

LOGIE DURNO

Performance Recorded Ram Brochure 2023-24



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18TH ANNUAL ON FARM RAM SALE
 Saturday 19th August 2023
 Viewing 1pm
 Sale 3pm

Sale of over 320 Performance Recorded Rams.

2023 will mark our 18th annual on farm sale. The sale will be held on Saturday the 19th of August at the new time of 3pm, with viewing commencing at 1pm. Over the last ten years the sale has developed a lot and become a much bigger event, however the basics remain the same. All sheep are naturally reared and presented, and are sold with full performance recording figures.

In 2022 we sold over 320 rams on the night, it was particularly pleasing to see rams being sold all the way down to Wales, into England and right up to the North of Scotland, Orkney and Shetland. We take great pride in seeing these rams go on and do well for people and the amount of return customers is proof that the rams are doing what they are supposed to.

The 2023 sale will include rams from the following breeds:

Durno
Durno Beltex
Texels

Logie
Suffolks
Sufftex

Fronteira
BF Leicester
Charollais

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Meat sire **Texel**



Our Texels are bred to make our customers as much profit as possible, so we have bred Texels which are long and easily lambed.

Performance Recorded

Our Texels are all performance recorded, with our main aims being to increase muscle depth in the loin with a nice even fat cover. Current stock ram in the flock has some of the highest performance data in the UK for growth and muscle. Top end lambs for 2017 are doing over 600g live weight gain a day since birth to Slaughter weight.

Tight Clean Skins

We have bred for very tight skins which is a sign of high meat yield and a lean carcass. As well as this our Texels have reduced in bone weight over the years. Tight skin, lean carcass and less bone equals higher KO%. Texels also have a clean underline and a clean backend which maximizes forage intake and minimizes wastage.

Prime Lambs with Shape

Texel X prime lambs have a tremendous width above the tail head increasing the surface area of muscle compared to bone. Also they have extra shape in the hind quarters giving more U and E grades which in most abattoirs and markets gets you a premium.

Grow very Quickly

High growth rates can be difficult to achieve in breeds which have superior muscling. What we have done is reduce the bone and breed for longer and longer sheep year on year. Lambs are noticeably longer now with larger frames allowing them to put kg on quickly achieving younger slaughter ages.

Rams Lasting Longer

All of our terminal sires are run in large groups allowing the strong to thrive and the weak to fall behind and be culled. Any young Texel ram that shows any sign of poor movement, bad breathing or ill health is culled. Meaning initial cost is split over more time reducing his cost to you per annum.

G & E Mckiligan, Aberdeenshire

We lambed 380 ewes this year, all highland mules which we tup with Logie Durno Texels. I keep the best 120 Texel mule ewe lambs each year and sell them as gimmers the following year. I take in new scotch mules every year to replenish the flock. I changed to tups from the Ingrams a couple of years ago and they never melt or loose condition. The lambs pop out and are on their feet quick too. Also I bought a teaser from them last year which had almost everything lambing in the first cycle and he went with four groups back to back!



Tom Masters Chyngton Farm

I run 800 suffolk x Mule ewes and last year put them to Texel Tups from Logie Durno Sheep. The lambs were born end of Feb onwards. They had a great start but hit dry weather so used creep to keep them moving. The lambs look tremendous and over two weeks we put away 400 + lambs to ashford where they topped the market for price per kg! The lambs have definitely been finished more quickly per head.



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Maternal sire Logie



Logies are our lowest input breed and can be lambed outside on a totally grass system

Breed your Own Replacements

You can use a logie ram on any type of flock to breed replacement ewes. Continuing to do this will leave you with a flock of average sized white face ewes that can lamb outside milking on grass.

Prolific High Weaning

Logie ewes are regularly scanning 200% with weaning rates above 180% on good years.

Finishing Advantages

All nucleus Logies have been recorded since birth and selected to achieve optimum weight gain, meat yield and fat cover for a 21kg carcass. This has all been recorded on a grass diet.

Versatility

A Logie flock can be lambed indoors or outdoors and lambs can be finished easily from grass or pushed quickly using feed. Logie ewes will work well with a meat sire to produce top market lambs also.

Profit per Acre

Flocks can be lambed outside, without feed with lambs fattened from grass. You can run a large flock with minimal labour or machinery and sell surplus females increasing revenue.

Steven and Lizzie Walker Anderton Fold Farm, Preston

We run a commercial flock of sheep alongside our Houghton View pedigree Hereford herd. We used to run 1000 North of England mules to Texel x Beltex tups.

