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00:00:00,710 --> 00:00:05,229

[Music]

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00:00:02,029 --> 00:00:05,229

[Applause]

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00:00:08,720 --> 00:00:12,080

Hello and welcome to the Ear to the

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00:00:10,800 --> 00:00:14,960

Ground podcast

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00:00:12,080 --> 00:00:16,160

with me, Aled Jones. Today, Jim and I

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00:00:14,960 --> 00:00:18,320

have been out

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00:00:16,160 --> 00:00:20,720

in the Cardigan area because we've come

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00:00:18,320 --> 00:00:23,920

to meet Huw Jones who farms

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00:00:20,720 --> 00:00:24,480

Bryn Farm, which is just on the outskirts

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00:00:23,920 --> 00:00:26,880

of the

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00:00:24,480 --> 00:00:27,760

town of Cardigan, and not far from the

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00:00:26,880 --> 00:00:30,720

villages of

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00:00:27,760 --> 00:00:31,199

Gwbert and Y Ferwig. We're overlooking

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00:00:30,720 --> 00:00:33,840

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00:00:31,199 --> 00:00:36,239

the estuary here and it's a

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00:00:33,840 --> 00:00:37,120

glorious day to be out in sunny

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00:00:36,239 --> 00:00:38,879

Ceredigion.

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00:00:37,120 --> 00:00:40,640

Huw, to start off, can I thank

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00:00:38,879 --> 00:00:42,640

you for the welcome we've had and

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00:00:40,640 --> 00:00:44,079

and for allowing us to come and

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00:00:42,640 --> 00:00:46,079

visit Bryn.

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00:00:44,079 --> 00:00:47,360

Tell us a bit more about the farm and

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00:00:46,079 --> 00:00:50,079

give us an overview

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00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:51,280

of the enterprises that you have here.

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00:00:50,079 --> 00:00:55,280

Hello

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00:00:51,280 --> 00:00:58,320

Aled, welcome to Bryn.

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00:00:55,280 --> 00:01:02,320

We farm about 250 acres here. It’s

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00:00:58,320 --> 00:01:06,72fyea0

quite a traditional mixed farm with

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00:01:02,320 --> 00:01:09,119

80 spring-calving suckler cows.

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00:01:06,720 --> 00:01:10,400

We also grow corn. We've got about 60

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00:01:09,119 --> 00:01:12,799

acres of corn.

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00:01:10,400 --> 00:01:14,880

Traditionally, we have always been a

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00:01:12,799 --> 00:01:16,640

cropping farm.

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00:01:14,880 --> 00:01:18,320

At the moment, we are cropping a lot less

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00:01:16,640 --> 00:01:19,520

because we've increased cow

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00:01:18,320 --> 00:01:22,640

numbers

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00:01:19,520 --> 00:01:26,000

and also keeping stores

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00:01:22,640 --> 00:01:28,159

to graze over the summer and fattening

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00:01:26,000 --> 00:01:29,520

bulls, which we haven't been doing

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00:01:28,159 --> 00:01:32,560

recently.

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00:01:29,520 --> 00:01:35,119

Also, we have a couple of

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00:01:32,560 --> 00:01:36,640

other enterprises on the farm, added

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00:01:35,119 --> 00:01:39,600

value enterprise and

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00:01:36,640 --> 00:01:40,240

a holiday let which we'll speak about

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00:01:39,600 --> 00:01:42,799

later.

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00:01:40,240 --> 00:01:43,600

Yes, there's plenty to see at Bryn Farm

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00:01:42,799 --> 00:01:45,520

and

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00:01:43,600 --> 00:01:47,600

this is the start of our

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00:01:45,520 --> 00:01:49,920

farm tour. We've just driven up

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00:01:47,600 --> 00:01:51,759

from the main house here to

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00:01:49,920 --> 00:01:55,119

one of the fields. We are now overlooking

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00:01:51,759 --> 00:01:57,200

a relatively small paddock

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00:01:55,119 --> 00:01:58,640

of steers and heifers. They're about 12

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00:01:57,200 --> 00:02:00,960

months old are they, Huw? These are about

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00:01:58,640 --> 00:02:04,159

15 months old. These are last year's

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00:02:00,960 --> 00:02:04,159

spring-born

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00:02:04,479 --> 00:02:08,479

calves. These have been kept over

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00:02:06,560 --> 00:02:10,399

winter and then turned out.

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00:02:08,479 --> 00:02:12,400

These were actually turned out early

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00:02:10,399 --> 00:02:14,720

this year. They were out

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00:02:12,400 --> 00:02:15,680

on the 4th of February because

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00:02:14,720 --> 00:02:18,959

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00:02:15,680 --> 00:02:21,440

we are restricted

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00:02:18,959 --> 00:02:23,120

for buildings down on the main farm, so

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00:02:21,440 --> 00:02:25,520

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00:02:23,120 --> 00:02:27,760

for ease of management for myself,

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00:02:25,520 --> 00:02:28,959

it's easier for me to bring the cows in

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00:02:27,760 --> 00:02:32,480

to calf.

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00:02:28,959 --> 00:02:32,959

The cows are all outwintered on green

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00:02:32,480 --> 00:02:36,000

crop

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00:02:32,959 --> 00:02:39,360

and deferred grazing.

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00:02:36,000 --> 00:02:41,120

I'm afraid the youngstock has

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00:02:39,360 --> 00:02:43,760

to be turned out when we need

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00:02:41,120 --> 00:02:44,400

the sheds for the cows.

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00:02:43,760 --> 00:02:46,319

But

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00:02:44,400 --> 00:02:48,400

you're very lucky. So far, it’s a

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00:02:46,319 --> 00:02:49,920

dry farm that enables you to outwinter

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00:02:48,400 --> 00:02:51,760

these cattle. That's one of the benefits

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00:02:49,920 --> 00:02:54,400

and advantages of Bryn.

