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## RHIWAEDOG

Key Sector: Beef, Sheep

Evaluating the benefits of heat detection technology to provide gains in suckler cow fertility. Improving productivity and efficiency from grass.

### FARM FACTS:

- Fferm Rhiwaedog demonstration farm is a 142 hectare (ha) upland farm operating as a beef and sheep farm.
- Aled and Dylan are the fourth generation of the Jones family to farm the holding, which rises to 1,000 feet at its highest point.
- The cattle herd consists of 70 Welsh Black suckler cows sired to Charolais or Welsh Black stock bulls; for the heifers, a Saler bull is used.
- Offspring from the herd are sold as 18-month-old stores at livestock markets.
- The flock of 1,500 ewes is split into three groups - Texel x Mules and Aberfields, Cheviot x Welsh ewes and Welsh ewes.
- Most of the crossbreds lamb inside from the end of February and the Welsh ewes outside in April.
- Eighty per cent of lambs are sold through the live trade.

Farming Connect follow-on support	Details
<b>E-learning</b> - Short bite-sized interactive learning from the comfort of your own home, at a time convenient to you	<b>Available courses include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthelmintic Resistance on Sheep Farms</li> <li>• Beef Herd Fertility</li> <li>• Farm Benchmarking</li> <li>• Feed Efficiency</li> <li>• Grazing Management</li> <li>• Grassland Species</li> <li>• Grazing Systems</li> <li>• Improving Soil Health</li> <li>• Seasonal Reproduction of Ewes</li> </ul>
<b>Face to face training</b> - 80% funding support available towards courses	<b>Available courses include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Cattle Foot Trimming</li> <li>• Better Livestock Handling for Increased Profitability</li> <li>• Calf Management, Health and Housing</li> <li>• Cattle Foot Trimming</li> <li>• Reducing Greenhouse Gases in a Livestock System</li> <li>• Introduction of Worm Control and Faecal Egg Counting for Sheep Producers</li> <li>• Safe use of Vet and Med</li> <li>• Safe Use and Application of Slurry</li> </ul>
<b>Surgeries</b> - Fully funded one-to-one digital surgeries with an independent consultant/vet.	<b>Topics include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Soil and grassland management</li> <li>• Animal health issues</li> </ul>
<b>ICT Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video of webinar by Mocall available on the Farming Connect website.</li> <li>• One-to-one telephone or digital tutoring for those with basic ICT skills being held digitally or on the telephone</li> <li>• Basic ICT skills homeworking course available throughout the summer with telephone support from land-based colleges.</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business planning</li> <li>• Fertility</li> <li>• Grassland management</li> <li>• Nutrient management planning</li> <li>• Feed rationing</li> </ul>
<b>Prosper from Pasture</b>	Participation in the programme in order to implement better grassland management and review efficiency of utilisation.