We had a hard look at, tup longevity, ewes milk from grass, ease of lambing and vigour. We decided we wanted to change to a self replacing flock of medium sized white faced ewes that we could lamb from grass and sell some females. We felt the Logie breed would be a great way of introducing these assets to the flock. Now we are lambing outside from 10th of April in two cycles, with the logie male lambs finishing on farm between 20-22kg R/U3L. The replacement Logie females we have bred are nice sized ewes and great mothers with plenty of milk from grass. We are happy that we are breeding the right type of sheep for our modern low maintenance farm.



Millie Lear and her family who farm in West Sussex.

"We are lambing 430 this year, mainly 1/2 and 3/4 bred Logie mules, a few Durno mules, and a few mules too - all to Logie and Durno tups. All outdoors, all year round.

They are prolific, have longevity (my oldest Durno mules are having their 6th crops this year and Logies are on their 5th crops) 188% at scanning across the flock. Huge udders, plenty of milk, loads of vigour and very maternal ewes.

I'm one happy customer."



Dual purpose sire Fronteira



Fronteiras are a great choice for breeding both replacement females and prime lambs.

Prolific Replacements

Fronteiras work really well on hill ewes to produce a mule type replacement female or can be continued as a breed to suit an early lambing flock. They will lift scanning % from upland ewes to suit a lowland flock.

Vigorous Lambs

All stock goes through on farm selection for lamb hardiness and get up and go. The result is lambs which are quick on their feet and suck well reducing losses at lambing time.

Growth and Carcass

Fronteiras have been selected using performance recording which means lambs have a higher KO% more quickly than similar breeds. Skin selection and topline has been very important as well in the breed.

Robust Rams

Fronteiras are mobile and fit selected from grass. They can serve a large amount of ewes and have good feet.

Saleable Females

Fronteiras are very eye catching with plenty of style and width making their daughters very easy to sell. They make great mothers using any meat sire.



Andrew Race Burnthwaite, Cumbria

We run herdwick ewes on fell ground, and tried using the Fronteira ram on them to produce a lowland ewe. They look good and we have crossed them to a Texel tup getting great lambs.



Davie Jones , Pannau, Brecon

We put the Fronteira tups onto our Brecknock type cheviots for replacements and shearling ewes to sell. They are making great ewes and the shearlings are easily sold from farm at good money. We have put some to Durno tups that have thrown nice lambs.



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Meat sire

Durno



Durnos were our first composite breed, and most popular meat sire.

Easy Lambing

The Durnos are recorded on-farm for lambing ease and are not bred to have a big head meaning their lambs will be born easily reducing labour at lambing time.

Vigorous and Hardy

Lambs are selected at birth for getting up and drinking on their own which should come through in commercial flocks with lambs getting up and having less problems.

Growth and Carcass

As a meat breed, the most important thing is lamb performance and value. Using performance recording has allowed the Durno x lambs to get to slaughter weight more quickly peaking at optimum payable kg at the right fat class. Also they are selected on skin tightness and visible conformation.

Athletic and Work Like

Rams are all outwintered and sold from grass. They are run in large groups and any weak or ill rams are culled. They live a long time due to this culling and diet.

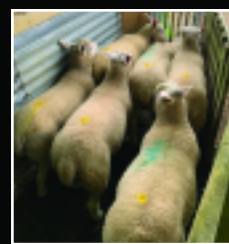
Profit from Grass

All selection and performance recording in the Durno breed has been done at grass giving them a unique advantage over other terminal sire breeds to produce more profitable lambs in any flock.



Phil and Owain Hughes North Wales

We run 3350 ewes at Cwmlanerch, Conwy. 850 of the ewes are welsh mountains for the higher ground not far from Mt Snowdon. We tup the oldest ewes every year to the Logie to produce replacements for the lower ground which we tup with the Durno. As lambs the logie females are tugged with the Durno Beltex, then Durnos for the rest of their lives. The Durno Lambs out of Logie ewes are growing very fast and killing out very well. The lambs are very long and weigh heavy. We order Durno rams every year direct from farm.



Ali Weller. Lincolnshire

Cheviot Mules and North Country Mules which are put to 2 Durno rams, and they usually lamb outside. I lambed in a very easy 4 weeks, finishing mid March.

This is my first year using Durno rams and I have been really pleased that almost every ewe, including 21 gimmers lambed themselves. The lambs, mainly twins, were up and suckling with minimal help. The weather has thankfully been very kind this year, and the lambs are all going strong. We could just do with some more rain here in Lincolnshire!"



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Meat sire

Durno Beltex



Durno Beltex rams offer the highest killing out percentage of all our breeds and add great shape to the hindquarters of any lamb.

