MW0240	25/03/2010		
G17		Martin Maher	JM091360	HM070678	JM0237	01/03/2009		
G18		Martin Maher	JM091375	HM070678	JM0237	02/03/2009		
G19		Martin Maher	JM0801201	HM070678	JM0237	25/02/2008		
G20		Martin Maher	JM1001549J	MM080294	MW040220	05/03/2010		
G21		Martin Maher	JM1001544H	MM080294	MW040220	10/03/2010		
G22		Hubert Melia	HM1101012A	JC080986	FC060960	27/02/2011		
G23		Hubert Melia	HM1101009A	JC080986	FC060960	15/03/2011		
G24		Tom Murphy	MM100372C	TC060465	MM030112	26/02/2010		
G25		Tom Murphy	GL080520	DC0702161	MM060226	20/03/2008		

## Class 4

### Ewe lamb purebred registered

G26		Martin Warde	MW120648	JM091356	JC0123	15/02/2012		
G27		Martin Maher	JM1201629J	MM090311	HM070678	20/03/2012		
G28		Martin Maher	JM121585E	MM090311	HM070678	22/02/2012		
G29		Martin Maher	JM1201589E	MM090311	HM070678	03/03/2012		
G30		Martin Maher	JM1201604F	MM090311	HM070678	12/03/2012		
G31		Martin Maher	JM1201582F	MM090311	HM070678	01/03/2012		
G32		Hubert Melia	HM1201178C	JC080986	FC060960	16/02/2012		
G33		Hubert Melia	HM1201189F	JC080986	FC060960	26/03/2012		

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## Galway Sheep Breeders Association

### Class 5

### Crossbred

Non Show		Martin Warde	IE2161094200474	2006
Non Show		Martin Warde	IE2161094700590	2009
Non Show		Paddy Glynn	IE185426101571	2009
Non Show		Hubert Melia	IE1851444600755	2009
Non Show		Paddy Fitzgerald	IE0432783002239E	2011
Non Show		Paddy Fitzgerald	IE0432783002237A	2011
Non Show		Martin Warde	IE216109400661B	2012
Non Show		Martin Warde	IE216109400662D	2012
Non Show		Martin Warde	IE201609400663F	2012
Non Show		Martin Warde	IE216109400664H	2012
Non Show		Paddy Glynn	IE042338000717A	2012

## Galway Sheep Breeders Association exhibitors

Name	Address	Tel. Number	E-mail Address	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Warde, Martin	Windfield Road, Menlough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	085-2431540	mwarde240@gmail.com	G1,G2,G8,G9,G10,G14,G15,G16,G26
Mahe, Martin	Belville, Monivea, Co. Galway	087-6631357		G3,G4,G11,G12,G17,G18,G19,G20,G21,G27,G28,G29,G30,G31
Melia, Hubert	Gortroe, Corrandulla, Co. Galway	087-6980629		G5,G13,G22,G23,G32,G33
Murphy, Tom	Shrale, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon	087-9486530	eitnighrainne@eircom.net	G6,G7,G24,G25

## National Sheep Breeders Association Crossbreed Competition

### Sponsored by Animax

### Class 1

### Factory lamb

Breed	Place
Beltex Society	
Irish Rouge de L'Ouest	
Irish Texel Sheep Society	
Vendeen Society	

### Class 3

### Crossbred ewe

Breed	Place
Beltex Society	
Irish Rouge de L'Ouest	
Irish Texel Sheep Society	

### Class 2

### Butcher's lamb

Breed	Place
Beltex Society	
Irish Texel Sheep Society	
Vendeen Society	

### Class 4

### Crossbred ewe lamb

Breed	Place
Beltex Society	
Irish Rouge de L'Ouest	
Irish Texel Sheep Society	
Mule	

# Exhibitors at Sheep 2012

## National sheep breed championships

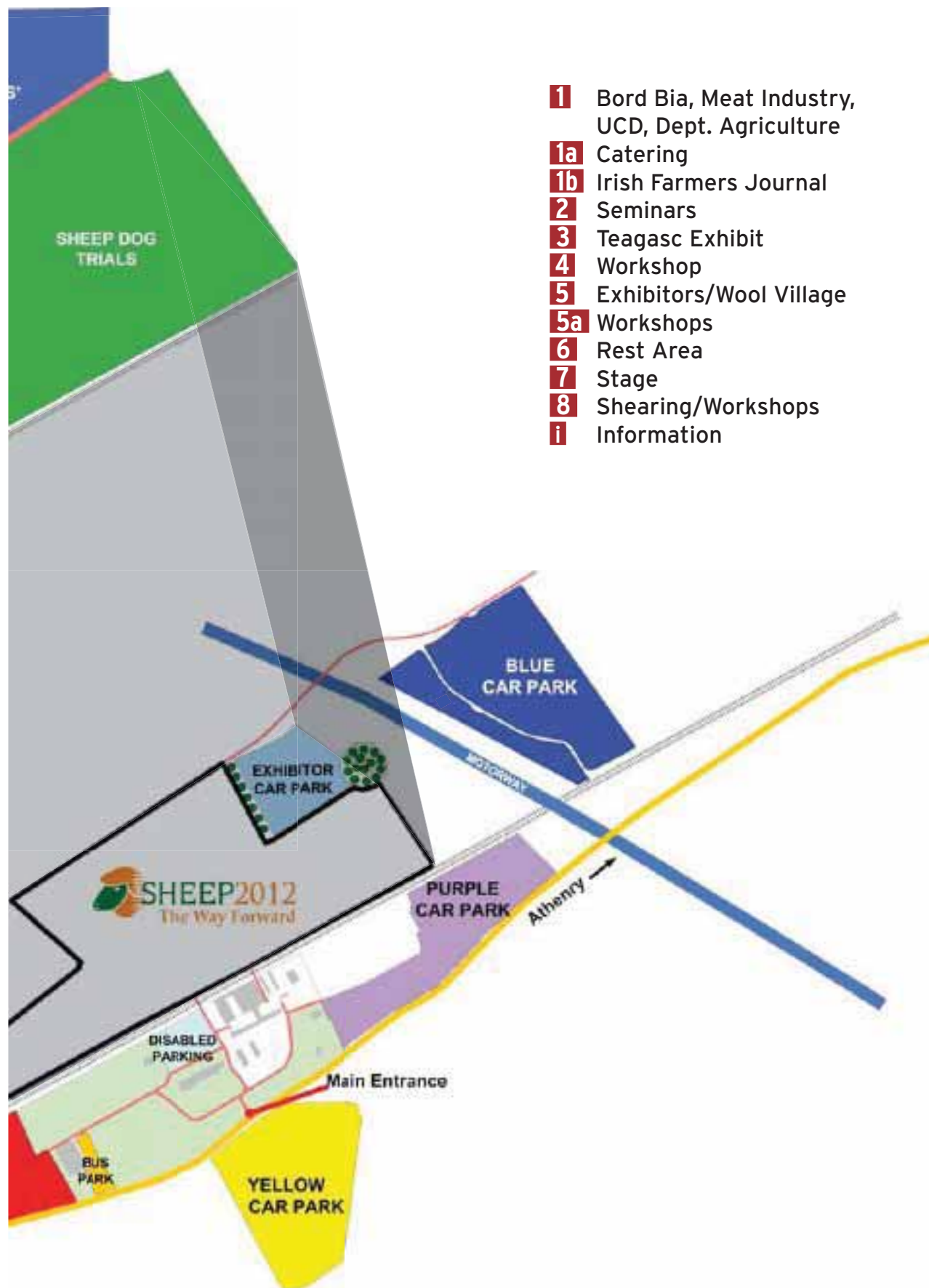
Belclare Sheep Society	c/o Michael Neenan	Killyynn	Tralee	Kerry		087-2777721	
Beltex Sheep society	Catherine McDonnell	Bracklagh	Charlestown	Mayo		086-3770002	
Charollais Sheep Society	Imelda Grogan	Donadea	Kildare			01-6287262	
Galway Sheep Breeders Association	Tom Murphy	Shrale	Creagh	Ballinasloe	Galway	087-9486530	
Mayo Blackface/Mayo Connemara	John Noonan & John Joyce					087-2789936	
Mayo Mule and Greyface & Blueface Leicester	Tom Staunton & Oliver Cawley					087-6297973	
						094-9544163	
						0868923381	
Suffolk Sheep Society	Anne Mitchell	Cross	Menlough	Ballinasloe	Galway	090-9684759	
Irish Texel Sheep Society	Sinead Brophy	The Irish Texel Sheep Society	Kellistown Farm	Kellistown	Carlow	868164127	
Irish Vendeen Sheep Society	Mark Crowe	Kileen Road	Dunsany	Meath		046-9025162	

