

Schedule Beef & Sheep Conference, June 13-20, 2013 York, England, United Kingdom

Sheep Conference

The Royal York Hotel

Wed, June 12 Arrival day sheep participants

All day **Arrival participants**
19:00 Welcome evening sheep

Thu, June 13 Sheep Day 1 - Countries, farms and field trip

08:30 - 09:15 **Session opening and global overview** (Ernesto Reyes, Peter Weeks)
09:15 - 10:15 **Country presentations:** UK (Paul Heyhoe), Namibia (Willie Schutz)
10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break
10:30 - 11:30 **Country presentations:** Uruguay (Carlos Molina), Ireland (Anne Kinsella)
11:30 - 13:00 **Workshop 1:** Sheep production systems: an *agri benchmark* attempt to classify
Input from Vincent Bellet
13:00 - 18:00 **Field trip** (Findlay, Wilson) incl. lunch in bus
18:00 The Lion at Blakey Ridge, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire

Fri, June 14 Sheep Day 2 - Comparison, workshop and strategy

09:00 - 09:30 **Report from the production system workshop**
09:30 - 11:00 **Methods of cost calculations and benchmarking**
11:00 - 12:00 Coffee break
12:00 - 13:00 **International comparison of sheep production**
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 16:00 **Workshop 2:** Land scarcity, overgrazing and desertification: situation and consequences
Input from Karl Behrendt: the example of Inner Mongolia in China
16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break
16:30 - 17:45 **Next steps**

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Fri, June 14 Arrival day beef participants

all day 17:30 Arrival Conference Participants
19:30 **Welcome evening**

Sat, June 15 Beef Day 1

09:00 - 09:45 **Session opening and global overview** (Claus Deblitz, Debbie Butcher)
09:45 - 10:45 **Country presentations:** UK (Carol Davies), Namibia (Willie Schutz)
10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 - 12:45 **Farm story/country presentation:** Anna Zhuravleva (Russia), Uruguay (Carlos Molina)
12:45 - 14:15 Lunch (including group picture)
14:15 - 16:45 **Workshop 1** (with self-organised coffee break in between)
Benchmarking of production systems and their economics (input: Emma Sanne, CD)
16:45 - 17:15 Coffee break
17:15 - 18:15 **Discussion about future analysis** (e.g. environment, animal welfare, grassland use ...)
18:15 - 19:15 **EU cost project workshop** (for contributors of the study)

Evening Boat tour with meal and drinks

Sun, June 16 Beef Day 2

09:00 - 11:00 **Methods, cost of production**
International Comparison of Cow-Calf and Beef Finishing Part I
11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 - 12:30 **International Comparison of Cow-Calf and Beef Finishing Part II**
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 18:00 **Workshop 2:** How can farmers increase productivity? (Claus Deblitz, Bernardo Ostrowski)
Workshop 3a: Risk management - more required than ever? (Richard Veit)
Workshop 3b: Small farm analysis - what are the questions? (Ernesto Reyes)

Evening Photo competition results (beef related, sheep related, countryside)

Mon, June 17 Beef Day 3 - UK-day with local experts and farmers (beef AND sheep)

09:00 - 09:30 **The EBLEX Better Returns Programme** (Chris Lloyd)
09:30 - 10:00 **Virtual Beef Programme demo** (Steve Powdrill)
10:00 - 10:15 **Demo of Virtual Grass** (Katie Brian)
10:15 - 10:35 **An explanation of sheep stratification and the role of common grazing** (Chris Lloyd)
10:35 - 10:50 Coffee break
10:50 - 11:20 **Using the latest technology in cow-calf farming** (Mike Powley, cow-calf farmer)
11:20 - 11:50 **Making the most of forage** (George Fell, sheep farmer)
11:50 - 12:30 **Demo of EBLEX benchmarking tools** (Mark Topliff)
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 19:00 **Beef farm field trip**

Evening Pub crawl

Tue, June 18 Beef Day 4 - Field trip, summary and wrap-up session

09:00 - 13:00 **Processor visit including lunch**
13:00 - 15:00 **Local retail/farm shop visit and return**
15:00 - 16:00 **Summary of workshops**
16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break
16:30 - 17:00 **Next steps**
17:00 - 18:00 **Feedback round and closing remarks**

Evening Free evening

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Global Forum

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The latest global and local beef and sheep market trends and developments

Wed, June 19

09:00 - 09:30	Reception - Coffee
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome / opening address
	Section 1: The global picture and key markets' trends
	Chairman: Nick Allen (<i>Director EBLEX</i>)
09:45 - 10:30	Claus Deblitz (<i>Thünen Institute, agri benchmark Beef and Sheep</i>) Global meat production, drivers and challenges
10:30 - 10:50	Daniil Khotko (<i>IKAR, Moscow</i>) Progress in the Russian beef and sheep sector
10:50 - 11:10	Sérgio de Zen (<i>CEPEA, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil</i>) Brazilian beef market - domestic vs. export
11:10 - 11:40	Coffee/Tea break and sweet & sour snacks
11:40 - 12:00	Peter Weeks (<i>Consultant, on behalf of Meat and Livestock Australia</i>) What is next for the New Zealand and Australian beef and sheep sector?
12:00 - 12:20	Mingli Wang (<i>Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences CAAS</i>) Inside China's beef and sheep market
12:20 - 12:40	Kevin Dhuyvetter (<i>Kansas State University, John Deere</i>) Perspectives from the US beef sector
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch
	Section 2: Where is European agricultural policy going?
	Chairman: John Cross (<i>Chairman EBLEX</i>)
13:40 - 14:10	Folkhard Isermeyer (<i>President Thünen Institute, advisor to the German government</i>) A view on European agricultural policy
14:10 - 15:00	Roundtable with statements and discussion from E. Sanne (FR), A. Kinsella (IE), E. Reyes (ES), Phil Stocker (UK), F. Isermeyer (DE)
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/Tea break and biscuits
	Section 3: Latest developments in the UK beef and lamb sectors
	Chairman: John Cross (<i>Chairman EBLEX</i>)
15:30 - 15:50	Mike Whitemore (<i>Head of Trade Marketing EBLEX</i>) Latest food service and trade developments
15:50 - 16:10	Nicola Dodds (<i>Marketing Communications Manager EBLEX</i>) Latest trends in the consumer sector
16:10 - 16:30	Peter Hardwick (<i>Head of Trade Development EBLEX</i>) Export trade developments and opportunities
16:30 - 16:40	Concluding remarks: John Cross