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DOLYGARN

Key Sector: Beef, Sheep

Alternative forage options to improve productivity and reduce environmental impact on an upland farm.

FARM FACTS:

- Dolygarn Demonstration Site is a 182 hectare (ha) upland farm farmed by James Powell and his father and uncle, Matthew and Tudor.
- The grassland farm rises from 1,000 feet to 1500 and has silty loam soils above clay.
- The business produces lamb from a flock of 1000 mostly Aberfield ewes and beef from a herd of 30 suckler cows.
- The sheep flock also includes some Welsh ewes which are purchased to sire to an Aberfield tup.
- The pure Aberfields are tupped with Aberblack rams to add length and additional muscle to the strength and muscle of the Aberfield.
- Rams are turned in with the ewes on November 15th and lambing gets underway outdoors on April 10th for a four-week period.

Farming Connect follow-on support	Details
E-learning - Short bite-sized interactive learning from the comfort of your own home, at a time convenient to you	Available courses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthelmintic Resistance on Sheep Farms • Climate Change and Land Management • Climate Change and Livestock • Grassland Species • Grazing Livestock on Fodder Beet • Grazing Management • Grazing Systems • Improving Soil Health • Farm Nutrient Management • Ram Health • Seasonal Reproduction in Ewes • Sheep Lameness
Face to face training - 80% funding support available towards courses	Available courses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced sheep shearing • Advanced cattle foot trimming • Cattle foot trimming • DIY AI • Introduction to worm control and faecal egg counting • Machine sheep shearing • Mastering medicines • Reducing greenhouse gases in a livestock system • Safe use of sheep dip • Sheep scanning • Safe use of vet and med
Surgeries - Fully funded one-to-one digital surgeries with an independent consultant/vet.	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Soil and grassland management • Animal health matters • Infrastructure
ICT Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Agriculture and IOT webinar - 05/10/20 6pm • What can Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) tools and techniques offer livestock farmers webinar - 12/10/20 7pm • WLBP Farm Records Facility webinar - 09/11/20 6.30pm • Using the EID Cymru website webinar - 23/11/20 6pm • One-to-one telephone/digital tutoring for those with basic ICT skills • Basic ICT skills homeworking course available with telephone support from land-based colleges. • Six week college course from November onwards for those wanting to learn basic IT skills.
Advisory Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business planning • Fertility • Grassland management • Nutrient management planning • Feed rationing • Environmental
Prosper from Pasture	Participation in the programme in order to implement better grassland management and review efficiency of utilisation.
Animal Health Clinics - one clinic per business that will provide up to £250 to undertake sampling, testing and advice from their local vet	Clinics can cover a range of animal health issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEC • Fertility • IBR • Mobility • Parlour Testing • Ectoparasites (Scab, Ticks, etc.)
Recent webinars	9 relevant webinars available: https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/cy/newyddion-digwyddiadau/gwebinarau?keywords=&sectors%5B125%5D=125