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00:02:51,760 --> 00:02:56,000

I think everybody's got a different

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00:02:54,400 --> 00:02:58,159

style of farm and you've got to

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00:02:56,000 --> 00:03:00,480

make advantage of what you have. Yes,

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00:02:58,159 --> 00:03:02,080

Especially this side of where we are

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00:03:00,480 --> 00:03:04,959

now is a very

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00:03:02,080 --> 00:03:06,239

light side of the farm, and we try and

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00:03:04,959 --> 00:03:09,599

make advantage of that

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00:03:06,239 --> 00:03:12,080

during the winter to keep our

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00:03:09,599 --> 00:03:14,480

costs down regarding

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00:03:12,080 --> 00:03:16,239

keeping a dry cow.

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00:03:14,480 --> 00:03:17,599

And looking in front of us now, we can

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00:03:16,239 --> 00:03:20,640

clearly see there's the

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00:03:17,599 --> 00:03:22,080

Charolais influence in the steers

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00:03:20,640 --> 00:03:23,920

and the heifers,

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00:03:22,080 --> 00:03:26,560

but with the suckler herd, you've

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00:03:23,920 --> 00:03:28,560

been heavily reliant on the Saler,

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00:03:26,560 --> 00:03:30,799

as being your sort of favourite cow.

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00:03:28,560 --> 00:03:32,000

Tell us a bit more about your

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00:03:30,799 --> 00:03:34,879

choice of breeds there.

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00:03:32,000 --> 00:03:35,120

Years ago, when

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00:03:34,879 --> 00:03:36,879

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00:03:35,120 --> 00:03:38,879

I came back to farming, we had

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00:03:36,879 --> 00:03:40,000

traditional black Hereford

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00:03:38,879 --> 00:03:42,720

cows, but

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00:03:40,000 --> 00:03:44,400

those seem to have dried up with a

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00:03:42,720 --> 00:03:47,440

more Holstein influence in

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00:03:44,400 --> 00:03:48,239

dairy herd, so we chose something

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00:03:47,440 --> 00:03:50,879

different.

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00:03:48,239 --> 00:03:51,360

We chose the Saler cows and brought

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00:03:50,879 --> 00:03:53,840

them in,

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00:03:51,360 --> 00:03:54,799

and then gradually turned all the herd

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:56,879

over, which

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00:03:54,799 --> 00:03:58,159

suits us. They are

113

00:03:56,879 --> 00:04:01,360

hardy

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00:03:58,159 --> 00:04:02,879

French breed that are good on their

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00:04:01,360 --> 00:04:04,560

feet, and they're easy calving. They've got a

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00:04:02,879 --> 00:04:07,519

large pelvic area

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00:04:04,560 --> 00:04:09,680

and they are not too heavy. They are

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00:04:07,519 --> 00:04:11,280

good for outwintering.

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00:04:09,680 --> 00:04:12,640

Because you don't want to breed a

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00:04:11,280 --> 00:04:13,280

cow that’s too big, don’t you? You want

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00:04:12,640 --> 00:04:15,519

something which is

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00:04:13,280 --> 00:04:17,280

fairly light on its feet, especially with the

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00:04:15,519 --> 00:04:20,239

system that that you've got,

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00:04:17,280 --> 00:04:21,680

and these calves have clearly

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00:04:20,239 --> 00:04:23,840

grown very well.

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00:04:21,680 --> 00:04:24,960

You're pleased with that

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00:04:23,840 --> 00:04:27,360

breeding? Yes.

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00:04:24,960 --> 00:04:28,400

We keep two bulls.

129

00:04:27,360 --> 00:04:31,120

We

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00:04:28,400 --> 00:04:31,520

currently have another Saler

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00:04:31,120 --> 00:04:34,240

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00:04:31,520 --> 00:04:35,040

to maintain numbers and replacement

133

00:04:34,240 --> 00:04:37,680

heifers,

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00:04:35,040 --> 00:04:39,120

and then we have Charolais as a

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00:04:37,680 --> 00:04:41,280

terminal sire to

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00:04:39,120 --> 00:04:42,320

breed the heavier cattle. It’s a

137

00:04:41,280 --> 00:04:45,440

balance of having

138

00:04:42,320 --> 00:04:45,919

replacements and heavier cattle for

139

00:04:45,440 --> 00:04:47,759

sale.

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00:04:45,919 --> 00:04:49,680

There's no doubt

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00:04:47,759 --> 00:04:53,199

that Charolais do motor on

142

00:04:49,680 --> 00:04:54,240

quicker. But yes, that's what we do at

143

00:04:53,199 --> 00:04:56,000

the moment.

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00:04:54,240 --> 00:04:57,360

And historically, you've been very much

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00:04:56,000 --> 00:05:00,479

focused on selling

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00:04:57,360 --> 00:05:01,120

store cattle, but during your

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00:05:00,479 --> 00:05:02,880

time as

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00:05:01,120 --> 00:05:04,080

a Farming Connect demonstration farm, one

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00:05:02,880 --> 00:05:04,880

of the things you've been looking at is

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00:05:04,080 --> 00:05:06,880

to

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00:05:04,880 --> 00:05:08,560

fatten some of your own cows, and

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00:05:06,880 --> 00:05:11,360

some of the bull beef enterprises

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00:05:08,560 --> 00:05:12,320

that has come from that. Yes. Unfortunately,

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00:05:11,360 --> 00:05:13,840

as

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00:05:12,320 --> 00:05:16,160

a lot of other farmers in Wales, we're

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00:05:13,840 --> 00:05:18,960

under the dark cloud of

157

00:05:16,160 --> 00:05:19,759

TB in this area, even though we're

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00:05:18,960 --> 00:05:21,600

currently

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00:05:19,759 --> 00:05:23,520

clean, you just don't know what's

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00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:24,160

around the corner. We've got caught

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00:05:23,520 --> 00:05:27,199

out

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00:05:24,160 --> 00:05:28,639

with our first ever outbreak about

163

00:05:27,199 --> 00:05:30,400

five years ago, which we lost

164

00:05:28,639 --> 00:05:32,320

numerous cattle, and we thought “Right,

165

00:05:30,400 --> 00:05:35,520

we've got to farm our way

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00:05:32,320 --> 00:05:36,880

around this”. You can't battle it.