## Non-Show Breed Exhibits

Blue De Maine, North Country Cheviots,	Roy Butler	Moatland Street Village	Mullingar	Co. Westmeath		872030333	
Belclare Sheep							
Donegal Black Face	Philip Faulkner	Tullnavin	Redcastle	Co. Donegal		074 9382786	
Easycare Sheep Ireland	Dessie Donohoe	Springhill	Oldcastle	Co Meath		087 8578998	087 6813483
Jacob Sheep Society	Martin Hurney	Kilcrin	Ahascragh	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	087 2996656	086 0788220
Irish Rouge De Leyn Sheep Society	Hilary Workman	Drumhirk House	Monaghan				
L'Quest Sheep Society							
North Country Cheviot	Bob Hopkins	River house	Castlecomer	Co Kilkenny		087-2277428	
	Bill Bennett	Ardacullion	Edgeworthstown	Co Longford		086 1028073	
Roscommon Prolific Replacements	PJ Finnerty	Kilcar	Brideswell	Athlone	Co Roscommon	086 6070534	
Wicklow Cheviot Sheep	Jim Fitzsimons	Oldcourt	Blessington	Co Wicklow		087-2845760	
Easycare Sheep	Campbell Tweed	Ballycoose,	Ballygally,	Larne,	County Antrim	+447802835355	

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### Bord Bia & lamb processing plants

Bord Bia	Declan Fennell	Cianwilliam Court	Lower Mount Street, D2	Dublin	01-668515
Dawn Meats		Grannagh	Waterford		051-309200
Irish Country Meats		Bayland	Camolin	Co. Wexford	053-9366300
Kepak Group		Clonee	Meath		01-8015000
Kildare Chilling		Kildare Town	Co Kildare		045-530400

### Advisory/research/farm organisations

Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine		Agriculture House,	Kildare St	Dublin 2	01- 6072000
IOFGA	Gillian Westbrook	16A Inish Carraig	Golden Island	Athlone	0906-433680
Irish Cattle & Sheep Farmers Association (ICSA)	Belinda Corby	3 Gandon Court	Portlaoise	Co. Laois	057-8662120
Irish Farmers Journal		Irish Farm Centre	Bluebell	Dublin 12	01-4199500
Teagasc		Oak Park	Co Carlow		059-9170200
UCD		UCD Lyons Research Farm	Newcastle	Co Dublin	01-6012162
FBD		FBD House	Bluebell	Dublin 12	

### The wool village

The Sheep and Wool Centre	Aine O'Toole	Leenane	Co Galway		
Sheep Shearing & Wool Handling	George Graham	Ballyoughter	Gorey	Wexford	087-2569072
Wool Weaving	Eddie Doherty	Portnoo Road	Ardara	Co. Donegal	074-9541797

### Commercial exhibitors

Agri Lloyd Ireland	Noel Brosnan	Unit 22	Millenium Business Park	Dublin 11	01-8649011
Agrihealth Ltd	Ger Butler/Noel Conway	Clones Road	Monaghan	Co. Monaghan	087-2524602
Agrimin Ltd	Rachael Bennett	Arranda Way	Humberside Airport	England	1652688046
Animax	Mr. Rory Dicker	c/o Rochview Lodge	Stonyford	Co. Kilkenny	087-0635950
Bimeda Ireland	Michael Dore	Broomhill Road	Tallagh	Dublin 24	01-4515011
Blackface Sheep Breeders Association	John Harkin	Loughash Farm	Donemania	Co Tyrone	7802347442
Caltech	David Johnston	Solway Mills	Silloth	Cumbria	447850494861
Cashel Blue Cheese	PJ Ryan	J&L Grubb	Beechmount	Fethard	091-870146
Chanelle Veterinary	Caroline Cavanagh	IDA Business & Technology Park	Dublin Road	Co. Galway	
Clarke Machinery Ltd	James McGovern	New Inn	Ballyjamesduff	Co. Cavan	049-8544353
Connacht Gold	Joe Naughton	Tubbercurry	Co Sligo		087-2723636
Connemara Hill Lamb	Tony Curran	Cornamona	Connemara	Co Galway	094-9548798
Cormac Sheep Equipment	T.J. Gormley	Vicar Street	Tuam	Co. Galway	093-28231
Coyle Veterinary	Michael Coyle	U5 Kilkerrin Park	Liosbaun Industrial, Estate	Tuam Road, Galway	091-753375
Crush Chute Gate	Joseph Hyland	Liosbaun Industrial Lea	Portarlington	Co Laois	087-2517061
Dominic Black Farm Sys	Dominic Black				086-8650640

Easyfix	Ronan Boyle	Perse Business Park	Ballinasloe	Galway		09096-43344
Ecocem	David O'Flynn	Portview House	Thorncastle St	Ringsend	D4	087-9654891
Eurotags	Liam Egan	Mullinahone	Co Tipperary			087-9082123
Farm Direct	Dessie Donohoe	Springhall	Oldcastle	Co. Meath		049-8542907
Greenvale Animal	Mike Frawley	Cabragh	Thurles	Co. Tipperary		0504-24550
Feeds						
Innovis	Geraint Thomas	East Mains	Orniston	East Lothian	EH35 5NG	1875614500
Kiernan Milling Ltd	Gareth Carroll	Granardkille	Granard	Co Longford		043- 6660000
Litams UK Ltd	Sotos Savvides	BV Verlengde				0044-
		Noordersloot 34 7891				7585922807
		TM Klazienaveen				
Mayo Healthcare	Killian O'Briain	Rosbeg	Wesport	Co. Mayo		087-2517797
Mayo Metalworks	Mark & Debbie Walsh	Roundfort	Hollymount	Co Mayo		087-9260041
Mega Discount Depot	Pat McNamara	Old Monivea Road	Galway			086-8392951
MSD Animal Health	David Neylon	Red Oak North	South County Busi-	Leopardstown	D18	01-2970173
			ness Park			086 6080492
National Sheep Assn	Edward Adamson	6, Fort Road	Kilroot	Carrickfergus	Co. Antrim	44 0 771071290
NI Region						
Natural Stockcare Ltd	Jack Ryan	Doon	Co. Limerick			086-2518944
Norbrook Laborato-	Patrick Hughes	Rossmore Industrial	Monaghan	Co. Monaghan		086-2587378
ries (Irl) Ltd		Estate				
Novartis	Margaret Cashman	Frimley Business Park	Camberley	Surrey	GU167S2	087-9856665
Nutribio	Ms. Audrey Fitzgibbon	Tivoli Industrial Estate	Tivoli	Cork		086-0414737
O'Donovan	Dermot O'Donovan	Coachford	Co. Cork			021-7334066
Engineering						
O'Hara Engineering	Frank O'Hara	Ballyhubbock	Fenagh	Co Carlow		086-1628603
Organic Trust Ltd	Ms. Helen Scully	Vernon House	2 Vernon Avenue	Clontarf	Dublin 3	01-853027
Osmonds	Michael O'Grady	Unit 4	Airton Road	Tallaght	Dublin 24	01-4667988
Pfizer Animal Health	William Minchin	9 Riverwalk	National Digital Park	Citywest	Dublin 24	01-4676648
PharVet	Paul Kennedy	U29 Cookstown Ins	D24			01-4518959
		Estate				
Polyhouses Ltd	Deirdre & Colm	Kilimurray	Trim	Co. Meath		046-9546007
	Warren					
Sean Hogan Trailers/	Alan Cole	Kilcullen Road	Naas	Co. Kildare		045-876053
Agents for Westwood						
Trailers						
Shepherds mate	George Best	Augherskilly	Ballyconnell	Co Cavan		049-9526327
Standish Sawmills	Tom Standish	The Leap Castle	Roscrea	Co Offaly		057-9131074
Stanley Engineering	George and Jason		Errill	Co Laois		0505-44145
Services	Stanley					086 8292731
Stockproof Fencing	Tom Power	Ballyduff	Thurles	Co Tipperary		0504-45070
Products						
Stradbally Farm	Philip Tighe	Stradbally	Co. Laois			087-2661229
Services						
Tegral	George Robinson	Kilkenny Road	Athy	Co Kildare		059-8631316
Timac Agro	Leo Forkin	3-4 Priory Court	New Ross	Co. Wexford		087-6735501
Uniblock	Tom Warren	Industrial Estate	Coos Road	Dundalk	Co. Louth	042-9329176
Volac Ireland	Louella Lang	Church Street	Kilshandra	Co. Cavan		049-433 4755
Whelehan Crop	Chris Maughan	Suite 10, Bunkilla	Bracetown Business	Bracetown, Clonee,	Dublin 15	01- 8068600
Protection		Plaza,	Park,			087 6825253



