

MATTHEW

This year has been a very good year not just with the expansion of my flock but with college as well. This year went really well especially lambing and I ended up with 84 lambs. I have also just bought 50 Suffolk x mule shearlings so I am now up to about 190 sheep. Not bad as it was only 8 years ago that I was given my first 3 lambs for my 10th birthday .At the moment I am busy looking for new rams. I am expanding my business from selling privately for the freezer to selling through the shop in the church in Beech Hill. Last Christmas I attended their Christmas Fair so that people could try my lamb and had many favourable comments.

I have just completed another year at Sparsholt College, Winchester studying for a level 2 City & Guilds Diploma in agriculture which I really enjoyed, working with different types of animal and farm machinery. I know now I definitely do not want to work with pigs! During the year I qualified for my all-terrain forklift licence and I was very proud to receive the best overall level 2 agriculture student of the year award at Sparsholt .In September I am returning to Sparsholt College to begin the Extended Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture.

I am very grateful for all the support I have been given by The Bowyer Trust which has enabled me to build on my flock as well allowing me to further my education and step nearer to my ambition to work in the agricultural industry.

Thank you.