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00:05:35,520 --> 00:05:39,360

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00:05:36,880 --> 00:05:41,199

The aim eventually was to fatten

169

00:05:39,360 --> 00:05:44,080

all our cattle, at least then

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00:05:41,199 --> 00:05:46,479

you're not under the stress

171

00:05:44,080 --> 00:05:47,440

of awaiting a clear TB test to sell

172

00:05:46,479 --> 00:05:50,479

stores,

173

00:05:47,440 --> 00:05:53,440

and if you're not set up to

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00:05:50,479 --> 00:05:54,960

handle the stores, if you come down

175

00:05:53,440 --> 00:05:56,880

with TB,

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00:05:54,960 --> 00:05:59,199

you need the ground for them, and if

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00:05:56,880 --> 00:06:01,680

you're not set up for it, that could be a

178

00:05:59,199 --> 00:06:04,160

big problem. That’s why we've started

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00:06:01,680 --> 00:06:07,919

changing. This is our first year of

180

00:06:04,160 --> 00:06:11,440

having these stores grazing over the

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00:06:07,919 --> 00:06:13,360

summer.

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00:06:11,440 --> 00:06:16,080

We've done two years of

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00:06:13,360 --> 00:06:18,639

fattening bulls with the barley that we grow

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00:06:16,080 --> 00:06:20,800

with a bit of purchase blend,

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00:06:18,639 --> 00:06:23,039

this and the straw that we grow.

186

00:06:20,800 --> 00:06:24,800

They’re grazing this herbal

187

00:06:23,039 --> 00:06:26,240

lay which is in front of us, and

188

00:06:24,800 --> 00:06:27,600

as you can see, well for the benefit of our

189

00:06:26,240 --> 00:06:28,240

listeners we'll try and explain it to

190

00:06:27,600 --> 00:06:30,080

you, but

191

00:06:28,240 --> 00:06:31,520

there's a significant grass

192

00:06:30,080 --> 00:06:34,800

growth here.

193

00:06:31,520 --> 00:06:38,160

I'm sure that people

194

00:06:34,800 --> 00:06:40,080

won't like the photos that Jim have

195

00:06:38,160 --> 00:06:42,240

taken. It’s far too much.

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00:06:40,080 --> 00:06:43,120

The grass growth has exploded in the

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00:06:42,240 --> 00:06:46,160

last

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00:06:43,120 --> 00:06:48,400

three weeks and it's going

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00:06:46,160 --> 00:06:49,199

ahead of them too much, and we're just

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00:06:48,400 --> 00:06:52,639

waiting for an

201

00:06:49,199 --> 00:06:53,280

opportunity to cut some more of this

202

00:06:52,639 --> 00:06:56,800

layoff

203

00:06:53,280 --> 00:06:59,120

to control

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00:06:56,800 --> 00:07:00,960

the growth so they can go back and start

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00:06:59,120 --> 00:07:02,800

beginning the field again. But

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00:07:00,960 --> 00:07:04,319

yes, there's far too much growth.

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00:07:02,800 --> 00:07:06,000

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00:07:04,319 --> 00:07:08,319

The way we try and handle that

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00:07:06,000 --> 00:07:10,720

is to stock in

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00:07:08,319 --> 00:07:12,800

quite a small area and moving them

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00:07:10,720 --> 00:07:14,639

daily. It’s almost a techno

212

00:07:12,800 --> 00:07:16,319

grazing system and that's one of the

213

00:07:14,639 --> 00:07:17,759

the principles and things you've learnt

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00:07:16,319 --> 00:07:19,759

from being a part of the Prosper

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00:07:17,759 --> 00:07:21,039

from Pasture programme, which you

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00:07:19,759 --> 00:07:23,039

found very beneficial.

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00:07:21,039 --> 00:07:24,479

Yes. It was a game changer to be honest.

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00:07:23,039 --> 00:07:27,919

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00:07:24,479 --> 00:07:30,880

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00:07:27,919 --> 00:07:33,280

You would have so much wastage on

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00:07:30,880 --> 00:07:36,479

turning cattle out into this kind of

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00:07:33,280 --> 00:07:40,400

heavy lay. It's

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00:07:36,479 --> 00:07:42,960

a good tool to

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00:07:40,400 --> 00:07:44,160

control what we're doing and also, to

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00:07:42,960 --> 00:07:46,000

predict ahead.

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00:07:44,160 --> 00:07:47,840

Last

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00:07:46,000 --> 00:07:50,800

year was such a dry year

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00:07:47,840 --> 00:07:52,720

from May to June. We could see that

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00:07:50,800 --> 00:07:56,479

we were running out of grass,

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00:07:52,720 --> 00:07:58,000

usually 10 or 14 days before, so

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00:07:56,479 --> 00:07:59,759

that allowed us to start

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00:07:58,000 --> 00:08:01,680

feeding to try and

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00:07:59,759 --> 00:08:02,879

overcome that problem before it became

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00:08:01,680 --> 00:08:04,720

too serious.

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00:08:02,879 --> 00:08:07,039

And one of the key advantages of

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00:08:04,720 --> 00:08:09,039

the measuring grass

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00:08:07,039 --> 00:08:10,160

that you do in the rotational grazing is

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00:08:09,039 --> 00:08:11,840

that you have that

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00:08:10,160 --> 00:08:13,840

awareness and knowledge of when a

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00:08:11,840 --> 00:08:15,680

problem is likely to arise before it

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00:08:13,840 --> 00:08:18,240

actually happens. Yes.

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00:08:15,680 --> 00:08:18,720

It

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00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:21,440

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00:08:18,720 --> 00:08:21,919

focuses your attention because

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00:08:21,440 --> 00:08:25,680

you do

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00:08:21,919 --> 00:08:26,560

input figures into a spreadsheet or a

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00:08:25,680 --> 00:08:29,840

computer

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00:08:26,560 --> 00:08:32,320

database, and you can see that

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00:08:29,840 --> 00:08:33,839

grazing days ahead are declining, and you

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00:08:32,320 --> 00:08:34,640

think “Oh dear, we need to do something

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00:08:33,839 --> 00:08:36,719

about it”.