## Mayo Mule and Greyface & Bluefaced Leicester

**Sponsor:** Connacht Gold Co-op (Classes 1 to 6)  
**Sponsor:** Ger Grimes, Vet Supplies (Class 7)



### Mayo Mule and Greyface Group:

**Sale info:** 31st August , 21st September in  
 Connaught Gold mart, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo

**Contact:** Tom: 094- 9544163; Oliver:  
 086-8923381.

**Website:** [www.mayosheepproducers.com](http://www.mayosheepproducers.com)

**Judge:** Eamon McCormac

### Bluefaced Leicester

**Sale info:** 21st September, Ballinrobe;  
 22nd September, Ballymena; 13th October,  
 Armoy

**Contact:** David: 087-9386208;  
 Eamon: 0044-7740175698.

**Website:** [www.blueleicester.co.uk](http://www.blueleicester.co.uk)

**Judge:** Clark Lamont

### Class 1

#### Mayo Mule & Greyface Mule hoggets

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Class	Exhibitor(s)	Place
m1	1	Mule hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m2	1	Mule hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m3	1	Mule hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m4	1	Mule hoggets	Oliver Cawley	
m5	1	Mule hoggets	Oliver Cawley	
m6	1	Mule hoggets	James Prendergast	
m7	1	Mule hoggets	James Prendergast	
m8	1	Mule hoggets	John Flannelly	
m9	1	Mule hoggets	John Flannelly	
m10	1	Mule hoggets	John Flannelly	
m11	1	Mule hoggets	Richard Staunton	
m12	1	Mule hoggets	Richard Staunton	
m13	1	Mule hoggets	Richard Staunton	

### Class 2

#### Mayo Mule & Greyface Mule ewe lamb

m14	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Frank Morahan	
m15	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Frank Morahan	
m16	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Frank Morahan	
m17	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m18	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m19	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m20	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m21	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	David Murphy	
m22	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	David Murphy	
m23	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	David Murphy	
m24	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Padraic Kelly	
m25	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Padraic Kelly	
m26	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Joe Scahill	
m27	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Joe Scahill	
m28	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Joe Scahill	
m74	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Fadden	
m75	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Fadden	
m76	2	Mule Ewe Lamb	Tom Fadden	

**Class 3****Mayo Mule & Greyface/Greyface hoggets**

m29	3	Greyface Hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m30	3	Greyface Hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m31	3	Greyface Hoggets	Frank Morahan	
m32	3	Greyface Hoggets	Tommy Heneghan	
m33	3	Greyface Hoggets	Tommy Heneghan	
m34	3	Greyface Hoggets	Tommy Heneghan	

**Class 4****Mayo Mule & Greyface Mule cross lambs**

m35	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Frank Morahan	
m36	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Tom Staunton	
m37	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Tom Staunton	
m38	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Oliver Cawley	
m39	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Oliver Cawley	
m40	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Mike Staunton	
m41	4	Mule Cross Lambs	Mike Staunton	

**Class 5****Bluefaced Leicester shearling ram**

m42	5	Shearling Ram	David Murphy	
m43	5	Shearling Ram	David Murphy	
m44	5	Shearling Ram	David Murphy	
m45	5	Shearling Ram	John Morohan	
m46	5	Shearling Ram	John Morohan	
m47	5	Shearling Ram	Tom Staunton	
m48	5	Shearling Ram	Tom Staunton	
m49	5	Shearling Ram	Tom Staunton	
m50	5	Shearling Ram	Kieran McGrath	
m51	5	Shearling Ram	Davey Lyttle	
m52	5	Shearling Ram	Davey Lyttle	
m53	5	Shearling Ram	Davey Lyttle	

**Class 6****Bluefaced Leicester shearling ewe**

m54	6	Shearling Ewe	David Murphy	
m55	6	Shearling Ewe	David Murphy	
m56	6	Shearling Ewe	David Murphy	
m57	6	Shearling Ewe	John Morohan	
m58	6	Shearling Ewe	John Morohan	
m59	6	Shearling Ewe	Tom Staunton	
m60	6	Shearling Ewe	Tom Staunton	
m61	6	Shearling Ewe	Tom Staunton	
m62	6	Shearling Ewe	Kieran McGrath	
m63	6	Shearling Ewe	Kieran McGrath	
m64	6	Shearling Ewe	Davey lyttle	
m65	6	Shearling Ewe	Davey lyttle	
m66	6	Shearling Ewe	Paul Sammon	
m67	6	Shearling Ewe	Paul Sammon	

**Class 7****Bluefaced Leicester ram lamb**

m68	7	Ram Lamb	David Murphy	
m69	7	Ram Lamb	David Murphy	
m70	7	Ram Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m71	7	Ram Lamb	Tom Staunton	
m72	7	Ram Lamb	Kieran McGrath	
m73	7	Ram Lamb	Kieran McGrath	

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## Mayo Mule and Greyface & Bluefaced Leicester exhibitor listing

Name	Address	Tel. Number	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Morahan, Frank	Coolisduff, Kilmaine, Co. Mayo.	093 33416, 086 3994418	m1 , m2 , m3 , m14 , m15 , m16 , m29 , m30 , m31 , m35
Cawle, Oliverly	Derryribbeen, Clogher, Westport, Co. Mayo.	086 8923381	m4 , m5 , m38 , m39
Prendergast, James	Drimcoggy, Srah, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	094 9544164, 0870972905	m6 , m7
Flannelly, John	Knocknakillew, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo.	094 9541811, 087 2895974	m8 , m9 , m10
Staunton, Richard	Tawnagh, Srah, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	094 9544061, 086 0835719	m11 , m12 , m13
Staunton, Tom	Shanvalleyard, Tourmakeady, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	094 9544163, 087 2607883	m17 , m18 , m19 , m20 , m36 , m37 , m47 , m48 , m49 , m59 , m60 , m70 , m71
Murphy, David	Ballyglass, The Neale, Co. Mayo.	879386208	m21 , m22 , m23 , m42 , m43 , m44 , m54 , m55 , m56 , m68, m69
Kelly, Padraic	Devlish, Killawalla, Westport, Co. Mayo.	098 35357, 087 1335603	m24 , m25
Scahill, Joe	Prospect, Westport, Co. Mayo.	098 28988, 086 1577154	m26 , m27 , m28
Heneghan, Tommy	Churchfield, Tourmakeady, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	094 9544218, 087 7680839	m32 , m33 , m34
Staunton, Mike	Tawnagh, Srah, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	094 9544061, 086 0835719	m40 , m41
Morohan, John	Coolisduff, Kilmaine, Co. Mayo.	093 33416, 086 3994418	m45 , m46, m57 , m58
Lyttle, Davey	Rosefield, Pettigo, Co. Donegal	071-9861609	m51 , m52 , m53 , m64 , m65
McGrath, Kieran	Grouselodge, Pettigo P.O. Co. Donegal	071-9861685, 074- 9133340	m50, m62 , m63 , m72 , m73
Sammon, Paul	Lakeview, Firmmount, Carrighorig, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	863868695	m66 , m67
Fadden, Tom	Letter, Islandeady, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	0868597081, 094 9024842	m74, m75, m76

# Mayo Blackface and Mayo Connemara

**MAYO HEALTHCARE**



**Sponsors:** Mayo Healthcare & Greenvale Animals Feeds

**Judges:** Tom Halloran and Martin Joe Kerrigan both  
from Glentraigue Clonbur Co Galway

**Mayo Blackface Sheep Breeders Society**

**Sale info:** 21st September in Connaught Gold mart  
Ballinrobe, Co Mayo

**Contact:** John 087-2789936; John 087-6297973;  
Tom 094-9544163

**Website:** [www.mayosheepproducers.com](http://www.mayosheepproducers.com)

**Mayo Connemara Ram Breeders**

**Sale info:** 21st September in Connaught Gold mart  
Ballinrobe, Co Mayo

**Contact:** Steven 087-2123539; Pat 087-2757859;  
Stephen 086-8279133

**Class 1**

**Mayo Connemara aged pure breed ram**

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Place
bf1		Steven O'Neill	
bf2		Michael O'Neill	
bf3		John Nolan	
bf4		Stephen Grealis	
bf5		Patrick Sweeney	
bf6		Colin Barber	
bf7		Victor Barber	
bf28		Brendan Joyce	
bf29		Brendan Joyce	

