Improving Sheep Breeding and Fertility

Manor Farm, New Road, Harrold, Bedford, MK43 7EP

Courtesy of A J Cony & Partners

Wednesday 18th July 6.00pm start

Join EBLEX for this evening meeting at Manor Farm courtesy of A J Cony & Partners. There will be a session on the importance of using EBVs (Estimated Breeding Values), looking at the indices of the Lavendon Suffolks breeding programme. In addition, there will be a practical ram MOT session to prepare rams for the upcoming breeding season.

Please see overleaf for a farm summary

Programme

6.00pm  Registration and refreshments with a light tea

6.30pm  Welcome and an introduction to the farm and the Suffolk sheep breed – Katie Brian, EBLEX and James Barker

6.45pm  Improving breeding by using EBVs – Katie Brian, EBLEX

7.15pm  Preparing rams for breeding season – Oliver Sheldon, Swanspool Veterinary Clinic

7.45pm  Practical Ram MOT and a chance to see some of the Lavendon flock

8.30pm  Final roundup and close

To register your FREE place ring Hellen, Vickie or Sandra at EBLEX on 01904 771211 / 0870 609 1840 or brpevents@eblex.ahdb.org.uk

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PTO for a farm summary.....
Lavendon Suffolks is a long established flock that has been performance recording for the last 15 years, and sells all rams off farm. They sell mainly shearlings but are happy to sell ram lambs if that is the customer’s preference.

The Suffolks run alongside some early lambing commercial ewes on a commercial basis. The lambs not retained for breeding are sold to local butchers for Easter and the early trade.

They have increased numbers as the customer base has grown. They now have in excess of 150 Suffolk ewes and have retained 55 ram lambs this year and also 85 ewe lambs.

Last year they purchased the fastest growing Suffolk stock ram in the country and he bred very well this year, and as a result the average index has gone from £2.80 to over £3.50. Moving forward they want to introduce his progeny into the flock. This will improve their rams ability to make customers’ commercial flocks more profitable.