Easy Lambing

Durno Beltex lambs have a low birth weight making them ideal for hoggs and first time lambers. Also the lambs show great vigour at birth and are quick to suck.

High KO%

Beltex genetics have always given high killing out percentages but with performance recording we have managed to push it further. We select deeper muscles with optimum fat cover in the loin and use performance recording to identify the genetics with the best results.

Depth of Breeding

The breed was developed by taking some of our best Durno ewes and crossing them with some of the top Beltex genetics in the country. This offers unique breeding which can only be found here.

Commercially Reared

Our Durno Beltex are farmed in exactly the same way as the rest of our meat breeds, meaning that only fit and healthy ones thrive. This gives extreme shape on a healthy animal.

Quality Prime Lambs

Lambs have tight skins with shape and width, making them ideal for live sale. They are a great improver tup and can be used on poorer ewes to get a good lamb or hoggs.



Wil & Ruth Williams, TyHen, Llangwandi, North Wales

I lamb about 2100 welsh ewes a year with my Wife and Sons. I bought Texel, Durno and Durno Beltex rams from Logie Durno last year and I am really pleased with how they have done. They have survived the winter well and still look good. I think that I like the Durno Beltex lambs the best so far from my type of ewes but I will reserve judgement until I have the lambs away and see which breed have weighed and paid best. Once I have sorted out my lambs I will put the ewes with female lambs back onto the hill and the ones with male lambs will stay on the low ground for selling. Most of my lambs go to Woodhead bros, except the tail end that will go to market. The Logie Durno lambs are growing well and were up on their feet quickly.



Quainton Dairy, Buckinghamshie

We have converted our entire commercial flock of ewes to Logies over the past 8 years, running an outdoor lambing flock trying to best utilise grass. We sell surplus females annually and tup the strongest ewe lambs each year to replace the flock. We tried Durno Beltex for the first time in 2019 on the ewe lambs and it has worked very well. Lambs were nice and small at birth and quick on their feet. The lambs look very shapely now they are older and should sell well!



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Meat sire
Suffolk



Our Suffolks have the largest depth of muscle in the loin of all our breeds, and have some of the largest growth rates.

High Growth Rate

High growth rate reduces days to slaughter and allows more land for ewes, increasing flock size. The Suffolk has our highest growth rates to 8 weeks old which makes them ideal for getting lambs away before the price drops mid summer.

Commercial Breeding Goals

Our selection is focused on commercial profits, and not the show or sale ring. We are looking for a tight skin on a long, correct and wide body. These type of sheep breed great store and fattening lambs with minimal wastage.

Deep Loins

Our Suffolks have enormous loin depths and can have upto double the depth of lambs at similar ages. This is a great indication of meat yield and profit per mouth grazed.

Replacement Females

Suffolks are the best mother of all our pure breeds, with virtually no cases of mastitis and great feet. This is due to their tough robust udder and our strict culling policy. On a commercial flock the Suffolk can be used to breed both killing lambs and ewe lambs to keep.

Reared Extensively

Our Suffolk ram lambs are weaned and then run in large groups of upto 500 males, spending their life rotating around paddocks of grass. This upbringing breeds hardy robust rams that will live a long healthy life.

**Robbie, Barbara & James Milne
Aberdeenshire**

We have been buying Logie Durno terminal sires for years. Lambs grow very quickly, which means we can get them away early leaving grass for the ewes and cows. Grading sheets are brilliant with almost every lamb hitting the mark!



- Increased vigour ● More lambs
- Heavier, better grades at slaughter

**Owen Morgan,
Brecon.**

I used Suffolk tups last year from Logie Durno for the first time alongside other terminal sires. The Suffolk x lambs have out performed everything else. We were picking out lambs at 38kg and they were killing out upto 52%, these lambs were only 8-10 weeks old. The lambs are away averaging well over £100, really pleased. Will be buying more Suffolk tups direct this year.



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Meat sire
Sufftex



New breed to bridge the gap between two of our most popular meat sires.

Direct and live sales

Often live sales can be poor for Suffolk lambs. However with the inclusion of the Texel genetics, lambs have a fuller backend and whiter head which suits the live ring. This doesn't mean that they have lost the qualities needed for an efficient direct kill lamb.

Females for lowland

Females from these rams have a very sturdy frame and bone structure to suit earlier lambing lowland flocks to get lambs away quickly in the spring when the price is high.

Power where it counts

No breed is perfect, but the combination of breeds used for Sufftex definitely works. Suffolk giving a huge frame with length. Texel giving width and shape. The result is long deep heavy lambs.