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## Class 2

### Mayo Blackface ewe lamb

bf8		James Ryder	
bf9		James Ryder	
bf10		Colin barber	
bf11		Victor barber	
bf12		John McGing	
bf13		John McGing	
bf14		John McGing	
bf15		John Nolan	
bf16		John Nolan	
bf17		Pat Horan	
bf18		Pat Horan	

## Class 3

### Mayo Blackface yearling hogget ewes

bf19		James Ryder	
bf20		James Ryder	
bf21		John Nolan	
bf22		John Nolan	
bf23		John Nolan	
bf24		Colin barber	
bf25		Victor barber	
bf26		Pat Horan	
bf27		Pat Horan	
bf30		Tom Carter	
bf31		Tom Carter	

## Mayo Blackface and Mayo Connemara list of exhibitors

Name	Address	Tel. Number	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Steven O'Neill	Doire Mhianaigh, Tuar Mhic Eadaigh, Co. Mayo	094 9544232, 087 2123539	bf1
Michael O'Neill	Derryveeney, Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo	094 9544746, 087 2503619	bf2
John Nolan	Buckagh, Newport, Co. Mayo	098 41511, 087 2847656	bf3, bf15, bf16, bf21, bf22, bf23
Stephen Grealis	Lettra, Ballycroy, Westport, Co. Mayo	868279133	bf4
Patrick Sweeney	Tarsaghaun, Ballycroy, Westport, Co. Mayo	098 45535, 087 7665873	bf5
Colin Barber	Munninane, Grange, Co. Sligo	086 8667204	bf6, bf10, bf24
Victor Barber	Munninane, Grange, Co. Sligo	0719163659, 0868289926	bf7, bf11, bf25
James Ryder	Kilbride, Newport, Co. Mayo	098 41600, 087 2422783	bf8, bf9, bf19, bf20
John McGing	Kinuary West, Killawalla, Westport, Co. Mayo	9835398	bf12, bf13, bf14
Pat Horan	Sweetwell, Swinford, Co. Mayo	872757859	bf17, bf18, bf26, bf27
Brendan Joyce	Recess, Co. Galway	872226737	bf28, bf29
Tom Carter	Ballinrobe rd Westport	872068663	bf30, bf31

# Suffolk Sheep Society All-Ireland Championships

## South of Ireland Branch, National Championships



**Sponsors:**

Greenvale and Volac

**Judge:**

Pat MacCray

### National Championships 2012

Supreme Champion  
Reserve Champion  
Female Champion  
Reserve Female Champion  
Male Champion  
Reserve Male Champion

#### Conditions of entry

1. All exhibitors must be paid up members of the Suffolk Sheep Society and the South of Ireland Branch.
2. All sheep exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
3. All sheep exhibited in the beginner's class must be exhibited by the flock owner only.
4. All lambs exhibited must be bred by the exhibitor.
5. All shearlings and upwards must be shorn out in 2012.
6. All two shear ewes and upwards must have bred lambs in 2012.
7. All sheep must be tattooed and will be inspected.
8. No bare clipped lambs to be exhibited.

#### Class 1

#### S/R ram +

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Place
S1		Seamus Browne	
S2		JP Screene	
S3		S & C Govin	
S4		James Rooney	
S5		Robert Tait	
S6		Michael Brennan	
S7		Paul O'Dea	
S8		Sean O' Connor	
S9		Trevor Burke	

#### Class 2

#### Aged E +

S10		Seamus Browne	
S11		JP Screene	
S12		S & C Govin	
S13		James Rooney	
S14		Susan O'Keefe	
S15		Susan O'Keefe	
S16		Sean O'Connor	
S17		Francis Mangan	
S18		Francis Mangan	
S19		Martin Butler	

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## Suffolk Sheep Society Championships

### Class 3

#### Shear E +

S20		Seamus Browne	
S21		Seamus Browne	
S22		Seamus Browne	
S23		JP Screene	
S24		Gerry Killilea	
S25		Gerry Killilea	
S26		Patrick O'Keeffe	
S27		Susan O'Keeffe	
S28		Susan O'Keeffe	
S29		Padraic Nilland	
S30		Padraic Nilland	
S31		Francis Mangan	
S32		Francis Mangan	
S33		Niall Walsh	
S34		Martin Butler	

### Class 4

#### Novice R/L

S35		S & C Govin	
S36		S & C Govin	
S37		James Rooney	
S38		Mark Grealy	
S39		Mark Grealy	
S40		Gabriel Conway	
S41		Gabriel Conway	
S42		Kevin McCabe	
S43		Rory Skerritt	
S44		Paul O'Dea	
S45		Paul O'Dea	
S46		Francis Mangan	

### Class 5

#### Open R/L

S47		JP Screene	
S48		JP Screene	
S49		Gerry Killilea	
S50		Kevin McCabe	
S51		Arthur O'Keeffe	
S52		Susan O'Keeffe	
S53		Fergal O'Se	
S54		Padraic Nilland	
S55		Niall Walsh	
S56		Niall Walsh	
S57		Trevor Burke	
S58		Trevor Burke	
S59		Martin Butler	

### Class 6

#### Novice E/L

S60		S & C Govin	
S61		S & C Govin	
S62		James Rooney	
S63		Mark Grealy	
S64		Gabriel Conway	
S65		Gabriel Conway	
S66		Kevin McCabe	
S67		Rory Skerritt	
S68		Michael Clarke	

**Class 7****Untrim E/L**

S69		Seamus Browne	
S70		Seamus Browne	
S71		Gerry Killilea	
S72		Kevin McCabe	
S73		Michael Clarke	
S74		Flan Casey	
S75		Arthur O'Keeffe	
S76		Susan O'Keeffe	
S77		Padraic Nilland	
S78		Niall Walsh	
S79		Trevor Burke	
S80		Martin Butler	

**Class 8****Trim E/L**

S81		Seamus Browne	
S82		Gerry Killilea	
S83		Gerry Killilea	
S84		Michael Brennan	
S85		Arthur O'Keeffe	
S86		Susan O'Keeffe	
S87		Trevor Burke	

**Suffolk Sheep Society list of exhibitors**

Name	Address				Classes
Seamus Browne	Park House	Listillion	Letterkenny	Co. Donega	Class 1,2,3,7,8,9
JP Screene	Windfield	Menlough	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	Class 1,2,3,5
Gerry Killilea	Carragh	Claregalway	Co Galway		Class 3,5,7,8
S & C Govin	Currymachomas	Mayo Abbey	Claremorris	Co. Mayo	Class 1,2,4,6
James Rooney	Gortnaderry	Grange	Co Sligo		Class 1,2,4,6,9
Mark Greal	Middlethird	Oranmore	Co Galway.		Class 4,6
Gabriel Conway	Lambay	Trim	Co Meath		Class 4,6
Robert Tait	The Bawn	Convoy	Lifford	Co. Donegal	Class 1
Kevin Amy & Laura McCabe	The Leap	Ballybrittas	Roscrea		Class 4,5,6,7
Rory Skerritt	Ballyknockan	The Ballagh	Enniscorthy	Wexford	Class 4,6
Michael Brennan	Galbally	Ballyhogue,	Enniscorthy	Co Wexford	Class 1,8
Con Lynch	Newtownbond	Edgeworthstown	Co Longford		Class 5,6
Paul O'Dea	Hawthorn House	Rusheens	Tuam	Co Galway	Class 1,4
Flan Casey	Gortnahaha	Kildysart	Co Clare		Class 7
Arthur O' Keeffe	Annakisha House	Mallow	Co. Cork		Class 5,7,8
Patrick O'Keeffe	Annakisha	Mallow	Co Cork		Class 3
Susan O' Keeffe	Baile Na BPaorach	Mallow	Co. Cork		Class 2,3,5,7,8
Fergal O'Se	Cross Ventry	Tralee	Co Kerry		Class 5
Padraic Niland	Chessy	Ardrahan	Co Galway		Class 3,5,7
Sean O' Connor	"Mayo House"	Beaufort	Killarney	Kerry	Class 1,2
Francis Mangan	Mellerary Road	Cappoquinn	Co Waterford		Class 2,3,4
Niall Walsh	Castlegrogan	Errill	Portlaoise	Laois	Class 3,5,7
Trevor Burke	Ballybanagher	Cummer	Tuam	Co. Galway	Class 1,5,7,8,9
Martin Butler	Killeen Road	Dunshaughlin	Co. Meath		Class 2,3,5,7,8