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00:08:34,640 --> 00:08:39,039

Yes, absolutely. This is the first

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00:08:36,719 --> 00:08:39,680

part of our farm tour of Bryn, so

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00:08:39,039 --> 00:08:43,039

where next

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00:08:39,680 --> 00:08:44,240

on the farm tour? We'll just move up a

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00:08:43,039 --> 00:08:48,399

couple of fields

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00:08:44,240 --> 00:08:54,450

to see half of the cows

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00:08:48,399 --> 00:08:59,429

with their calves and the Charolais bull.

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00:08:54,450 --> 00:08:59,429

[Music]

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00:09:01,680 --> 00:09:07,279

We've come up a couple of fields.

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00:09:05,600 --> 00:09:08,880

We're overlooking the estuary here in

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00:09:07,279 --> 00:09:11,120

Cardigan.

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00:09:08,880 --> 00:09:12,080

In front of us, we’ve got one batch of the

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00:09:11,120 --> 00:09:14,640

spring

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00:09:12,080 --> 00:09:15,600

calving cows. There are nearly 50 cows here

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00:09:14,640 --> 00:09:20,240

with their

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00:09:15,600 --> 00:09:22,000

Charolais spring-born calves. These are

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00:09:20,240 --> 00:09:24,720

three to four months old now with the

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00:09:22,000 --> 00:09:27,200

earliest being born in

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00:09:24,720 --> 00:09:27,920

February. The bull is with

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00:09:27,200 --> 00:09:31,360

them now.

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00:09:27,920 --> 00:09:33,920

These are again on a

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00:09:31,360 --> 00:09:34,560

rotational grazing platform. It’s the same

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00:09:33,920 --> 00:09:36,720

story

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00:09:34,560 --> 00:09:38,399

as with the stores really. There's far too

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00:09:36,720 --> 00:09:41,680

much grass in front of them,

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00:09:38,399 --> 00:09:43,600

but we have cut about 15 acres

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00:09:41,680 --> 00:09:45,680

for silage, and

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00:09:43,600 --> 00:09:47,680

we're shutting these cattle now on a

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00:09:45,680 --> 00:09:49,920

small

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00:09:47,680 --> 00:09:52,160

daily move so that they do eat

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00:09:49,920 --> 00:09:52,800

as best as possible before moving on to

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00:09:52,160 --> 00:09:55,519

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00:09:52,800 --> 00:09:56,320

the next rotation. Yes, and I

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00:09:55,519 --> 00:09:58,399

can see

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00:09:56,320 --> 00:09:59,839

the bull that’s just coming up to us

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00:09:58,399 --> 00:10:02,079

now, and I think he's been saying hello

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00:09:59,839 --> 00:10:04,000

to Jim who's been taking pictures.

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00:10:02,079 --> 00:10:05,360

He’s quite an impressive Charolais bull.

290

00:10:04,000 --> 00:10:08,399

Huw, are you pleased with him?

291

00:10:05,360 --> 00:10:08,959

Yes, we bought him on his

292

00:10:08,399 --> 00:10:12,160

figures

293

00:10:08,959 --> 00:10:13,200

from the Charolais Society Sale in

294

00:10:12,160 --> 00:10:15,120

Welshpool.

295

00:10:13,200 --> 00:10:17,200

I think he's on his fourth season now

296

00:10:15,120 --> 00:10:19,200

with us, and it was really the

297

00:10:17,200 --> 00:10:20,880

first time that we had actually studied

298

00:10:19,200 --> 00:10:23,920

figures and

299

00:10:20,880 --> 00:10:26,560

percentiles before we bought him, and

300

00:10:23,920 --> 00:10:27,200

we selected three bulls from the same

301

00:10:26,560 --> 00:10:30,079

sire.

302

00:10:27,200 --> 00:10:30,480

303

00:10:30,079 --> 00:10:33,200

You

304

00:10:30,480 --> 00:10:35,360

can actually see that

305

00:10:33,200 --> 00:10:35,920

he's throwing good calves and still

306

00:10:35,360 --> 00:10:39,040

a

307

00:10:35,920 --> 00:10:42,160

comparatively good calving,

308

00:10:39,040 --> 00:10:43,040

and we can actually see the benefits

309

00:10:42,160 --> 00:10:44,959

of it

310

00:10:43,040 --> 00:10:47,120

because we measure the bull beef and we

311

00:10:44,959 --> 00:10:47,519

can see that the growth rates are good from

312

00:10:47,120 --> 00:10:49,120

him.

313

00:10:47,519 --> 00:10:50,720

So you can tell if there’s a

314

00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:52,560

difference between different

315

00:10:50,720 --> 00:10:53,920

sires, and if you've got good figures you

316

00:10:52,560 --> 00:10:55,519

will notice

317

00:10:53,920 --> 00:10:57,040

the increased growth in the bull beef

318

00:10:55,519 --> 00:11:02,000

side of things? Yes, and we

319

00:10:57,040 --> 00:11:02,000

do select the 20 heaviest

320

00:11:03,279 --> 00:11:07,279

male calves. We don't cut them really

321

00:11:05,279 --> 00:11:09,600

until they are weaned.

322

00:11:07,279 --> 00:11:11,120

So they are all bulls.

323

00:11:09,600 --> 00:11:13,519

324

00:11:11,120 --> 00:11:15,600

We select the 20 biggest, and then some

325

00:11:13,519 --> 00:11:18,560

of them would be

326

00:11:15,600 --> 00:11:20,320

either Saler or Charolais, even though

327

00:11:18,560 --> 00:11:23,600

they might be up to weight,

328

00:11:20,320 --> 00:11:26,399

you do see that the Charolais

329

00:11:23,600 --> 00:11:28,240

do progress faster during

330

00:11:26,399 --> 00:11:29,839

the feeding.

