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CEO Notes

Signs of the winter ending!

The days are lengthening and the daffodils are coming out, which makes for a Spring like feeling. February has been very dry for many which is a positive thing for alpacas that have access to fields during the winter. We will soon want some rain to help the grass grow!!

The other sign of Spring is the BAS National Show in Telford. Remember everyone is welcome - member, non-member so come along and join in if you are free. on 17th, 18th and 19th March 2023.

New "My Society" offer

S4Bed are happy to offer a 10% discount to BAS members on their **first** S4Bed order. Quote the Code S4BEDALP10 when ordering. Please note all pricing is on first order only and exclusive of delivery costs – this will be added at time of purchase. Further information available here [Buy Recycled Cardboard Animal Bedding \(s4bed.co.uk\)](#) **Phone:** 01342

659100 **Email:** info@s4bed.co.uk

You can contact me about the above or anything else using ceo@bas-uk.com

Duncan Pullar

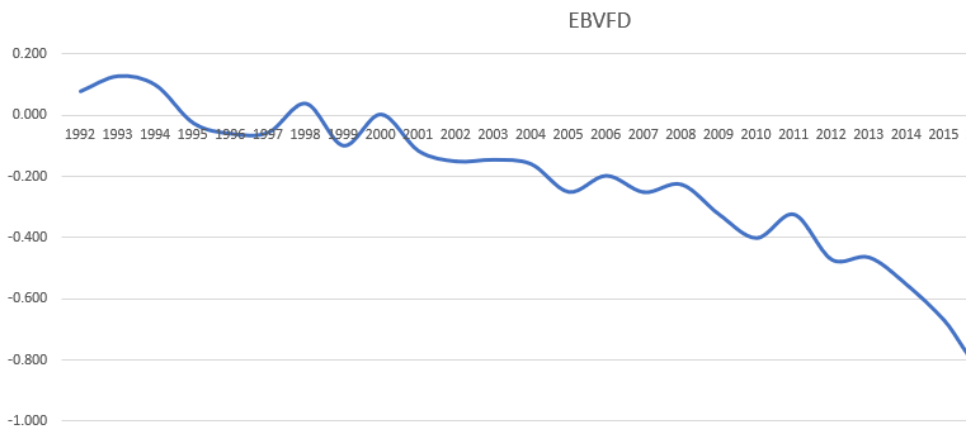
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Estimated Breeding Values

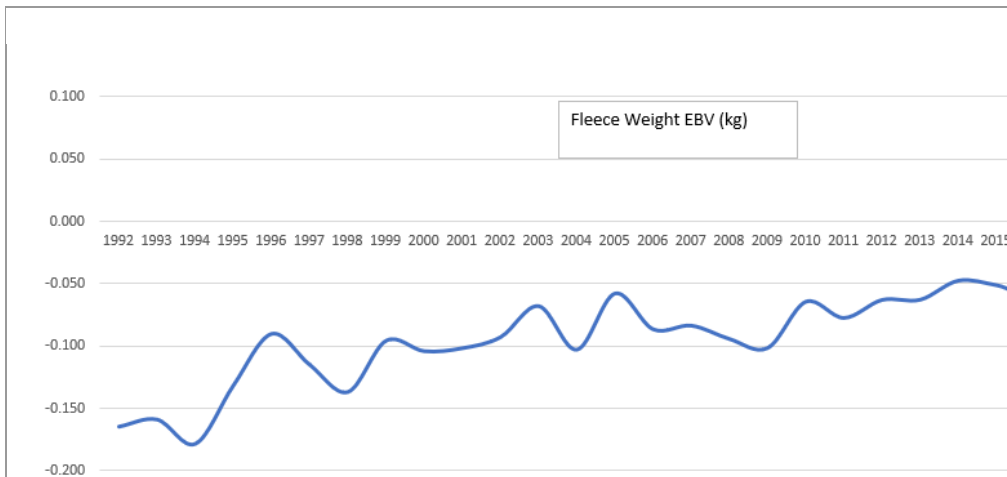
The 2022 EBV data has been analysed and individual herds have had their EBVs fed back to them. If you were expecting some feedback and have not yet had it then drop me an email so I can send you your data.

Now we have a few years worth of data and some breeders have had a dig into their archives we can see how breeding decisions have been influencing the UK alpaca herd.

