

WELCOME FROM WLBP



**Your Voice.
Your Standards.
Your Welsh Co-operative.**



Thank you for being part of WLBP and FAWL.

This month marks the start of a more regular and clearer approach to member communication.

We want you to feel informed, supported, and confident in the value of your membership.

As a farmer-owned co-operative, your voice is central to everything we do, and this newsletter is part of our commitment to improving how we keep in touch.

HERE'S WHAT'S INSIDE THIS MONTH'S EDITION:

AHIC & SFS – The latest updates and what they mean for Welsh livestock producers.

Value Your Membership – A look at the benefits, support and opportunities available through Farm Assurance Welsh Livestock.

Your Achievements – Celebrating successes of our members across Wales from the Royal Welsh show.

Reminders – Information to keep on your radar.

Industry News – The latest developments, updates and issues affecting Welsh Lamb and Beef producers.

ANIMAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT CYCLE (AHIC) UPDATE AND EARNED RECOGNITION

Welsh Government announcement:

Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS): Universal action 12 - Animal health improvement cycle (AHIC).

What it means for FAWL members who have joined SFS in 2026?

You may be aware of some announcements that were made by the The Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability Llyr Gruffydd during the Royal Welsh Show earlier this summer, one of which he confirmed:

'Following early feedback from the independent review into the bureaucratic burden on family farms, led by John Davies, the Minister announced early action to cut red tape for farmers.'

The Welsh Government has announced a simplification of the approach for the Animal Health Improvement Cycle (AHIC) in the Universal Layer of the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

The simplification will be delivered in two parts. The Welsh Government will work with any interested farm assurance scheme to ensure requirements are aligned, meaning farmers in those schemes will only need to complete one form from 2027, delivering two outcomes from a single vet visit: farm assurance and SFS compliance.

At the heart of our approach remains the close working relationship between farmers and their vets to achieve positive outcomes.'

Further to this announcement Welsh Government have subsequently provided further guidance in relation to this We understand that changes of this nature can raise questions, especially around **earned recognition** and how it affects inspections.

At present, we are awaiting further clarification from Welsh Government.

We expect an announcement in the coming weeks and will update you as soon as information is confirmed. Our priority is to ensure that members understand the position clearly and know what it means for their farm. For reference, here is the Welsh Government's Red Tape Review:

<https://www.gov.wales/welsh-farmers-benefit-bureaucracy-review>

What this means for FAWL members who HAVE joined SFS in 2026?

As per guidance in the link above, WLBP members in SFS may not need to complete the AHIC for 2026. WLBP are currently engaging with the Welsh Government regarding the FAWL alignment and earned recognition for 2027. As soon as we receive confirmation from the Welsh Government, we will contact you immediately.

THE VALUE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP



WE KNOW THAT FARMERS WANT TO SEE GENUINE VALUE IN BEING PART OF WLBP AND FAWL.

Membership is far more than a route to market access.
It provides:

- **Assurance** recognised across the UK supply chain.
- **Confidence** for buyers in Welsh lamb and beef.
- **Earned recognition** that reduces the likelihood of certain inspections.
- Annual health and welfare reviews.
- Antimicrobial usage calculations.
- **Support** with record keeping
- **Bilingual** communication and practical guidance.
- A cooperative structure that **puts farmers first**.



CONGRATULATIONS



Let's celebrate our members achievements at this years
Royal Welsh Agricultural Show!

SHEEP SECTION:

Gwobr Lloyd Teulu | Lloyd Family Award = EB & S Jones,
Blaenblodau Farm

**The RWAS George Hughes Interbreed Ewe Lamb
Championship** = JM Jones & Co, Fron Goy

The RWAS Interbreed Group Championship = PJ & MA
Curran, Wern Fawr

Shepherd/Ess Competition = AD & EE Richards,
Cwmcelyn

DAIRY CATTLE:

RWAS Production Inspection Competition = Wilson,
Tregibby

The RWAS Team of 3 (Exhibitor Owned) Championship =
Wilson, Tregibby

BEEF CATTLE:

Junior Bull Interbreed Championship (bull breeds) =
A & M Williams, Castell Mawr

Junior Bull Interbreed (native breeds) =
DE, ED & AL Jones, Gwastadgoed

Junior Bull Interbreed (continental breeds) =
A & M Williams, Castell Mawr

RWAS Exhibitor Bred Pairs Championship (beef) = WP
Hughes & Son, Fferam Uchaf

OTHER:

Sir Bryner Jones Memorial Award = Brian Davies, Dan Yr
Eglwys

Dr Emrys Evans Award = Gethin Lewis, Tynpistyll

BLUETONGUE **INFORMATION** -

***ALWAYS SEEK YOUR VET'S
ADVICE FOR YOUR FARM
SITUATION.***



NOT SHEARING BLUETONGUE ADVICE

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AHDB BATTLE BLETONGUE ADVICE

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ADDINGTON FUND - EMERGENCY GRANTS

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QUICK REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER



- Check medicine records are up to date.
- Review livestock movement entries to ensure they match BCMS and EIDCymru.
- Keep an eye on any Welsh Government updates relating to assurance or earned recognition.
- If you need support with templates please call or visit our web site for more guidance.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)



LOOKING AHEAD

NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE:

- Be the first to know what the earned recognition means for you.
- A spotlight on digital tools and record keeping
- An assessor insight section
- A short member case study

A THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FAWL AND WLBP.
WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR WELSH FARMERS



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