331

00:11:28,240 --> 00:11:31,680

And they're finished then about 13

332

00:11:29,839 --> 00:11:34,000

months, so it's quite an intensive

333

00:11:31,680 --> 00:11:36,720

fattening process? Yes. They'd come

334

00:11:34,000 --> 00:11:38,880

off the cows then

335

00:11:36,720 --> 00:11:40,880

they'd be introduced to creep and have

336

00:11:38,880 --> 00:11:43,279

some silage, and then we just gradually

337

00:11:40,880 --> 00:11:46,399

do a transition into a

338

00:11:43,279 --> 00:11:49,120

dry diet of

339

00:11:46,399 --> 00:11:51,920

just straw, no silage, and then gradually

340

00:11:49,120 --> 00:11:54,079

build them up with an ad-lib

341

00:11:51,920 --> 00:11:56,959

rolled barley and a blend that we

342

00:11:54,079 --> 00:11:58,639

buy to balance.

343

00:11:56,959 --> 00:12:00,000

And you sell them direct to the

344

00:11:58,639 --> 00:12:02,160

processor then? Yes.

345

00:12:00,000 --> 00:12:03,279

They go direct to slaughter. I see,

346

00:12:02,160 --> 00:12:04,959

and the

347

00:12:03,279 --> 00:12:06,639

cows, the suckler herd of course

348

00:12:04,959 --> 00:12:08,079

are outwintered and that's one of the

349

00:12:06,639 --> 00:12:11,440

benefits of Bryn because

350

00:12:08,079 --> 00:12:14,240

you're in a dry coastal location.

351

00:12:11,440 --> 00:12:14,880

The type of cow, obviously the

352

00:12:14,240 --> 00:12:16,720

Saler,

353

00:12:14,880 --> 00:12:18,720

is she well suited for that system do

354

00:12:16,720 --> 00:12:20,320

you think? I think so.

355

00:12:18,720 --> 00:12:22,320

I mean other things have come along now.

356

00:12:20,320 --> 00:12:24,000

Stabilisers

357

00:12:22,320 --> 00:12:25,360

have become very popular, and it's

358

00:12:24,000 --> 00:12:27,200

something we might

359

00:12:25,360 --> 00:12:28,720

try in the future. But the

360

00:12:27,200 --> 00:12:29,680

Saler has done well for us over the

361

00:12:28,720 --> 00:12:32,880

last

362

00:12:29,680 --> 00:12:35,200

20 years. She has a very good

363

00:12:32,880 --> 00:12:39,279

pelvic area, so it's easy calving

364

00:12:35,200 --> 00:12:41,680

and she has dark hooves so we've

365

00:12:39,279 --> 00:12:42,720

never had to lift a foot.

366

00:12:41,680 --> 00:12:44,880

She’s

367

00:12:42,720 --> 00:12:46,160

a hardy cow which isn't of too big a

368

00:12:44,880 --> 00:12:48,000

size.

369

00:12:46,160 --> 00:12:50,000

We can see that

370

00:12:48,000 --> 00:12:51,440

they're rearing some very

371

00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:53,040

healthy calves. What would be the weight

372

00:12:51,440 --> 00:12:53,440

of these calves when you come to weaning

373

00:12:53,040 --> 00:12:56,160

or what's

374

00:12:53,440 --> 00:12:56,160

the target?

375

00:12:57,200 --> 00:13:02,160

If we could get them in by

376

00:13:00,000 --> 00:13:04,320

seven or eight months up to

377

00:13:02,160 --> 00:13:06,480

280-300kg then that would be good.

378

00:13:04,320 --> 00:13:07,040

Some will hit 300kg, but not

379

00:13:06,480 --> 00:13:08,560

all of them.

380

00:13:07,040 --> 00:13:10,800

The heavier males will do that

381

00:13:08,560 --> 00:13:14,079

but the females might

382

00:13:10,800 --> 00:13:14,880

average 260-270kg.

383

00:13:14,079 --> 00:13:16,639

And obviously,

384

00:13:14,880 --> 00:13:18,320

there's a weather dependent as to

385

00:13:16,639 --> 00:13:20,240

when the weaning takes place of course,

386

00:13:18,320 --> 00:13:21,920

and it's got to fit with the system.

387

00:13:20,240 --> 00:13:24,320

Yes. We keep them out as long as we can.

388

00:13:21,920 --> 00:13:27,360

If we have a nice autumn

389

00:13:24,320 --> 00:13:30,240

and the grass is still growing, we can

390

00:13:27,360 --> 00:13:31,760

keep them out. But obviously with a lot of

391

00:13:30,240 --> 00:13:34,880

this, we've had to learn

392

00:13:31,760 --> 00:13:37,200

to be careful

393

00:13:34,880 --> 00:13:38,720

in the autumn. You're basically laying

394

00:13:37,200 --> 00:13:40,720

the foundations for

395

00:13:38,720 --> 00:13:43,040

grazing in the spring. We

396

00:13:40,720 --> 00:13:44,959

can't be too harsh in the autumn and

397

00:13:43,040 --> 00:13:46,480

strip too much because we've got to

398

00:13:44,959 --> 00:13:49,519

give it

399

00:13:46,480 --> 00:13:51,279

90 days of rest before

400

00:13:49,519 --> 00:13:52,880

an early spring turnout

401

00:13:51,279 --> 00:13:55,680

because obviously, growth is

402

00:13:52,880 --> 00:13:57,199

small in the winter,

403

00:13:55,680 --> 00:13:58,000

so it’s important to make sure that there is grass available for them in the spring.

404

00:13:57,199 --> 00:14:00,399

Yes.

405

00:13:58,000 --> 00:14:02,000

Have you seen the benefits of the rotational

406

00:14:00,399 --> 00:14:03,920

system in improving

407

00:14:02,000 --> 00:14:06,079

and increasing the amount of organic

408

00:14:03,920 --> 00:14:08,560

matter in your soils?

