

After the Great War...

FARMING IN BLEASDALE in the 1920s

Farming in Bleasdale resumed its pre War pace. The farmers continued to rear beef cattle and dairy, for milk and cheese made on the farm, and keep pigs and poultry.

Horses were still universally used as motive power on the farms, as seen here at **HAZELHURST.**



Early 20th Century at Hazelhurst Farm

The upland farmers returned the land they had ploughed up for crops to grass. However, they discovered there had been advantages - Roger Yates at **HIGHER FAIRSNAP** commented in 1923 that his newly seeded grass was... *"all the better for having been ploughed"*.



ROGER YATES 1923



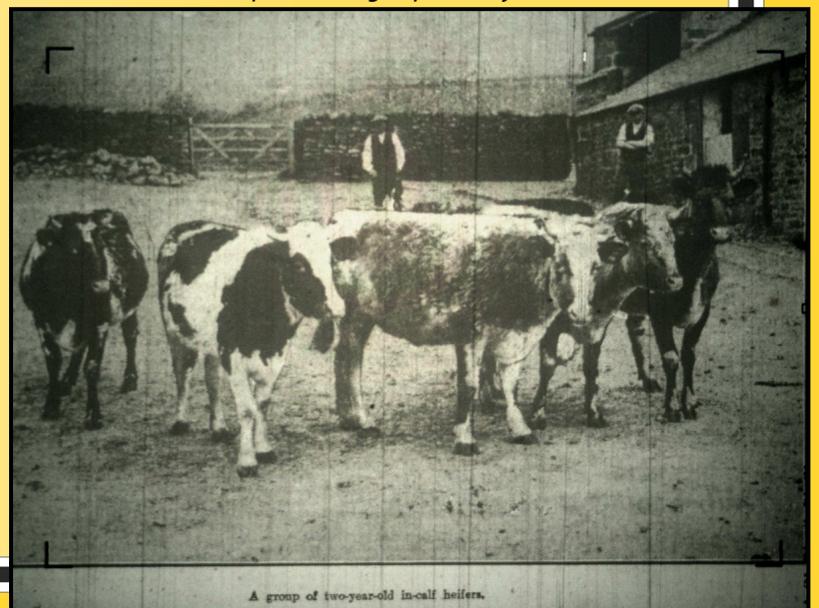
Top: A section of the black-faced flock. Bottom: Types of Scotch rams. Photos: "Preston Guardian"

PG 28th Apr 1923 Top: A section of the black-faced flock. Bottom: Types of Scotch rams

Two Preston Guardian reports, in 1916 and 1923, show how Roger and his family transformed the land for rearing high quality cattle and prize-winning sheep, as well as keeping pigs (1916) and a flock of 200 poultry (1923).

He selected his bulls carefully in order to build up his herd. He travelled the north of England and to the Lanark Sheep sales in Scotland to buy rams from which he bred his own flock.

PG 28th April 1923 A group of two-year-old in-calf heifers.



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