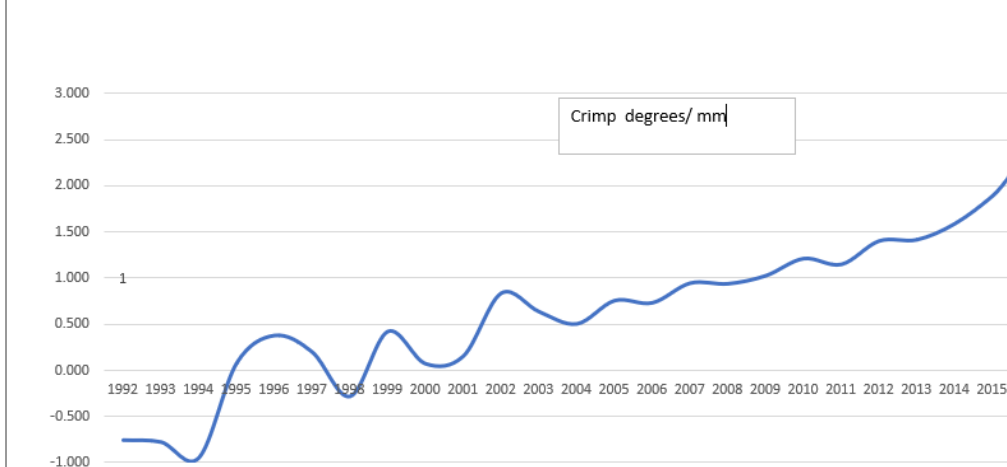
The collective breeding choices has decreased the average fibre diameter by 1 micron over 30 years (without the use of EBVs ! - using EBVs it could be done in 10)



Interestingly despite the reduction in average micron diameter fleece weight is slightly increased, by 150g, which is a good thing and shows that progress can be made on two traits that have a negative correlation in breeding terms (this means usually as micron goes down fleece weight goes down which is the opposite of what breeders would like)



Huacaya breeders have increased crimp over the years.



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MARCH HUSBANDRY

Prepare a birthing kit including plasma or colostrum, stomach tube, towels, bubble wrap or cria coats, disinfectant, scales, lambing tapes, lubricant gloves, glucose, alpaca teats and bottle.

- Weigh new born cria, record the birth, weight and other details.
- Cria need to be vaccinated against clostridial disease – talk to your vet.
- If you are expecting births collect plasma by taking blood from geldings for processing. Work with your friends and neighbours to reduce the cost by having a “plasma day” with your local vet. You cannot buy or sell plasma so get organised!.
- Order microchips and ear tags for this year’s cria.
- Order fly deterrent if you use it.
- Feed hay ad lib, feed nursing dams extra protein.
- Body score, check for jaw abscesses and look for evidence of mites.
- Drench or vaccinate against liver fluke/lungworm if appropriate.



SCOTTISH ALPACA CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023

FIBRE ZONE COMPETITION

Following on the success of our inaugural Fibre Zone competition in 2022, where the quality of items produced by the competitors was excellent, we are holding the competition again at our 2023 Scottish Alpaca Championship show on 22nd and 23rd April and are hoping for an even more exciting event.

As we all know the variety of uses that alpaca fibre can put to is limited only by your imagination so put your minds and your fingers to work and make something wonderful from the fibre that our lovely alpacas produce. The method of construction for any of the classes is also only limited by your imagination – weaving, knitting, crochet, felting or any other woolly craft you enjoy.

Preferably your entries will be 100% alpaca but we do understand that for some items a blend is more appropriate but it must be at least 50% alpaca. Please can you attach a label to your entry giving a breakdown of the blend or a confirmation that it is pure alpaca.

This year we are delighted that Juliet Miller of The Border Mill has accepted the challenge of judging your wonderful creations.

More information, together with the entry form, can be found on the Scottish Alpaca Group website Article posted on website, on SAG facebook, & on

Scottish Championships facebook. Link to Entry form

[Fibre Zone 2023 entry form.pdf](#)

<https://scottishalpacagroup.com> (https://scottishalpacagroup.com/images/FibreZone/Fibre_Zone_2023_entry_form.pdf) <https://scottishalpacagroup.com> or

contact pmrwestyett@btinternet.com if you'd prefer it emailed to you.





Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 2023

ENTRIES for numbers only (minimum of 3 and maximum of 25 per herd), are **open**, via Manage Your Herd, and will close on **Sunday 5th March** or when the maximum number of entries are received.