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**Judge: John Foster**

## Class 1

## Two Shear Ram and upwards

Entry/ Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Tattoo Number or other ID	Ram Name	Sire	Breeder's Name	Place
1		Michael Bird	VTL 10023	Livery Cogburn Rooster	Tamnamoney Ned	James Thomson	
2		Pat Lyons	LPP 09008	Turoe Playboy	Castlescreen OJ		
3		Thomas McAndrew	HAK 10036	Knock Raifiki	Garngour Noble- man	A & G Howie	
4		Paul McDonnell	HBN 10085			Brian Hanthorn	
5		J & C McHugh	YZI 10050	Hillcrest Rocketman	Millars Outstanding	William Doherty	

6		Shane McHugh	IUI 09022	Speenogue Pierre	Roughan Laptop	McHugh Bros	
7		Fintan Thornton	NBE 10005	Weststar Rocky	Ettrick No Limits	Nicholas Byrne	
8		Wehrly, Neville, D'Arcy, Dillon, McMeel	GCN 10101	Cherryvale Ringmaster	Tamnamoney Ned	B & J Gault	

## Class 2

### Two Shear Ewe and upwards

Entry/ Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Tattoo Number or other ID	Ram Name	Sire	Breeder's Name	Place
9		Boylan Family	FRI 10053		Bailey's One & Only	Flor Ryan	
10		William Doherty	YZI 07067		Blackstown Mr. Muscle		
11		Anthony Donnelly	GAF 10012		Baltier Nailer	A. Gault	
12		Thomas Kenny	VRI 09035		Bailey's One & Only	Johnny Ryan	
13		Pat Lyons	LPP 09068		Turoe Marshall		
14		Pat Lyons	LPP 08122		Cornerstone Miracle		
15		Pat Lyons	EWI 09026		Tullagh Neptune	Liam Walsh	
16		Harry Noble	RWI 08038		Shannagh Notorious	R & A Wilson	
17		Shane McHugh	UJI 10001		Clinerty Las Vegas		
18		Michael Murphy	MYI 08001		Tullagh Neptune		
19		Eugene O Sullivan	FHE 08037		Humeston Millreef	Frank Harrington	

## Class 3

### Shear Ram

20		Robert Walker	BBK 00057		Chessy Popeye	Barclay Bell & Sons	
21		Cayla & Emily Wehrly	WWB 09003		Fairywater Olympian	J. Wilson	
22		Wehrly, McMeel, Neville	RVG10025				
23		Boylan Family	PPE 11003	Pipers Hall Sleepy Formula	Greenhills Rambo		
24		Boylan Family	UJI 11012	Figart Sky	Clinerty Las Vegas	Shane McHugh	
25		Boylan Family	CQI 11013		Heathmount Ryder	Alex Clarke	
26		Michael Bird	EBE 11090	Baileys Sé	Deveronvale Perfection	Ellen Bailey	
27		A, L & J Brennan	RYI 11011	Rotsee Superstar		Jackie Ryan	

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28	John J Brennan	JB1 11030	Lisgobbin Statesman	Fairywater Olympian		
29	A & E Cahill	EBE 11080	Baileys Samson	Deveronvale Perfection	Ellen Bailey	
30	Liam Coen	LII 11028	Lehinch Sandyman	Kelso Picasso		
31	Paul Coyne	YZI 11036	Hillcrest Statesman	Kelso Picasso	William Doherty	
32	Thomas Kenny	RWI 11004	Shannagh Supreme	Tophill Knockout	R & A Wilson	
33	Patrick Leonard	QPI 11010	Roscommon Oisin			
34	Figart, Speenogue & Greenhill Texels	GAI 11014	Enniscrone Sensational	Enniscrone Playboy	Ronan Gallagher	
35	J & C McHugh	PNI 11051	Chessy Spot On	Glenside Royal Sovereign	Padraic Niland	
36	D & E McManamon	MGV 11200	Deveronvale Superstar	Glenside Razzle Dazzle	Grahme A Morrisson	
37	D & E McManamon	PKH 11856	Hilltop Supreme	Cambwell Rob Roy	Oldtown Farm Ltd	
38	Michael Murphy	YMK 11086	Rohan Swagger	Tullagh Legend	D. McKay	
39	Mark Noble	XNI 11009	Kilcoursey Superbowl	Shannagh Lucky		
40	Mark Noble	XNI11019	Kilcoursey Saint or Sinner	Bluegates Rambo III		
41	Fintan Thornton	FGY 11038	Botern Simple Solution	Knock Oregano	Gareth Fyffe	

#### Class 4

#### Shearling Ewe

42	Boylan Family	FRI 11025		Baileys One & Only	Flor Ryan	
43	A & L Brennan	FRI 11033			Flor Ryan	
44	John J Brennan	JB1 11001		Ballynadrenta Psycho		
45	A & E Cahill	ERE 11003		Millar's Napoleon		
46	Eric Campbell	ECE 11013		Knock Raifiki		
47	Eric Campbell	ECE 11002		Garngour Playboy		
48	Anthony Donnelly	DII 11009		Ballybrooney Neptune		
49	Patrick Leonard	QPI 11002		Brague Nelson		
50	Cyril Keane	CKE 11001		Craigiehead Masterpiece		
51	Pat Lyons	LPP 1101708		Turoe Playboy		
52	Pat Lyons	LPP 1101780		Heathmount Perfection		
53	Paul McDonnell	FTS 11523			JT Foster	
54	J & C McHugh	HUI 11072		Goldies Magnum		
55	J & C McHugh	HUI 11064		Enniscrone Patriot		

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59	Padraic Niland	PNI 11016	Tullagh Neptune
60	Padraic Niland	PNI 11031	Knock Raifiki
61	Mark Noble	XNI 11010	Shannagh Lucky
62	Mark Noble	XNI 11018	Larahirl Prancer
63	A & P O Keffe	OKI 11028	Cairness Perfection
64	A & P O Keffe	OKI 11056	Cairness Rags to Riches
65	Eugene O'Sullivan	EOE 11002	Kelso Picasso
66	Eugene O'Sullivan	EOE 11003	Kelso Picasso

### Class 5

#### Ram lamb born before 1 March

Entry/Exhibit No.	Exhibitor	Place
67	Michael Bird	
68	A & L Brennan	
69	Walter Brennan	
70	Walter Brennan	
71	Nicholas Byrne	
72	Nicholas Byrne	
73	Eric Campbell	
74	Eric Campbell	
75	Liam Coen	
76	Liam Coen	
77	William Doherty	
78	William Doherty	
79	Anthony Donnelly	
80	Jimmy Garrivan	
81	Jimmy Garrivan	
82	Patrick Joyce	

83	Thomas Kenny	
84	Sean McGee	
85	J & C McHugh	
86	J & C McHugh	
87	Michael Murphy	
88	Padraic Niland	
89	A & P O Keffe	
90	A & P O Keffe	
91	Fergal O Sé	
92	Fergal O Sé	
93	Eugene O Sullivan	
94	Robert Walker	
95	Robert Walker	
96	Liam Walsh	
97	Liam Walsh	
98	Liam Walsh	

### Class 6

#### Ram lamb born on or after 1 March

99	Michael Bird	
100	A & L Brennan	
101	A & L Brennan	
102	John J Brennan	
103	Walter Brennan	
104	Nicholas Byrne	
105	William Doherty	
106	Stuart Dorran	
107	D.C & O Groepler	
108	Michael Healy	
109	Thomas Kenny	
110	Sean McGee	

111	J & C McHugh	
112	D & E McManamon	
113	D & E McManamon	
114	Padraic Niland	
115	Mark Noble	
116	Mark Noble	
117	A & P O Keffe	
118	Fergal O Sé	
119	Eugene O Sullivan	
120	Eugene O Sullivan	
121	Fintan Thornton	
122	Robert Walker	

**Class 7****Ewe lamb**

123	A & L Brennan	
124	John J Brennan	
125	Walter Brennan	
126	Nicholas Byrne	
127	Nicholas Byrne	
128	Eric Campbell	
129	Eric Campbell	
130	Paul Coyne	
131	William Doherty	
132	William Doherty	
133	Anthony Donnelly	
134	Jimmy Garrivan	
135	Jimmy Garrivan	
136	D,C & O Groepler	
137	Thomas Kenny	
138	Thomas Kenny Jnr	
139	Thomas McAndrew	

