CONVERSATION ANALYSIS

When and What Will Be the Turning Point in Sheep Numbers?

Livestock & Forage · 2025-12-27 to 2026-01-01

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OVERVIEW

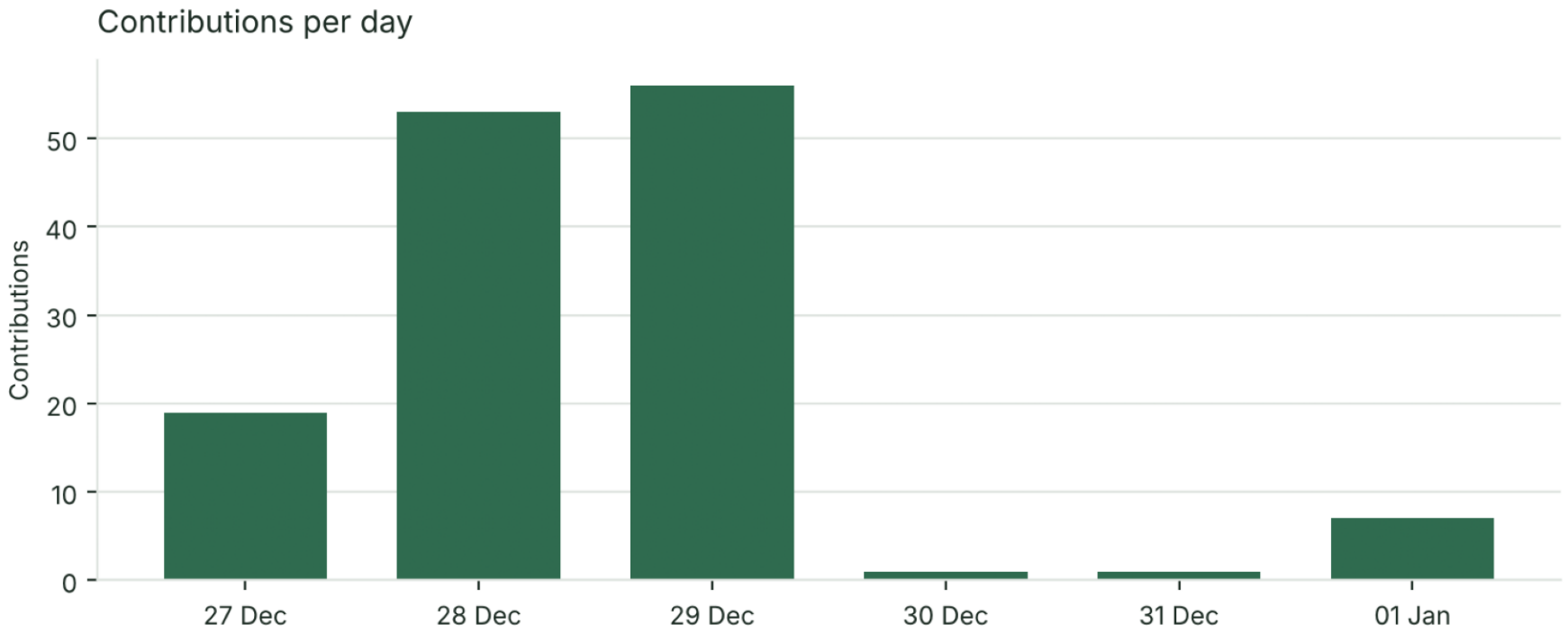
Conversation at a glance

137	6,205	490	3.58
Visible contributions	Views on The Farming Forum	Reactions	Average reactions per contribution

- Ran over 6 active days, peaking on 2025-12-29 with 56 contributions.
- Figures describe this conversation only. They are not a representative survey of the sector.

