

Hebridean Sheep Cooperative – 2016 Information Sheet

The Hebridean Sheep Cooperative is a collaboration between Hebridean Sheep Society members and Seriously Good Butchery (SGB). The aim is to provide a reliable outlet for slaughter animals for breeders and a consistent supply of animals which can be processed and marketed centrally. The Coop is administered with the assistance of Hebridean breeder Marian Bruce of Kirklandbank Farm. Butchery and marketing is done by Vikki Banks of Seriously Good Butchery, Perth. Slaughter facilities are provided by Jane and Bob Prentice of Downfield Farm near Cupar, Fife.

In order to supply animals to the Coop the following criteria must be met:

- Breeders must be members of the Hebridean Sheep Society and have a registered flock
- Animals must be between 1 and 2 years of age at the time of slaughter
- Animals do not have to be registered with the Hebridean Sheep Society but must be eligible for registration i.e. must be of parents that are **both** registered with the Hebridean Sheep Society (proof of parentage may be requested)
- Animals must be supplied to the slaughterhouse in the four months between the 1st July and the 31st October
- At the date of supply to the slaughterhouse animals must comply with the Food Chain Information Statement on the Scottish Animal Movement Unit Document
- Animals must be supplied by prior arrangement to Downfield Farm slaughterhouse near Cupar, Fife
- Animals must achieve at least 17kg dead weight which corresponds to >34kg live weight – this is a medium sized shearling – ie very small animals will not be accepted. We know that most people will not be able to weigh animals before they bring them and so this is not a strict limit but please ensure that animals are of reasonable size otherwise the price per kg will have to be reviewed to reflect the end yield.

Set prices per kg of dead weight:

<17kg	not accepted into the coop (small animals will not be accepted)
17-20kg	£2.50 per kg
21-25kg	£2.60 per kg
26-30>kg	£2.70 per kg

How to Provide Hebridean Sheep to the Coop

1. Complete a Registration Form and a Supply Form and email these to Vikki Banks at SGB at vikki@seriouslygoodbutchery.co.uk with a suggested supply date (between the 1st July and the 31st October) at least 4 weeks in advance of the intended supply date.
2. Vikki will authorise your registration into the Coop, will confirm the delivery date and number of animals by return email and will inform Jane and Bob Prentice at Downfield Farm slaughterhouse.
3. At least 2 days before your delivery date you must confirm by phone or email your arrival time and number of animals with Jane and Bob Prentice. **You must not arrive at the slaughterhouse without first having confirmed your arrival date and time with Jane or Bob.**
4. Dead weights, kill sheets and payments due for your animals will be sent by email to you by Seriously Good Butchery within a week of the slaughterhouse supply date.
5. Payments for animals will be made by Seriously Good Butchery to breeders by electronic bank transfer within 21 days of the slaughterhouse supply date.
6. Additional animals for your own consumption or own customers can be processed through Downfield Farm slaughterhouse and SGB at the same time as animals entering the Coop supply. Please ensure that ear tag numbers for animals for your own supply are noted separately on the Supply Form.

By agreeing to supply animals into the Hebridean Coop you are making a contract of sale with Seriously Good Butchery. Marian Bruce and the Hebridean Sheep Society provide administrative and advisory support to the scheme only and do not take any legal responsibility for the contract made between yourself and Seriously Good Butchery.

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