409

00:14:06,079 --> 00:14:09,519

There's no doubt with a combination of

410

00:14:08,560 --> 00:14:12,079

that

411

00:14:09,519 --> 00:14:13,760

and the fact that we haven't ploughed

412

00:14:12,079 --> 00:14:17,600

anything here for 10 years.

413

00:14:13,760 --> 00:14:19,760

We moved over to direct drilling

414

00:14:17,600 --> 00:14:20,800

back in 2010. We haven't ploughed

415

00:14:19,760 --> 00:14:23,920

anything and

416

00:14:20,800 --> 00:14:26,639

all our

417

00:14:23,920 --> 00:14:27,600

winter and spring corn and the

418

00:14:26,639 --> 00:14:29,760

green crops,

419

00:14:27,600 --> 00:14:31,040

and the grass, it's all direct drilled.

420

00:14:29,760 --> 00:14:33,120

421

00:14:31,040 --> 00:14:35,199

Nothing fancy.

422

00:14:33,120 --> 00:14:36,560

It seems to have worked for

423

00:14:35,199 --> 00:14:38,639

us and then

424

00:14:36,560 --> 00:14:40,480

it was an issue here that we had such

425

00:14:38,639 --> 00:14:42,000

blow away sand at one

426

00:14:40,480 --> 00:14:44,000

end of the farm that we had to do

427

00:14:42,000 --> 00:14:47,120

something. It just wasn't sustainable.

428

00:14:44,000 --> 00:14:49,440

And you took the brave step to

429

00:14:47,120 --> 00:14:50,480

to sell the plough. We did eventually, yes.

430

00:14:49,440 --> 00:14:53,519

We kept it for year just

431

00:14:50,480 --> 00:14:55,040

in case, but yes. I've been on a

432

00:14:53,519 --> 00:14:56,720

couple of farms, well I've been on a farm in

433

00:14:55,040 --> 00:14:57,680

Pembrokeshire and I've been on a farm

434

00:14:56,720 --> 00:14:59,600

435

00:14:57,680 --> 00:15:01,040

just outside Brecon with

436

00:14:59,600 --> 00:15:02,639

Ben Williams and I thought “Well, if Ben

437

00:15:01,040 --> 00:15:04,480

Williams can do it,

438

00:15:02,639 --> 00:15:06,560

up on the hills above Brecon, then I'm

439

00:15:04,480 --> 00:15:07,760

sure we can do it on the coastal plain

440

00:15:06,560 --> 00:15:09,839

in

441

00:15:07,760 --> 00:15:11,360

Cardigan”. And that was the decision

442

00:15:09,839 --> 00:15:13,360

maker for me.

443

00:15:11,360 --> 00:15:14,800

Interestingly, just before recording,

444

00:15:13,360 --> 00:15:16,160

you mentioned that as a part of

445

00:15:14,800 --> 00:15:18,320

the Prosper from Pasture

446

00:15:16,160 --> 00:15:20,240

group, you were asked to do

447

00:15:18,320 --> 00:15:22,880

a carbon audit.

448

00:15:20,240 --> 00:15:23,600

What information did that give you?

449

00:15:22,880 --> 00:15:26,720

As

450

00:15:23,600 --> 00:15:28,240

members of the group, we were all

451

00:15:26,720 --> 00:15:32,320

asked to do it.

452

00:15:28,240 --> 00:15:34,639

I think it was a way of generating

453

00:15:32,320 --> 00:15:36,079

figures for the Welsh Government to

454

00:15:34,639 --> 00:15:38,560

know where we are,

455

00:15:36,079 --> 00:15:40,560

and yes, it was quite a fairly

456

00:15:38,560 --> 00:15:43,360

lengthy process to

457

00:15:40,560 --> 00:15:45,279

input all the figures.

458

00:15:43,360 --> 00:15:46,000

It was a long afternoon’s work,

459

00:15:45,279 --> 00:15:48,720

but

460

00:15:46,000 --> 00:15:51,360

surprisingly, we were

461

00:15:48,720 --> 00:15:54,000

sequestering, which means that we are

462

00:15:51,360 --> 00:15:56,079

carbon negative, and we are about

463

00:15:54,000 --> 00:15:59,360

-75 tonnes on the

464

00:15:56,079 --> 00:16:02,560

audit that we did last. So yes, the cows are

465

00:15:59,360 --> 00:16:05,759

producing. They're

466

00:16:02,560 --> 00:16:08,800

the producers of CO2, but we are

467

00:16:05,759 --> 00:16:11,040

getting rid of more than we're producing

468

00:16:08,800 --> 00:16:12,800

by the method of farming. Yes,

469

00:16:11,040 --> 00:16:14,000

and the complementary method of farming

470

00:16:12,800 --> 00:16:16,160

because the next step

471

00:16:14,000 --> 00:16:17,920

and our next move in our farm tour is

472

00:16:16,160 --> 00:16:19,680

to go see some of the

473

00:16:17,920 --> 00:16:22,480

the arable fields that you’ve got here.

474

00:16:19,680 --> 00:16:25,120

We'll just pop over quickly to see

475

00:16:22,480 --> 00:16:26,079

how the rotation fits in and that

476

00:16:25,120 --> 00:16:37,839

everything

477

00:16:26,079 --> 00:16:37,839

gels together really as a rotation.

478

00:16:39,519 --> 00:16:43,440

We have moved to our third stop in

479

00:16:41,600 --> 00:16:45,199

the farm tour at Bryn, and we are

480

00:16:43,440 --> 00:16:46,800

just further up from the fields we

481

00:16:45,199 --> 00:16:48,399

were in previously.

482

00:16:46,800 --> 00:16:50,160

Please describe to our listeners exactly

483

00:16:48,399 --> 00:16:50,639

what's in front of us and how

484

00:16:50,160 --> 00:16:52,399

does this

485

00:16:50,639 --> 00:16:54,959

fit in with the farming system

486

00:16:52,399 --> 00:16:56,880

that you've got here? We're up in the

487

00:16:54,959 --> 00:16:59,360

spring barley fields here. We've got a

488

00:16:56,880 --> 00:17:02,839

couple of fields in front of us

489

00:16:59,360 --> 00:17:04,880

that have been put in after the

490

00:17:02,839 --> 00:17:09,280

over-wintered cow fields,

491

00:17:04,880 --> 00:17:11,439

which was either a rape and turnip or

492

00:17:09,280 --> 00:17:12,410

we tried some swedes and some kale this

493

00:17:11,439 --> 00:17:13,919

year.