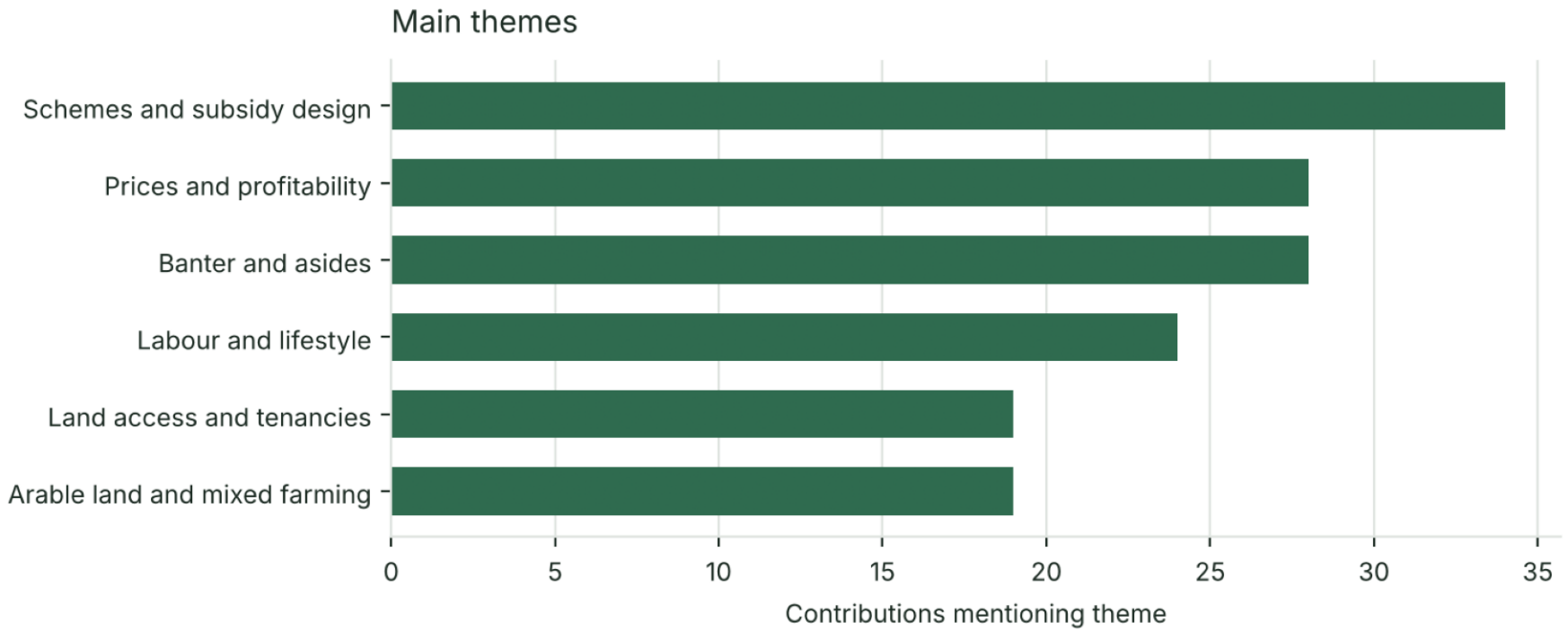
ACTIVITY

When the conversation happened



Peak day 2025-12-29 carried 56 of 137 contributions.

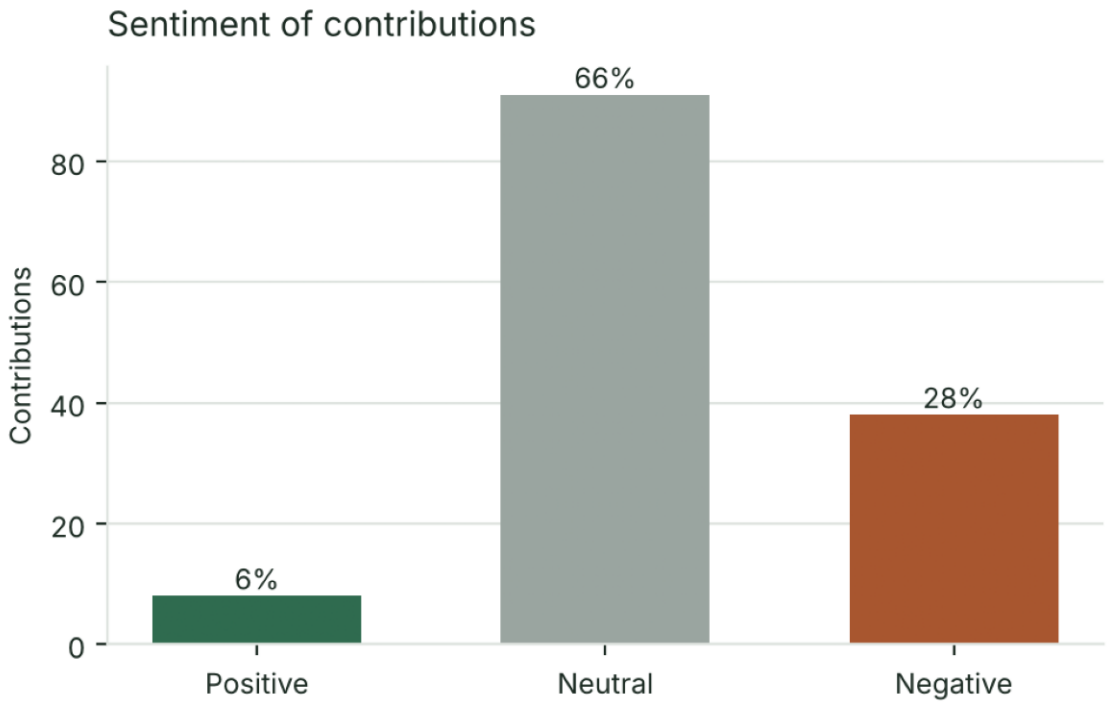
What the conversation was about



Schemes and subsidy design led with 34 contributions. Contributions may carry more than one theme, so shares do not sum to 100%.

