

Hole Farm Rams

3rd Annual On Farm Ram Sale

75 Shearling Rams & 50 Shearling Ewes

Bluetongue
Vaccinated



Saturday 30th
August 2025
Viewing 3.00 pm
Sale 4.30 pm

30 Registered High Index Suffolk Rams



*40 Durno (Texel x Charollais) & 5 Logie
(Lleyen x Durno) Rams from Logie Durno*

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The majority of the Suffolk rams are in the Top 1% of the breed for Terminal Sire Index



Sale includes Durno Hybrid rams from noted ram breeders Logie Durno



On Farm Sale

“What you see is what you get”

All rams offered are presented naturally, with no dressing or trimming, and have not been forced. Giving them the best chance to lead long and productive lives in their new flocks.

Rams are MV Accredited, on the Heptavac P Plus system and are Footvax & **Bluetongue vaccinated**. All rams will receive a quarantine wormer before collection or delivery and will be fly covered for the season.

COME TO OUR SALE - FREE UK DELIVERY

✓ Pre sale viewing available – please get in touch

✓ Free delivery across the UK

✓ MV Accredited & Signet Recorded

✓ Online bidding via MartEye



Sale will be held at Hole Farm, Wilderness Lane,
Hadlow Down, East Sussex, TN22 4HB.

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Houdshall Suffolk Flock

- ✓ Breeding shearling rams for the commercial producer which sire
 - Fast growing lambs from grass
 - Suffolk cross females which are increasingly in demand for their milkiness and ability to rear quality prime lambs
- ✓ Suitable for both indoor and outdoor lambing systems

Suffolk ewes managed commercially

- ✓ Ewes are lambed in April, and are managed on a commercial basis with no special treatment on a grazing system
- ✓ Lambs are recorded at birth for lambing ease, birth vigour and speed to suckle, ensuring only functional rams are offered for sale

Growth Rates & Carcass Confirmation

- ✓ Fast growth rates reduce days to slaughter allowing lambs to be sold off the farm quickly
- ✓ Excellent carcass confirmation with wide, deep loins and meaty gigots ensuring lambs grade well

“Lambs that get up & go”



Performance Recording from Grass

- ✓ Focusing on fast growth rates (Scan Weight) & carcass confirmation (Muscle Depth)
- ✓ **All recording is done from grass** – rams are selected & measured in a commercial environment
- ✓ Ensuring that only rams with the genetic ability to thrive on grass only systems are sold for breeding
- ✓ In addition to structural soundness & physical appearance

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“We have always selected for positive fat depth EBVs”

- ✓ Helps lambs achieve **sufficient finish from grass**
- ✓ **Breeding females retain condition more easily** when faced with challenging conditions

Breeding for use as a maternal sire

- ✓ Ideal for breeding milky & prolific Suffolk cross females
- ✓ Strong focus on **mothering ability & milk production**
- ✓ Emphasis on 8 week growth rates reflecting:
 - Milking ability of the ewe
 - Lambs genetic potential to convert grass & milk into meat

Suffolk x Mule shearling ewes by Houdshall Suffolk rams



Suffolk cross Mule ewe lambs by Houdshall Suffolk rams



Customer feedback



*Rams that last
2,3 & 4 shear Suffolk & Durno rams on a customer's farm*

"I've never known Suffolk rams like them. They've worked their socks off!"

"Lamb vigour has been great"



Customer feedback



***“The Durno lambs have exceptional carcasses.
Easily the best lambs we have produced”***

***“The Durno lambs are extremely hardy, great for
our outdoor system”***







Logie Durno Sheep

An introduction to Logie Durno Sheep

www.logiedurnosheep.co.uk

Logie Durno Sheep is a family run business in the north of Scotland. Logie Durno specialise in the production of shearling rams for the commercial and pedigree producer selling 1,000 rams annually from nine different breeds.

Logie Durno have put forward Texel and Durno rams into the sale. **The Durno** has been chosen because it is their **most popular terminal sire**, crossing well over a number of different types of ewe and is already sold to a large number of flocks in the South East of England. Durno sired lambs from these flocks are regularly among the top prices at market.



Logie Durno Breeding Policy

Easy Lambing

- ✓ Bred for easy lambing – small heads and recorded on-farm for lambing ease
- ✓ Lambs are selected at birth for getting up and sucking quickly

Athletic Rams

- ✓ Rams are outwintered and run in large groups with only the strongest offered for sale
- ✓ Rams are athletic allowing them to tup large numbers of ewes and live long productive lives on farm

Profit from Grass

- ✓ All selection and performance recording has been done from grass
- ✓ Ensuring that only rams that have the genetic ability to thrive on grass only systems are sold for breeding

Growth & Carcass

- ✓ All Durno lambs are back fat scanned and weighed at 16 weeks
- ✓ The raw data, i.e. actual weights, muscle and fat depths, are recorded in the sale catalogue and should be used as an aid for selection
- ✓ Actively selected for average to positive fat depths
- ✓ Allow lambs with high growth rates to achieve sufficient finish at slaughter weights