494

00:17:12,410 --> 00:17:16,079

495

00:17:13,919 --> 00:17:17,919

Obviously, that is a bare brown

496

00:17:16,079 --> 00:17:18,720

field in the spring after they finished,

497

00:17:17,919 --> 00:17:21,039

498

00:17:18,720 --> 00:17:22,480

so usually, we can direct drill

499

00:17:21,039 --> 00:17:24,880

straight into the surface.

500

00:17:22,480 --> 00:17:25,520

This year, we’ve had to do

501

00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:29,039

some

502

00:17:25,520 --> 00:17:30,799

one pass of cultivation, because

503

00:17:29,039 --> 00:17:32,720

it was so rough after such a

504

00:17:30,799 --> 00:17:34,880

wet winter, we had to

505

00:17:32,720 --> 00:17:36,640

level off the bit that the drill wouldn't have

506

00:17:34,880 --> 00:17:38,320

copped or you’d have a very

507

00:17:36,640 --> 00:17:40,240

poor seed placement and a poor

508

00:17:38,320 --> 00:17:42,400

germination if you don't get the

509

00:17:40,240 --> 00:17:45,120

better seed placement. This is

510

00:17:42,400 --> 00:17:48,000

just a matter of

511

00:17:45,120 --> 00:17:50,080

harvesting the fruitfulness after the

512

00:17:48,000 --> 00:17:50,799

cows really. This is spring barley.

513

00:17:50,080 --> 00:17:52,720

514

00:17:50,799 --> 00:17:54,400

We'll keep the barley

515

00:17:52,720 --> 00:17:57,120

for fattening the bulls and the

516

00:17:54,400 --> 00:17:59,520

straw for bedding. It's very

517

00:17:57,120 --> 00:18:01,440

complementary. It works well

518

00:17:59,520 --> 00:18:02,720

with the livestock enterprise,

519

00:18:01,440 --> 00:18:04,320

and let's hope that we have some good

520

00:18:02,720 --> 00:18:06,160

weather now when it comes to harvesting.

521

00:18:04,320 --> 00:18:08,480

I hope so.

522

00:18:06,160 --> 00:18:10,080

So, we're next on our farm tour? I

523

00:18:08,480 --> 00:18:12,840

think we'll finish off down on the yard

524

00:18:10,080 --> 00:18:14,710

just to see what we've got there.

525

00:18:12,840 --> 00:18:19,880

Brilliant.

526

00:18:14,710 --> 00:18:19,880

[Music]

527

00:18:23,919 --> 00:18:26,960

Well, we've landed back on the

528

00:18:26,320 --> 00:18:30,320

farmyard

529

00:18:26,960 --> 00:18:32,000

here at Bryn, and in our fourth and

530

00:18:30,320 --> 00:18:33,120

final stop on our farm tour of the

531

00:18:32,000 --> 00:18:34,120

farm. We're going to talk about

532

00:18:33,120 --> 00:18:36,240

the various

533

00:18:34,120 --> 00:18:37,919

diversification projects that you've got

534

00:18:36,240 --> 00:18:40,080

in place here, starting off

535

00:18:37,919 --> 00:18:42,240

with a rather unusual animal

536

00:18:40,080 --> 00:18:44,080

bedding business which you established

537

00:18:42,240 --> 00:18:46,000

about 20 years ago. Am I right? Yes. It’s

538

00:18:44,080 --> 00:18:47,280

knocking on for 20 years now. We've been

539

00:18:46,000 --> 00:18:49,200

540

00:18:47,280 --> 00:18:51,360

growing a

541

00:18:49,200 --> 00:18:54,960

specialist hay which is grown from

542

00:18:51,360 --> 00:18:57,840

a particular type of grass ley

543

00:18:54,960 --> 00:19:00,880

that we order specifically for

544

00:18:57,840 --> 00:19:02,480

growing meadow hay, non-rye grass ley,

545

00:19:00,880 --> 00:19:06,400

and then we

546

00:19:02,480 --> 00:19:06,960

bale it in round bales and then

547

00:19:06,400 --> 00:19:10,720

548

00:19:06,960 --> 00:19:13,280

reprocess it into 2kg bags

549

00:19:10,720 --> 00:19:13,760

all year round. So it's

550

00:19:13,280 --> 00:19:16,160

hay

551

00:19:13,760 --> 00:19:17,039

that you grow especially for this job,

552

00:19:16,160 --> 00:19:18,880

and it requires

553

00:19:17,039 --> 00:19:21,360

a slightly different mix to an ordinary

554

00:19:18,880 --> 00:19:23,760

grass mix? Yes. We try and

555

00:19:21,360 --> 00:19:25,039

exclude ryegrass because it does

556

00:19:23,760 --> 00:19:27,039

head so quickly.

557

00:19:25,039 --> 00:19:28,480

Being on the west coast,

558

00:19:27,039 --> 00:19:30,880

that can be difficult.

559

00:19:28,480 --> 00:19:32,559

We're in June now and

560

00:19:30,880 --> 00:19:33,120

we're waiting for a slot to make some

561

00:19:32,559 --> 00:19:36,160

hay.

562

00:19:33,120 --> 00:19:36,160

563

00:19:36,240 --> 00:19:40,000

Having a more traditional mix with the

564

00:19:38,559 --> 00:19:42,880

bent grasses and

565

00:19:40,000 --> 00:19:44,000

the vernals to make it smell nice,

566

00:19:42,880 --> 00:19:46,240

it works and

567

00:19:44,000 --> 00:19:47,440

it doesn't go too strong too

568

00:19:46,240 --> 00:19:49,600

quickly.