£29+VAT per Entry.

**LAST FEW PLACES LEFT – ENTER
ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**



BAS Winter Webinar

Please find below the last confirmed webinars for the Autumn/ Winter series for 22/23

Where the presenters give their permission a recording will be made and posted on YouTube which can be accessed via the BAS Website members area. Click [here](#) to access previous Webinars.

Andrea Turner - Langford Vet

Birthing alpacas: forewarned is forecalmed

Birthing time is always stressful no matter how experienced you or your alpacas are, but feeling confident in your preparation and decision making capabilities can remove a huge amount of anxiety. During this webinar I will discuss how best to prepare yourself, your set-up and your alpacas for the birthing season and give some clear guidelines on how to know when to intervene or call for help.

Date : Mar 20, 2023

Time 07:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87831496146>

2022 Event Diary



If you need information about any of the events listed below then please email Duncan using ceo@bas-uk.com or go to the BAS website.

Affiliate courses

2023		
Saturday	March 4 th	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Thursday	March 16 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Devon
Saturday	April 1 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	April 2 nd	Affiliate Course - Devon
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	April 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	May 21 st	Affiliate Course - Yorks
Sunday	June 4 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Thursday	July 27 th	Affiliate Course- Glous
Sunday	July 30 th	Affiliate Course- Wrexham, Clwyd
Sunday	Sept 3 rd	Affiliate Course- Glous
Thursday	Nov 9 th	Affiliate Course- Glous

If you would like your BAS, Educational or Regional group **event** included in this section (not shows) please send details to Duncan.

2023 Show Diary



Champions and judges from National Show 2022

Make a note in your diary!

(New information in red)

Breeders considering entering more than one fleece show may need the organisers of one show to forward the fleece(s) to the next show the fleeces are entered for. Please could entries to multiple fleece shows advise the organisers of the plan to ensure they know those entries need to be despatched asap to the next show. Please ensure that all the necessary entry forms are included in the box separately from the forms for the first shows.

2023

BAS National Show 2023

Champion of Champions Fleece Show

Fleeces on display at Telford 17th to 19th March 2023.

Prize giving Friday evening 17th March

Halter Show

Dates: Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March 2023

Venue: Telford.

Judges: Mrs Barbara Hetherington, Mr Roger Clarke, Ms Amanda VandenBosch and Mrs Natasha Clark

NWAG Alpaca Championships

Saturday 1st April 2023

Borderway Mart, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Judge Mrs Julia Corrigan-Stuart

Entries Open: 01/02/2023 at 9am

Entries Close: 20/02/2023 or when maximum numbers reached

Fee: £25 + VAT

Max numbers 160

Heart of England Spring Alpaca Fiesta

Dates: Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 2023

Judge: Mr. Roger Clarke

Venue: Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

Opening Date For Numbers: 13/2/23

Closing Date For Numbers: 05/3/23

Opening Date For Names: 13/3/23

Closing Date For Names: 26/3/23

Entry Fee: £29 +VAT Minimum of 3 and maximum of 20 per herd

Electric Points: at £35+VAT each - maximum of 4 fans per supply and compulsory

Pen Clean Up Service: at £40+VAT, which will be refunded if you decide to do it yourself.

Scottish Alpaca Championship

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Venue: Lanark Auction Market

Judge: Mrs Molly Gardner

Entries Open: 17 Feb 2023
Entries Close: 6th March 2023
Organiser: Stuart Ramsay

Spring Live South of England Halter Show 2023

Dates: 22nd and 23rd April 2023
Judge: Tim Hey
Entries Open: Friday 10th February 2023
Entries Close Sunday 5th March 2023
Entry Fee: £32 (NO VAT) Minimum of 3 Entries per herd
Venue: South of England Showground, Abergavenny Building, Ardingly
West Sussex RH17 6TL
Organisers: Hilary and Tony Monkcom
Pen Clean Up Service: £20 (NO VAT)
Electric Points: £30 (NO VAT) at least one is compulsory

North Somerset Show

Date: 1st May 2023
Venue: North Somerset Show ground BS48 1NE
Judge: Julia Corrigan Stuart
Entries: Open 13 March 2023
Entries Close: 10 April 2023
Entry Fee: £25 in VAT
Organizer: Garry Naish 07785 116211 : oakviewalpacas@aol.com