140	Thomas McAndrew	
141	Sean McGee	
142	J & C McHugh	
143	J & C McHugh	
144	Shane McHugh	
145	Michael Murphy	
146	Padraic Niland	
147	A & P O Keeffe	
148	A & P O Keeffe	
149	Fergal O Sé	
150	Fergal O Sé	
151	Robert Walker	
152	Robert Walker	
153	Liam Walsh	
154	Liam Walsh	
155	Liam Walsh	

**Class 8****Novice ram lamb**

156	Boylan Family	
157	Kenneth Bird	
158	Kenneth Brazil	
159	Trevor Burke	
160	A & E Cahill	
161	John Canty	
162	Roger Doherty	
163	Roger Doherty	
164	Ryan Doherty	
165	Anthony Donnelly	
166	Anthony Donnelly	
167	Stuart Dorran	
168	Jimmy Garrivan	
169	Jimmy Garrivan	
170	D,C & Otto Groepler	
171	Michael Haverty	
172	Michael Healy	

173	Patrick Joyce	
174	Cyril Keane	
175	Thomas Kenny	
176	Thomas Kenny	
177	Patrick Leonard	
178	E & S McCarthy	
179	Sean McGee	
180	D & E McManamon	
181	D & E McManamon	
182	Brian Mathews	
183	Gerard Niland	
184	Harry Noble	
185	Gerry O' Dowd	
186	Seamus Robinson	
187	Fintan Thornton	
188	Killian Tubman	
189	Cayla & Emily Wehrly	
190	Cayla & Emily Wehrly	

**Class 9****Novice ewe lamb**

191	Boylan Family	
192	Kenneth Bird	
193	Kenneth Brazil	
194	Kenneth Brazil	
195	Kenneth Brazil	
196	Trevor Burke	
197	Trevor Burke	
198	A & E Cahill	
199	John Canty	
200	John Canty	
201	Roger Doherty	
202	Roger Doherty	
203	Anthony Donnelly	
204	Jimmy Garrivan	

205	Jimmy Garrivan	
206	D,C & O Groepler	
207	D,C & O Groepler	
208	Michael Haverty	
209	Michael Haverty	
210	Michael Haverty	
211	Michael Healy	
212	Patrick Joyce	
213	Cyril Keane	
214	Thomas Kenny	
215	Thomas Kenny Jnr	
216	Patrick Leonard	
217	E & S McCarthy	
218	E & S McCarthy	

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## Class 9

## Novice ewe lamb (continued)

219	Thomas McAndrew		226	Harry Noble	
220	Paul McDonnell		227	Gerry O' Dowd	
221	Sean McGee		228	Seamus Robinson	
222	D & E McManamon		229	Fintan Thornton	
223	D & E McManamon		230	Killian Tubman	
224	Brian Mathews		231	Cayla & Emily Wehrly	
225	Gerard Niland		232	Cayla & Emily Wehrly	

## Irish Texel Sheep Society exhibitor listing

Surname	First Name	Address	Tel. Number	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Boylan	Family	Haylands Blessington	086 4037301	9, 23, 24, 25, 42, 156, 191
Bird	Kenneth	Dunlever Trim Co. Meath	086 3238416	157, 192
Bird	Michael	Millfarm Dunlever Trim Co. Meath	086 9965239	1, 26, 67, 99
Brazil	Kenneth	Toureen West Ballymacarbry Clonmel Co. Tipperary	087 7872909	158, 193, 194, 195
Brennan	Alma & Lorraine	Lisgobbin Roscommon	086 8546772	27, 43, 68, 100, 101, 123
Brennan	John J	Lisgobbin Roscommon	086 8179246	28, 44, 102, 124
Brennan	Walter	Monard Mayo Abbey Claremorris Co. Mayo	086 8185612	69, 70, 103, 125
Burke	Trevor	Corofin Tavanaghmore Cummer Tuam Co. Galway	086 1606565	159, 196, 197
Byrne	Nicholas	Clare Oughterard Co. Galway	087 6993422	71, 72, 104, 126, 127
Cahill	Anthony	Cloonard Castlereagh Co. Roscommon	086 6080433	29, 45, 160, 198
Campbell	Eric	Vicars Choroland Tuam Co. Galway	086 0763014	46, 47, 73, 74, 128, 129
Canty	John	Pubblestown Kildalkey Co. Meath	086 8312817	161, 199, 200
Coyne	Paul	Rathgranagher Cloghan's Hill Tuam Co. Galway	086 8796346	31, 130
Coen	Liam	Lehinch Hollymount Co. Mayo	087 2872674	30, 75, 76
Doherty	Roger	Urrismana Clonmany Co. Donegal	086 8602361	162, 163, 201, 202
Doherty	Ryan	Urrismana Clonmany Co. Donegal	086 8530199	164
Doherty	William	Galdonagh Glebe Manorcunningham Co. Donegal	087 2355493	10, 77, 78, 105, 131, 132
Donnelly	Anthony	Ballyglass Scardane Claremorris Co. Mayo	087 2632711	11, 48, 79, 133, 165, 166, 203
Dorran	Stuart	High Park House	086 8411276	106, 167
Garrivan	Jimmy	Belclare Westport Co. Mayo	086 3391071	80, 81, 134, 135, 168, 169, 204, 405
Groepler	D, C & O	Ballyboggan Clonard Enfield Co. Meath	087 2680400	107, 136, 170, 206, 207
Haverty	Michael	Dunblaney Dunmore Co. Galway	087 9000231	171, 208, 209, 210
Healy	Michael	Doon West Roscahill Co. Galway	087 1348568	108, 172, 211

Joyce	Patrick	Cahir Recess Co. Galway	087 6754357	82, 173, 212
Keane	Cyril	Ballinamana West Clarenbridge Co. Galway	087 6655701	50, 174, 213
Kenny	Thomas	Ballinderry Kilconnell Ballinasloe Co. Galway	087 2221322	12, 32, 83, 109, 137, 175, 176, 214
Kenny	Thomas Jnr	Ballinderry Kilconnell Ballinasloe Co. Galway	086 1966860	138, 215
Leonard	Patrick	Glassdrummond Smithboro Co. Monaghan	086 0869197	33, 49, 177, 216
Lyons	Patrick	Turoe Bullaun Loughrea Co. Galway	087 9832392	2, 13, 14, 15, 51, 52
McCarthy	Edward & Sheena	Ballybeg Buttevant Co. Cork		178, 217, 218
McAndrew	Thomas	Tallagh Hill Belmullet Co. Mayo	086 1504149	3, 139, 140, 219
McDonnell	Paul	Ellinure Newbliss Co. Monaghan	086 8922019	4, 53, 220
McGee	Sean	Lattagloghan Crosskeys Co. Cavan	086 6046283	84, 110, 141, 179, 221
McHugh	John & Colm	Cnoc Glas Carrickmacross Co. Monaghan	087 2448481	5, 34, 35, 54, 55, 56, 85, 86, 111, 142, 143
McHugh	Shane	Figart Dunfanaghy Letterkenny Co. Donegal	087 9512411	6, 17, 57, 58, 144
McManamon	Daire & Enda	Derrylahan Newport Co. Mayo	086 8422386	36, 37, 112, 113, 180, 181, 222, 223
Mathews	Brian	Quarrymount Hse Killeigh Co. Offaly	087 2658781	182, 224
Murphy	Michael	Moneen Cummer Tuam Co. Galway	087 6993411	18, 38, 87, 145
Niland	Gerard	Chessy Ardahan Co. Galway		183, 225
Niland	Padraic	Chessy Ardahan Co. Galway		59, 60, 88, 114, 146,
Noble	Harry	Kilcoursey Hse Edgeworthstown Co. Longford	087 9291446	16, 184, 226
Noble	Mark	Kilcoursey Hse Edgeworthstown Co. Longford	087 6146964	39, 40, 61, 62, 115, 116
O' Dowd	Gerry	Carrowreagh Ballymote Sligo	087 1440473	185, 227
O' Keeffe	Arthur & Patrick	Annakisha Hse Kilavullen Co. Cork	086 8135804	63, 64, 89, 90, 117, 147, 148
O' Sé	Fergal	Ard A'Bothar Ceann Trá Tra-Lí Co. Chiarrai	087 9895475	91, 92, 118, 149, 150
O' Sullivan	Eugene	Balgeeth Ardcah Co. Meath	086 2600616	19, 65, 66, 93, 119, 120
Robinson	Seamus	Goldrum Termon Co. Donegal	087 2462950	186, 228
Thornton	Fintan	Gortenaire Tynagh Loughrea Co. Galway	087 2220639	7, 41, 121, 187, 229
Tubman	Killian	Derena Milltown Belturbet Co. Cavan	086 1775657	188, 230
Walker	Robert	Kilcurley Manister Croom Co Limerick	087 9252310	20, 94, 95, 122, 151, 152
Walsh	Liam	Rathroeen Ballina Co. Mayo	086 2622547	96, 97, 98, 153, 154, 155
Wehrly	Cayla & Emily	Drumsillagh Ravensdale Dundalk		21, 189, 190, 231, 232
Wehrly	John	Ravensdale Dundalk Co. Louth	086 8122485	8, 22

