

Feeding the Flock for Optimal Performance



At a glance...

Customised Provision

Delivery Method:	Classroom
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards
Prerequisites:	Individual and businesses registered with Farming Connect (courses delivered in Wales only)

Introduction

Workshop attendees will work through the nutritional requirements of the flock over the course of a year, focussing on the critical times for ensuring increased efficiency and productivity. Throughout the course there will be a theme of health planning, responsible use of antibiotics and anthelmintics, and the environmental benefits of improving productivity.

Overview in brief

The finer details

Interactive sessions delivered pan Wales by approved local vet practices to Farming Connect registered individuals only.

Who should attend?

Individual and businesses registered with Farming Connect (courses delivered in Wales only)

What will be covered?

- Understand the basic principles of how to measure and assess body condition score in sheep on a 5-point scale
- Identify the critical points in the production cycle when incorrect nutrition and BCS may have a detrimental effect on efficiency and production.
- Understand that decisions made about nutrition will affect the productivity of the flock, and that such decisions need to be made on a farm-by-farm basis and be based on the condition score of the flock and available feed



- Recall the target body condition score for ewes and rams at each stage of production, and understand the risks of failing to meet these targets.
- Appreciate the role of health planning with regard to metabolic disease testing and trace element supplementation.
- Identify common production losses associated with poor management of nutrition and discuss basic economic consequences of these losses.
- Understand the environmental benefit of good nutritional management

