



Progress Report

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Lamb Plus

New breeders – Continuing to come in

- **2011:**
 - Total breeders – 200 (50 Galway breeders)

- **2012:** (Assuming we retain all breeders from 2011)
 - Total breeders – 255 (70 Galway breeders)

*A lot of interest from breeders on a daily basis, big contrast to 2011.



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- Texel has now been loaded onto the Sheep Ireland database.
- Next step is to 'test' the data, to ensure that no obvious mistakes have been made – we are currently doing this in association with the society secretary.
- Once we are happy with the data, it can go 'live' on the Sheep Ireland website.
- Once data goes live it will be 'full steam ahead' with the society
 - Getting society personnel trained up on the system
 - Getting breeders set-up to use the on-line services
 - Releasing the first Irish on-line flock book
 - Recording every Texel pedigree birth for the first year ever.



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- Other Plans for 2012
 - Ensure that an excellent service is delivered to the Texels to get a positive message out to other societies
 - Currently speaking with other smaller societies offering database and birth notification services
 - Beltex, Rouge
 - **LambPlus developments**
 - Plan in place to address each issue raised during LambPlus meetings, improvements continuing...
 - **2012 LambPlus sales-**
 - Stronger promotion of sales in 2012
 - Venues & Dates to be set ASAP
 - Kilkenny Mon 20th Aug 2012...?
 - Roscommon Wed 12th Sept 2012...?
 - Promotional sale in Donegal...?
 - Euro-Stars in society catalogues – Suffolks...



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Sheep 2012 – Sat 30th June, Teagasc Athenry.

- Sheep Ireland involved in organising committee once again
- Critical time of the year to promote Sheep Ireland and the Euro-Stars in advance of sale season
 - Livestock demonstration
 - Promotional material – Leaflets, pens etc...
 - LambPlus, MALP & CPT themes
- Clear, concise and understandable promotional material will be developed for this event.



Central Progeny Test (CPT)

- Pregnancy Scanning being carried out at present.
- CPT Flock owners happy with how CPT went.
- Planning for 2012 lambing underway
- Handheld and recording protocol training day in early February for CPT Farmers and Sheep Ireland Technicians.



MALP

- Single Sire Mating flocks happy with number of ewes that held in first cycle 90%+.
- Ewes have been assigned to their Sire through handheld.
- Planning for Lambing in these flocks underway.
- These farmers will attend CPT training day for what and how to record at birth.



MALP

1. Pregnancy scanning result recording underway
2. Ram List finished - just waiting on confirmation of one or two ram id's from flock owners to avoid duplicates.
3. MALP handheld and recording protocol day planned for early February.
4. All flock owners received ram move payments before Christmas (no outstanding financial issues in MALP)
5. Handheld Improvements from MALP farmers wish list loaded and tested in the field. Improved functionality and more screens added for Flock owners.