SENTIMENT

Tone of the contributions



Sentiment describes the tone of this conversation, not the stance of UK farmers generally.

SENTIMENT

Which tone drew agreement

4.63

Average reactions on negative contributions

2.79

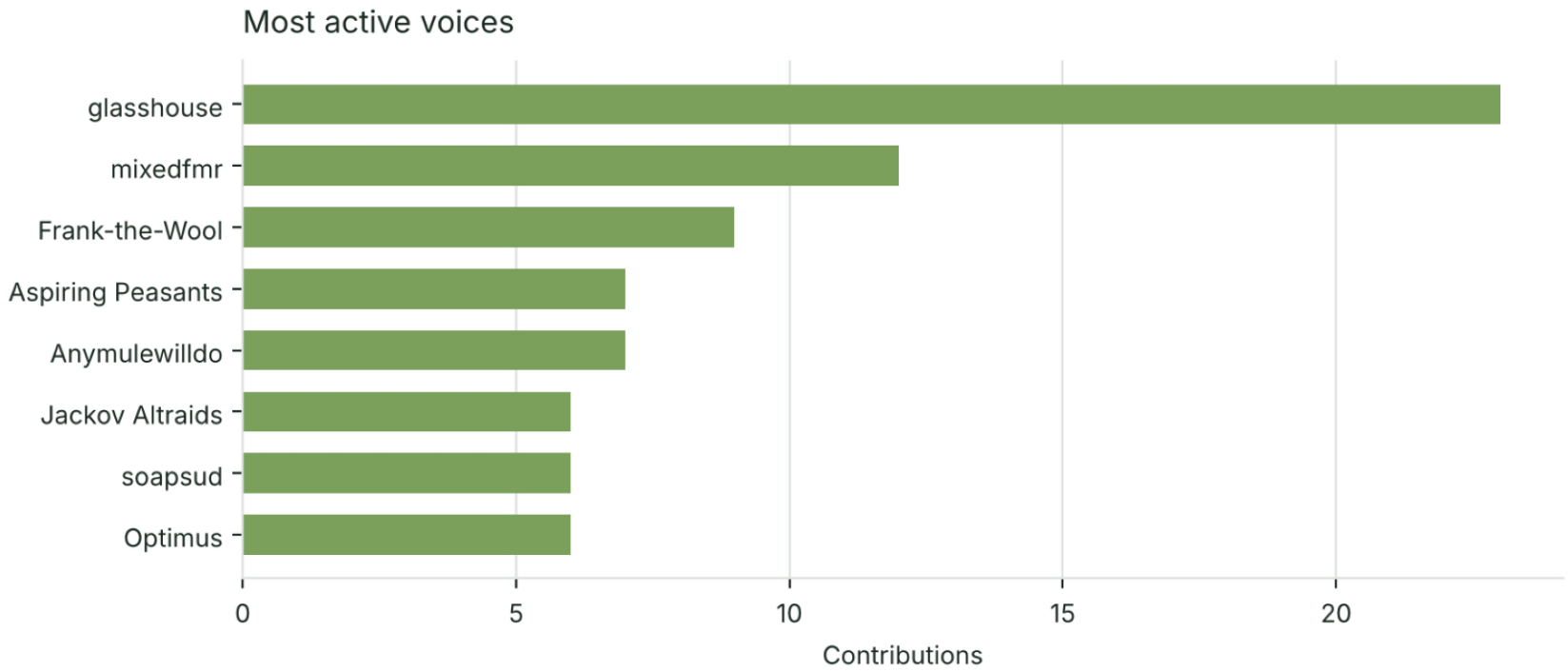
Average reactions on neutral contributions

7.5

Average reactions on positive contributions

— 38 negative (27.7%), 91 neutral (66.4%), 8 positive (5.8%).

Who drove the conversation



Ranked by number of contributions. Screen names as they appear on The Farming Forum.

QUOTATIONS

In their own words

"There's plenty of appetite to farm sheep from younger people The largest obstacle is access to land (as always) Lambing ewe lambs is just common sense"

Tim W · 19 reactions

"There’s not the boots on the ground to see any significant increase in the ewe flock, I’d hazard a guess that there’s significantly more sheep farmers at retirement age or above than in their 20’s. The job..."

Farmer Keith · 16 reactions

"I’ve walked hundreds of acres like that on a shoot I go to. It’s ridiculous, acres of good sheep meat not being utilised. It should be a condition of getting the payments for this that the crop has to be..."

Aspiring Peasants · 14 reactions

SOURCE

Read the source conversation

- When and What Will Be the Turning Point in Sheep Numbers?
- 6,205 views · 137 visible contributions · Livestock & Forage
- https://thefarmingforum.co.uk/index.php?threads/when-and-what-will-be-the-turning-point-in-sheep-numbers.433839/

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