Growth and carcass

This new breed to our team will act as a dual purpose sire on most ewes, due to the exceptional growth and carcass that they have. As young rams they are reaching 100kg more quickly than any other breed while having an enormous depth of muscle in the loin where it counts.

Robust Rama

So far we are finding very few sore feet in our Sufftex rams due to hard black hooves and years of culling in the parent stock. Also they have a strong work ethic and actively chase ewes during mating very well.

New and exciting breed.

An exceptional cross between our two most popular meat sires.



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Meat sire Charollais



Charollais have been at Logie Durno for over 30 years, and our flock has built up a depth of breeding second to none, which has proved its quality being in demand across the UK, EIRE and into Europe.

Easy Lambing

The Charollais has a small head and light bone in comparison to its body weight, making its offspring very easy to lamb. Their shoulders are narrower than any of the other terminal breeds that we have, but still have some of the highest amounts of meat. They are ideal for ewe lambs because of their easy lambing.

Vigorous Quick Lambs

Charollais sired lambs are famous for being on their feet quickly to suck. All of our Charollais are recorded for this to increase vigor which will help to raise weaning rates. Our selection also includes head cover. A good amount of head cover at birth helps future Charollais X lambs to survive poor weather.

Fat Weight Quickly

Our Charollais match our Suffolk lambs for growth reaching slaughter weight unbelievably quickly. In 2017 we had new season Charollais lambs sold live at 50kg for 254p/kg at just over 3 months old. Growth rate is especially useful for an indoor lambing flock that uses creep feed, as there is more profit the quicker their lambs go away as every day costs are occurred

Easily Fleshed Lambs

The Charollais breed has taken strides to shape its performance recording for the future. Sheep are now scored on having a good covering of fat on their backs instead of lean meat which was selected for before. This is vital for animals with huge growth rates. Lean lambs which grow quickly will go over weight before they reach the correct condition.

Active Fertile Rams

Our Charollais rams are the most active of all our terminal breeds. They have long light boned legs, and are fit to chase ewes round fields all day without tiring out. Also they are very fertile helping to create a short lambing period reducing labor and costs.



Females of all ages for sale Privately. Ideal for starting a pedigree flock or crossing with other breeds.



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Maternal sire BF Leicester



Our BFL Flock are performance recorded and are reared to last without losing any of the famous style and frame needed to create the mule.

Performance Recorded

The Logie Durno Flock is one of the few performance recorded flocks of BFL in the UK. As the Mule is one of the most popular breeds of commercial ewe in the UK we think it is vital that there is performance recording used to enhance it. Recording growth and fat helps to produce rams that have daughters with more milk and higher outputs.

Carcass Traits

As well as recording to improve milk yield we also record to improve carcass quality. We take Muscle depths, which we try and improve year on year. This increase in muscle will give heavier carcasses on wether lambs for the same live weight, making more profit per acre from a flock that either breeds mules or uses mules as their ewe flock.

Recording at Lambing

At lambing time we record a huge amount of data to help make our BFL rams fit for modern farming. We asses treat and shape, culling any ewes that have udders which are not easily sucked by new born lambs. Vigor is recorded, with only lambs that are up on their feet and sucking quickly being kept for future breeding.

Built to Last

Our BFL rams are out wintered on grass so that they are prepared for future winters at their new homes. If any ram shows signs of being cold or weakness they will be culled. Our rams are hardier than some traditional BFL, which will allow them to mate good numbers of ewes over many years. Our rams which are sold of farm are not fed concentrates, and will not loss as much condition over mating season as a fed ram would.

Breeding excellent Replacements

All animals which have been a problem for any maternal trait have been removed to decrease the chance of it happening in a commercial flock. The resulting female should be correct with a good udder and plenty of milk. Producing a quick growing lamb with increased meat yield in the loin.

John & Anne Callum with Sons John & Bruce. Milton of Culloden, Inverness

We have a mixture of owned and rented land which we farm 120 suckler cows and 600 ewes on. Cows are mainly Simmental crosses put to the Charollais, Limousin and Simmental. We sell all the calves as yearlings apart from replacements. We have 450 Mules and 150 Black faces. Black face ewes are bought in as 5yr olds and put to the Blue Faced Leicester to breed our own mule replacements. Fat lambs are pretty much all sold from grass to Woodhead Bros. sired by Durno, Texel and Suffolk tups. We use Logie Durno Tups because you know what you are getting, genuine well bred sheep. The tups hold their condition through tugging and grow on after first year. They always have a huge choice of tups with excellent skins and length. We don't have problems with rams feet anymore as they get older. Lambs come out easily with improved vigour and definitely have a lot higher growth.



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