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 or product to equivalent value

Judge: Tim Butcher, UK

## Class 1

### Vendeen senior ram

Entry/Exhibit No.	Class No.	Exhibitor(s)	Place
V1		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V2		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V3		John Lynch	
V4		Thomas Duffy	
V5		Ena Nagle	
V6		Shay Kennedy	
V7		Neil and Ann Ford	
V8		John Lynch	
V9		Pat Fitzgerald	

## Class 2

### Vendeen shearing ram

1st €50 voucher (Dolan Farm Supplies, Brideswell, Athlone, Co Roscommon)

V10		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V11		Mark and Stella Hatch	
V12		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V13		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V14		Thomas Duffy	
V15		Thomas Duffy	
V16		Ena Nagle	
V17		Padraig Geraghty	
V18		Shay Kennedy	
V19		Neil and Ann Ford	
V20		John Lynch	
V21		Pat Fitzgerald	

**Class 3****Vendeen ram lamb**

V22		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V23		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V24		Mark and Stella Hatch	
V25		Liam Dolan	
V26		Liam Dolan	
V27		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V28		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V29		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V30		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V31		Thomas Duffy	
V32		Ena Nagle	
V33		Ena Nagle	
V34		Ena Nagle	
V35		Padraig Geraghty	
V36		Ena Nagle	
V37		Ena Nagle	
V38		Shay Kennedy	
V39		Shay Kennedy	
V40		John Lynch	
V41		Pat Fitzgerald	

**Class 4****Vendeen senior ewe**

V42		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V43		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V44		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V45		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V46		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V47		Thomas Duffy	
V48		Padraig Geraghty	
V49		Ena Nagle	
V50		Ena Nagle	
V51		Shay Kennedy	
V52		Shay Kennedy	
V53		Neil and Ann Ford	
V54		Neil and Ann Ford	

**Class 5****Vendeen shearling ewe**

1st €50 voucher (Dolan Farm Supplies, Brideswell, Athlone, Co Roscommon)

V55		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V56		Mark and Stella Hatch	
V57		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V58		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V59		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V60		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V61		Thomas Duffy	
V62		Ena Nagle	
V63		Ena Nagle	
V64		Padraig Geraghty	
V65		Neil and Ann Ford	
V66		Pat Fitzgerald	

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## Irish Vendeen Championships

### Class 6

### Vendeen ewe lamb

V67		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V68		Mark and Audrey Crowe	
V69		Mark and Stella Hatch	
V70		Liam Dolan	
V71		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V72		Gordon and Yvonne Johnston	
V73		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V74		Conor and Cheryl O'Brien	
V75		Thomas Duffy	
V76		Ena Nagle	
V77		Ena Nagle	
V78		Padraig Geraghty	
V79		John Lynch	
V80		Pat Fitzgerald	

## Vendeen list of exhibitors

Name	Address	Entry/Exhibit Number(s)
Conor & Cheryl O'Brien	Springvale, Kildorrery, Co. Cork	V12,V13,V29,V30,V45,V46,V59,V60,V73,V74
Ena Nagle	Landmark, Ballinlough, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork	V5,V16,V32,V33,V34,V36,V37,V49,V50,V62,V63,V76,V77
Gordon & Yvonne Johnston	Swiss Cottage, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath	V2,V27,V28,V43,V44,V57,V58,V71,V72
John Lynch	Ballinascrew, Ballinallee, Co. Longford	V3,V8,V20,V40,V79
Liam Dolan	Gortaire, Cam Lodge, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	V25,V26,V70
Mark & Audrey Crowe	Killeen, Dunsany, Co. Meath	V1,V10,V22,V23,V42,V55,V67,V68
Mark & Stella Hatch	Longford House, Duleek, Co. Meath	V11,V24,V56,V69
Neil & Ann Ford	Kilnacrott, Balyjamesduff, Co. Cavan	V7,V19,V53,V54,V65
Padraig Geraghty	Feirm Luchair, Glenamaddy, Castlerea, Co. Galway	V17,V35,V48,V64,V78
Pat Fitzgerald	Lanmore, Liscarney, Co. Mayo	V9,V21,V41,V66,V80
Shay Kennedy	Churchtown Hill, Carrick-on-suir, Co. Waterford	V6,V18,V38,V39,V51,V52
Thomas Duffy	Tallagh, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	V4,V14,V15,V31,V47,V61,V75

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to wool heating and rotting when packed. Local wool merchants will have a presence at the event, covering the importance of delivering high quality, dry wool. This also includes advice on presenting, handling and packing wool to maintain it as a high quality natural fibre.

Flockowners will also be able to gain information on wool markets.

A loom supplied and operated by Eddie Doherty, Donegal, will demonstrate the craft of weaving wool. Aine O'Toole and colleagues from The Sheep and Wool Centre, Leenane, are completing a 'sheep to shawl'. This will see an animal sheared in the morning and the fleece brought through numerous traditional spinning and weaving methods to a shawl. Hand-knitters will also demonstrate how various natural homemade Irish woollen garments are made.

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# Research at UCD Lyons

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**L**yons Research Farm has been synonymous with leading research in sheep nutrition for close on 40 years. The 400-ewe flock, individual animal feeding facilities and state of the art feed analysis laboratories provide an important resource for the national sheep industry.

Recent work has examined the effect of late pregnancy energy and protein nutrition on the subsequent performance of the lamb to slaughter. This work highlights the importance of nutrition during late pregnancy to set the ewe up for lactation. How we feed the ewe in the last six weeks of pregnancy can have a major influence on the performance of her lambs up to weaning. Dietary approaches which appear to give similar performance at lambing time can have dramatically different effects on the performance of the lamb up to weaning.

As the emphasis in Irish agriculture continues to shift towards maximising the utilisation of grass, the intake capacity and requirements of the suckling ewe and her lambs is becoming more important. We need to fully understand how much grass a ewe requires to support lactation and what level of performance is achievable from grass alone. A new research programme will begin on this topic later this year.

The major focus of our research work in the last 10 years has looked at the effect of mineral nutrition of the pregnant ewe on the disease resistance of her lambs. When the lamb is born it has



practically zero disease resistance and is dependent on absorbing antibodies from the mothers' colostrum to obtain disease resistance in early life. Our work has clearly demonstrated that excessive iodine intake in late pregnancy (something which frequently occurs) will result in the lamb being unable to obtain immunity from its mother's colostrum and, as a result, is more susceptible to disease.

This is a very specific response and the excess iodine intake must occur during the final two weeks of pregnancy. During this time the lamb is pre-programmed to be unable to absorb the antibodies, through an alteration in the expression of certain genes located in the small intestine which are responsible for transporting these antibodies into the lambs' bloodstream.

What to do with triplet lambs is a recurring question on many farms? We have examined the potential to finish



triplet lambs through early weaning approaches. Triplet lambs reared using an early weaning system have achieved growth rates in excess of 300g/day from birth to slaughter. This demonstrates the great potential for growth that the triplet lamb processes and highlights the potential this lamb has to contribute to output in a prolific flock. The challenge is to maximise this potential in commercial practice.

➡ To discuss this work please call to the UCD stand today or contact Tommy Boland: [tommy.boland@ucd.ie](mailto:tommy.boland@ucd.ie)

In 2009, UCD began a sheep breeding programme in collaboration with Sheep Ireland. This partnership resulted in establishing the Central Progeny Test (CPT) Centre at UCD Lyons Estate. The CPT Centre consists of a ram semen collection and test facility and the Lyons sheep flock entering the CPT programme that routinely records pedigree, DNA

and phenotypic information. Since then, approximately 35 rams with good genetic linkage, representing six breeds (Belclare, Charollais, Suffolk, Texel, Vendeen, and Rouge de l'Ouest), have entered the semen collection and test centre at UCD Lyons.

