



# EASTERN REGION NSA FARM VISIT 2017



**You are invited to enjoy a visit to  
George Thompson Farms, The Grove, Hurn Bank,  
Holbeach Hurn, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 8JJ  
by kind invitation of Richard and Jane Thompson**

## **FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2017**

Meet at 2.00 pm at the farm for coffee and introduction.

There will then be trailers to get people round the farm.

Our hosts have kindly offered to put on tea and cakes for people at the end of the tour. Please let us know if you will be attending. Either phone 01953 607860 or email [office@ceresolutions.co.uk](mailto:office@ceresolutions.co.uk)

- Flock of 500 mainly Lleyne ewes lambing in late February to Charollais rams.
- Housed in the last 4 weeks or so of pregnancy on a straw / high quality concentrate based diet – fed on the floor.
- High level of performance – selling about 1.7 lambs/ewe tupped – low lamb losses – top level rearing %!
- This results in an output per ewe far higher than industry benchmarks (by about 20% on Stocktake top 1/3)
- Tight health protocols and attention to detail are key factors.
- Lambs sold live weight through Thrapston market – highly sought after
- Flock grazes some permanent pastures and also short term leys that are integrated into the cropping rotations. This high quality ‘clean’ grass provides the basis for the high lamb performance.
- One challenge from the quality of the grazing, is keeping control of ewe condition. They do stay out as long as practical pre-lambing.
- Replacements bought as shearlings



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