Devon County Show

Dates: 18,19,20 May 2023
Venue: West Point, Exeter, EX5 1DJ
Judge: Mr Nick Harrington Smith
Entries Open: TBC
Entries Close: 10 April
Entry Fee £29
Organisers Chas Brooke and Victoria Lee
chas@alpaca-uk.co.uk

Victoria Lee - hello@littleorchardalpacas.com

Northumberland Championship Halter Show

Date: 27th May 2023

Venue: Bywell Hall, NE43 7AB

Judge: Mrs Shirley Bettinson

Entries Open: 1 Mar 2023 9am

Entries Close: 28th April 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £25 + VAT

Organisers: Paul and Rachel Vaclik

rachel.vaclik@gmail.com 07990 871838

paul.vaclik@gmail.com 07802 829792

Royal Three Counties - 17 & 18th June

Date: 17th & 18th June 2023

Venue: Three Counties Show Ground, WR13 6NW

Judge: Mary- Jo Smith

Entries Open: 24 April

Entries Close: 31 May 2023 (or when maximum numbers reached).

Entry fee £26.40 + VAT

Organisers: Roger Mount, Jay Holland, Iain Sharp

snowhillalpacas@btinternet.com, jay@purealpacas.co.uk,

iain.c.sharp@gmail.com

07711044106 – 07789257222 -07722953635

Cornwall Fleece Show

Date: 15th July 2023

Entries Open: 12th May 2023

Entries Close: 14th June 2023

Max number of entries 60

Fee inc VAT (if known) £24

Judge: Jo Bridge

Fleeces Delivered to Sandra Muriel, Carn Tremayne Farm,
Praze, Cornwall, TR14 9PG

between 1st to 12th July 2023

WSAG Fleece Show -

21/22 July 2023

EAGFleece Show

19/20th Aug 2023

Westmorland County Halter Show

Date: 13/09/2023

Judge: Jo Bridge

Entries Open: 03/07/2023

Entries Close: 28/07/2023

Max number of entries - 120

Fee inc VAT TBC

Organisers: Steven & Tracey Ellershaw lythebrowalpacas@yahoo.com

Stokesley Show

<https://www.stokesleyshow.co.uk/>

This is a new show to be hosted by the Yorkshire Alpaca Group. The YAG 2 day Halter Show in Oct will still be taking place and those entering this show as well as Stokesley will receive an incentive (specifics to follow).

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Venue: Stokesley Agricultural Showground

Judge: Mr Tim Hey

Entries Open: tbc

Entries Close:tbc

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

Heart of England Autumn Fleece Show

Judging: Thursday 28th & Friday 27th September 2023

Results: Sunday 1st October 2023

East of England Halter Show

7/8th October 2023

Yorkshire Alpaca Group Halter Show

Dates: 14th and 15th October

Judge: Roger Clarke

Venue: York Auction Mart,.YO19 5GF.

Entries Open: 17th July

Entries Close: 3rd September

Organiser: James Stanger jameslstanger11@gmail.com 07757687378

YAG have negotiated discounts on accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express in York with 20% off flex rate for rooms booked before 28th Feb and 15% off for rooms booked after March 1st - the booking

link is <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&hotelCode=YORUK&rateCode=AL21P& PMID=99502056&corpNum=787077128&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Welsh Alpaca Halter show

Venue: Welshpool livestock centre

Date: 21st October 2023

Judge: Barbara Hetherington

Entries Open: 14th August 2023

Entries Close: 17th September 2023

Organisers Susan Myerscough and Michael Henderson

WSAG Midland Show

4th November

NEBAG Autumn Halter Show

Date: 18 November 2023

Opening Date 04/09/23

Closing Date 16/10/23

Max number of entries 140

Judge TBA

Northern Fleece Show 2023

Date: Wednesday 29th November.

Judge: Mrs Mary-Jo Smith

Entry: £20 + VAT

Entries Open: :2nd October

Entries Close:: 1st November (or if the maximum of 70 is reached before that date)

Fleeces to be sent to: Beck Brow Alpacas, Beck
Brow, Ainstable, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RE
by Monday 20th November

Fleeces will be displayed on Sunday 3rd December at a morning fleece activity at Beck Brow Alpacas (free to NWAG members) followed by Christmas lunch at the Heather Glen Hotel in Ainstable.

If you are interested in attending the Sunday event please
email:barbara@beckbrowalpacas.co.uk



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