The rams are trained for artificial semen collection and the semen is analysed for sperm motility, sperm count, linear motion and semen concentration as part of the semen quality assessment. Only rams with high quality semen are used for laparoscopic artificial. These rams are transported to four flocks in the CPT programme where over 2,000 ewes are inseminated with fresh semen.

The UCD flock is currently taking part in Sheep Ireland's CPT programme. In October the oestrous cycle of 400 ewes is synchronised. The ewes are then artificially inseminated using Laparoscopic AI. These ewes lambed in March. Within 12 hours of birth, all lambs are double tagged with a DNA tag and an EID NSIS tag. Information collected at lambing included date of birth, litter size, gender, lambing difficulty and birth weight.

This information is collected using a hand-held scanner and the data uploaded immediately to the Sheep Ireland database in Bandon, Co Cork, where it is used in the national genetic evaluations.

As part of the CPT programme, 40-day weights, weaning weights and slaughter weights are recorded.

Ultrasound measurements of fat and muscle are also recorded to estimate carcass quality. The health trait of faecal egg counts is also recorded to help estimate the parasite load.

The over-arching objective of all sheep breeding research at UCD Lyons is to improve profitability for Irish sheep enterprises.

➡ For further information, please contact Dr Alan Fahey at [alan.fahey@ucd.ie](mailto:alan.fahey@ucd.ie)

# Veterinary Laboratory Service

## Achieving the highest possible standards of animal health and welfare

**T**he Veterinary Laboratory Service of the Department of Agriculture comprises the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory at Backweston and six Regional Veterinary Laboratories (RVLs) in Athlone, Backweston, Cork, Kilkenny, Limerick and Sligo.

Its mission is to co-operate with veterinary practitioners and farmers in achieving the highest possible standards of animal health and welfare in Ireland by providing technical and logistical support to the State veterinary service for its regulatory role in animal disease.

It also offers a laboratory diagnostic, investigative and consultancy service to the livestock industry through veterinary practitioners.

An important aspect of the service is its role in monitoring and collating information on diseases at a national level and identifying the presence of new and re-emerging diseases which may have implications for animal and public health and maintenance of the country's high

animal health status. The RVLs provide a multi-disciplinary diagnostic service to support the clinical work of the veterinary practitioners.

They can also call on the expertise of their colleagues in the Bacteriology, Parasitology, Pathology and Virology Sections at the Central Veterinary Laboratory for any skills that may be necessary for surveillance testing, disease monitoring and investigation of animal health problems of infectious or environmental aetiology.

### DETAILS AND COST

Details and cost of the diagnostic services can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website [www.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie) (click on Laboratory services) or by contacting the nearest laboratory.

Submission forms and guidelines on the collection and packaging of the most appropriate samples for each test can also be found on the Regional Veterinary Laboratories' page [www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/laboratoryservices/regionalveterinarylaboratories](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/laboratoryservices/regionalveterinarylaboratories)

## Training the operator, not just the dog



Eamonn Egan in action at Sheep 2010. The demonstrations give valuable tips and advice on training a sheepdog.

**F**lockowners with a dog to train, or operators who need training, will be glad to hear that sheepdog training demonstrations are pencilled into the schedule for Sheep 2012. The demonstrations ran by Eamonn Egan, Teagasc, at Sheep 2010 in Lyons Estate, proved a very popular hit right throughout the day.

The strong attraction of the demonstrations was simple: there were lots of useful tips for dog handlers, both beginners and experienced. The demonstrations also proved highly entertaining for patrons who had no direct interest in sheepdogs but enjoyed getting an insight into the excellent work a good sheepdog can complete.

Sheepdogs are often blamed for their inability to work when sometimes it is the operator who is to blame. The demonstrations include advice on what the operator should be doing when starting to train a sheepdog to more advanced commands as the dog's training progresses.

Enthusiasts will be treated on the

double, with sheepdog trials also taking place at Sheep 2012. The trials show just what is possible when dogs and operators are at the top of their game. The trials take place throughout the day with exceptional skill levels on show.

### KEEN DEALS FROM CORMAC

Cormac Sheep equipment is providing all the penning for Sheep 2012. With close on 1,000 sheep being exhibited, supplying penning is no easy feat.

The company has made over 700 gates for the event and this penning will be available for purchase on the day at reduced prices.

In addition, Cormac Sheep Equipment will be demonstrating a wide range of sheep handling equipment, sheep tags and new electronic recording and weighing devices.

EID devices have the ability to collect and record animal identity automatically. The company's new mobile sheep shower will also feature.



Competitors will be judged on five disciplines with the top two candidates in with a chance of representing Ireland in the 2013 European competition.

## FBD National Young Sheep Farmer title up for grabs

**T**he young sheep farmer competitions are now in their fourth year. This year's event, the FBD National Young Sheep Farmer 2012, will follow in the footsteps of previous years. Competitors will be judged on five disciplines:

- Use of a quad bike and trailer
- Husbandry skills, such as drafting sheep, dosing, controlling and handling animals and condition scoring
- Technical knowledge and breed identification
- Selection of lambs pre-slaughter (weight, conformation and fat score)
- Shearing two sheep.

Candidates will be judged on their skills in completing the tasks and on their knowledge of sheep-related issues and identification of breeds. The tasks

provide candidates with good experience from competing in the events and are enjoyable for participants.

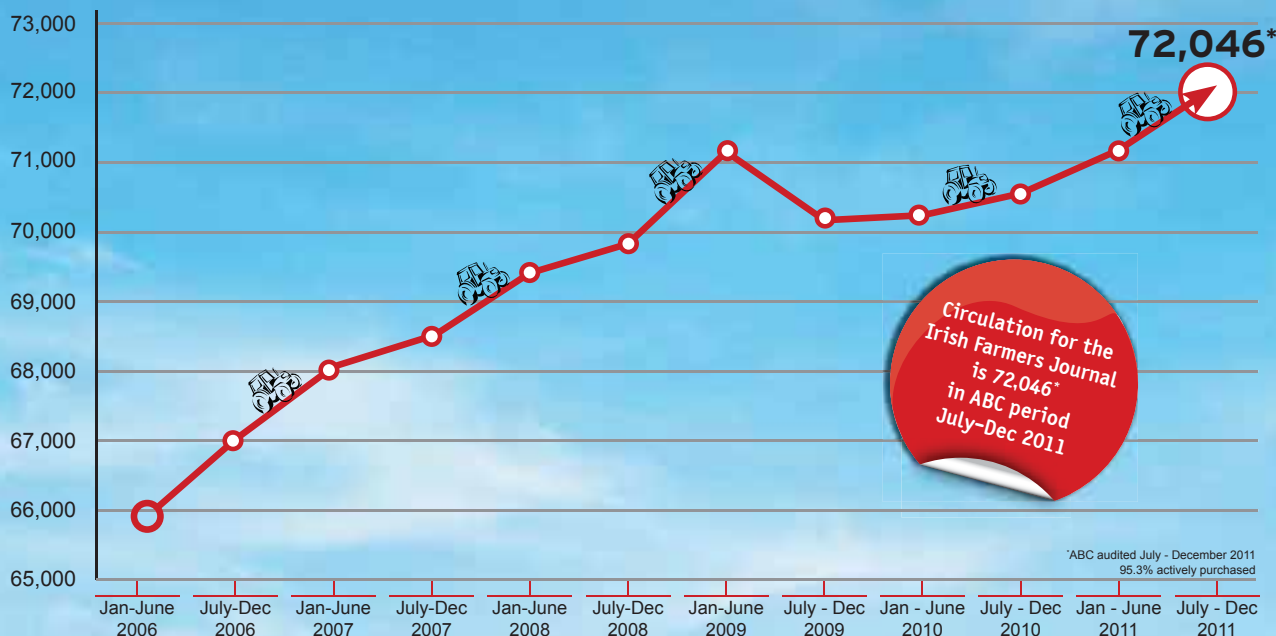
Honda Ireland has also come on board for the third year running. A quad is being provided by local Honda dealers and fencing and groundcare specialists JF Hanley, Ballydooley, Roscommon.

The competition is being co-ordinated by Joe Day, Teagasc Kildalton, with help from colleagues from the agricultural colleges and Macra na Feirme. The top three candidates will receive a cash prize or sponsored product.

An added bonus to the event is that the winner and winner-up may also be in with a chance of representing Ireland at the European final of the Young Sheep Farmer competition in 2013.

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
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