569

00:19:47,440 --> 00:19:50,720

Talk us through the process. You

570

00:19:49,600 --> 00:19:52,480

bale

571

00:19:50,720 --> 00:19:54,080

the hay and then you store it, and then

572

00:19:52,480 --> 00:19:56,000

you process it, and put it into these

573

00:19:54,080 --> 00:19:57,919

smaller bags

574

00:19:56,000 --> 00:19:59,200

for distribution in the wholesale

575

00:19:57,919 --> 00:20:02,799

network? Yes.

576

00:19:59,200 --> 00:20:08,240

As you say, we take the round bale.

577

00:20:02,799 --> 00:20:10,080

With the machinery,

578

00:20:08,240 --> 00:20:11,919

I had to source it, I was

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having difficulty finding it in this

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00:20:11,919 --> 00:20:16,400

country, so I had to

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go to Denmark to find the machinery, and

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00:20:16,400 --> 00:20:20,559

then bring it back,

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00:20:17,600 --> 00:20:21,200

and assemble it in an old farm building

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here.

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00:20:21,200 --> 00:20:27,360

It basically

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shreds it out and weighs it and

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bales it into

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00:20:28,720 --> 00:20:32,559

little 2kg bales and puts it into a bag

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00:20:31,120 --> 00:20:35,120

and seals it up.

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00:20:32,559 --> 00:20:36,880

And you sell it by wholesale, so it's

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distributed then to shops which

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then sells it

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to the public? Yes. We also wholesale it to

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independent pet shops throughout

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South Wales

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and we have a run down there every couple

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of weeks. We distribute it ourselves with

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our own van,

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and also, we have good support from

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local farmer

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co-ops. CCF and Wynnstay are very

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supportive of it as well, and

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it's hay and straw that can be used with

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little animals, for rabbits and

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00:21:02,000 --> 00:21:04,640

guinea pigs.

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00:21:02,960 --> 00:21:06,000

And it's a useful additional income

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stream to the farm as well, isn't it?

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It’s spreading the risk. It's introducing

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00:21:07,440 --> 00:21:09,919

something new.

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I've always been interested in

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added value.

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It's something

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we've developed and

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kept going. And talk us through the

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latest exciting development you've got

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here at Bryn.

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This year, well, we’ve

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had a house on the go, a

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retirement project

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you could call it, which

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has come a bit early because

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after the pandemic, we could see that

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people wanted to come to the area and

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stay, so we decided to finish the house

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a few years earlier. We've moved, and now

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we are

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00:21:48,720 --> 00:21:52,799

letting our farmhouse as a holiday let.

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00:21:51,600 --> 00:21:54,240

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So you're inviting visitors and

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holidaymakers to stay here at this

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wonderful farmhouse in Bryn? It sleeps

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00:21:57,600 --> 00:22:01,679

seven, but you're in a very popular

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area in terms of tourism.

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I think a lot of people are

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discovering how wonderful

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Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire is

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as an area. People

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can see how congested Cornwall has

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become and we've already had guests

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and they have commented on our local

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beaches.

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They came in a lovely week and it was

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like being in Greece they said. So

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people can see how nice it is

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here, and we're close to

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Mwnt, Cardigan, Gwbert and

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the beaches in Aberporth and

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Llangrannog. Lovely.

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I've never heard Gwbert being compared

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to Greece, but

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on a sunny day, there's very

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few places that you'd rather be than

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in this area, and I know you've

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recently installed a hot tub.

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Have you had a chance to use it yet? No

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not myself. We haven’t had the pleasure

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00:22:49,120 --> 00:22:52,720

of using it ourselves. It's purely for

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the guests but

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hopefully, if we have a break

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later in the autumn, we'll have a

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chance. But it’s what people want.

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One of their

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00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:06,559

top desires

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00:23:03,520 --> 00:23:08,159

is a hot tub, and good broadband.

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00:23:08,159 --> 00:23:11,280

We've got to tick all the boxes of course.

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And its key for getting the

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the bookings, and the question I've got

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00:23:13,039 --> 00:23:16,000

in my mind that keeps making me

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00:23:14,559 --> 00:23:19,120

scratch my head is how do you and your

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00:23:16,000 --> 00:23:22,799

wife Meinir manage to fit all this in?

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Well, I must say, we are busy.

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It's just the two of us on the farm.

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Management does take time and we're

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lucky to have some

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great local boys which help us,

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either on handling cattle or packing, and

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we've got people

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driving the van and cleaning the house.

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But

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Meinir also works three

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days for NMR and has done for

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25 years so between everything,

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we're pretty busy.

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What's the plan for the

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future? What's the five

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or ten year

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ambition now for you and your

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wife Meinir here at Bryn?

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I think seeing how well this has

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turned out this year, we've had good

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start to the bookings. I think we have

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an old stable on the yard here that

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we've half done. We put a new roof on a few

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years ago and I think

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possibly, that will be the next project

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in the next year or so.

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Brilliant. So there's plenty more of

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exciting things to come here at Bryn.

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Huw, on behalf of Jim and myself, can I thank

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you for the welcome we've had here today

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and of course, thank you to all our

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listeners as well. There's so much to see

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here at Bryn which is of course one of the

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Farming Connect demonstration sites.

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Plenty of information about the farm can

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be found on the Farming Connect website,

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including a recording of a recent

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webinar that

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Huw was a part of talking about some of

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the projects in greater detail as

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well. Feel

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free to head to the website to look

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at that webinar, but for today,

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thank you ever so much

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for the welcome.

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If you would like more information about

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the support available through Farming

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Connect,

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then please contact your local

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development officer or the service

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centre

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And there we are. We've reached

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the end of yet another episode.

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We'll be back in two weeks with

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plenty more to talk about.

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But in the meantime, don't forget to hit

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subscribe on whichever platform you use

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to keep notified of all new episodes of

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Ear to the Ground.

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So, on behalf of the team at Farming

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Connect and myself, Aled Jones,

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thank you for listening and goodbye for

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now.

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