Durno Hybrid Rams - Terminal Sire

- ✓ The Durno is a **stabilised composite terminal** sire containing Texel and Charollais genetics
- ✓ Produced exclusively by Logie Durno & stabilised for 20 years
- ✓ Ensuring Durno sired lambs are consistent when crossed with commercial ewes
- ✓ **Fast growing** with **excellent carcass confirmation**
- ✓ Durno lambs **grade well** and are **popular in the live markets**

*“As easy lambing as a Charollais
& as hardy as a Texel”*



Durno rams contain the best of both
Charollais and Texel genetics

- ✓ Charollais → fast growth rates, depth of loin & easy lambing
- ✓ Texel → adds hardiness, gigot muscularity and fleshing

Logie Hybrid Rams - Maternal Sire

- ✓ Logie is a low input maternal breed, bred for longevity, medium size whilst still producing marketable prime lambs when bred pure or crossed
- ✓ **Stabilised composite maternal** sire containing Lleyn, Texel and Charollais genetics
- ✓ Produced exclusively by Logie Durno & stabilised for 20 years
- ✓ Originating from a F1 cross of the Durno and Lleyn.
- ✓ Lleyn bloodlines provide an easy to manage medium size productive ewe with good prolificacy, excellent mothering and milking ability
- ✓ The inclusion of the Durno provides increased growth rates and conformation whilst still retaining lambing ease and vigour to suit a low input system.



- ✓ Logie ewes lamb outside and receive no concentrates
- ✓ Typically scan in the region of 190-200%
- ✓ Using a Logie ram will give customers a lamb which is born easily and gets up quickly, utilises grass well and is slaughtered to an above average carcass which the market wants. The female will be retained and produce future stock

Selection of Suffolk x Mule Shearling Ewes from Masters Farms (Non MV)

- ✓ Top draw shearlings from a flock renowned for producing market topping lambs
- ✓ Sired by Hole Farm Suffolk rams
- ✓ Out of top North of England mule ewes
- ✓ Ideal for crossing with Durno rams
- ✓ Heptavac P Plus, Toxovax & Enzovax
- ✓ Please note these shearlings are non MV



MV Shearling Ewes

Selection of Logie (Lleyrn x Durno) &
Suffolk x Logie shearling ewes

- ✓ Ideal recipes or commercial fat lamb production
- ✓ MV Accredited
- ✓ Heptavac P Plus, Footvax, Toxovax & Enzovax
- ✓ Bluetongue vaccinated - x2 vaccinations with BULTAVO 3
- ✓ Born outside and unassisted
- ✓ Suitable for indoor or outdoor lambing



Flock Feature:

Using Houdshall Suffolk rams to breed Suffolk mules for crossing with Durno rams

Rhiannon Masters farms 700 ewes, with 200 bought in North of England mule ewes put to Houdshall Suffolk rams. Ewe lambs are retained as replacements for the 500 strong Suffolk mule early lambing flock which are put to Durno rams.



Picture left: Mule ewe with her Houdshall Suffolk sired lambs

Picture right: Suffolk x mule shearling ewe with Durno sired lamb

“The Suffolk cross mule ewes sired by the Houdshall rams we purchased are exceptional mothers. They are quick to clean their lambs, have plenty of milk and show great mothering ability as they happily follow their lambs into the mothering up pens as shearling ewes.

In addition, the Suffolk sired lambs out of our mule ewes are easily born and up and sucking quickly. These lambs graze our permanent pasture and we have a large draw of Suffolk lambs before weaning – with no creep offered to Suffolk lambs.

We were wary of buying Suffolk rams that were heavy boned and bred for the show ring, as in our experience these type of rams breed lambs lacking in vigour at birth and struggle to flesh without concentrates.

We have been delighted with the Houdshall Suffolk rams we purchased. Their lambs are exceptionally vigorous at birth and grow on well from grass only. The rams themselves have grown on well and are extremely athletic capable of tupping large numbers of ewes.



Durno sired lambs out of Suffolk cross Mule ewes

We traditionally used Charollais and Texel rams for our Suffolk mule ewes. Whilst we were happy with the quality of the lambs we found the Charollais lambs struggled as we are an exposed farm and the Texel lambs gave us slightly more lambing difficulties.

We are often asked in the market where we buy our rams

We have used Durno rams for 5 years , and now exclusively use Durno rams on our Suffolk mule flock as we are so pleased with how the lambs perform. The lambs are easily born and are very vigorous at birth and grow on to develop exceptional carcasses. Our Durno lambs are very much in demand at Ashford market, where we sell all our lambs, and are regularly among the leading prices.”

Rhiannon Masters, Chyngton Farm, Seaford, East Sussex.

- ✓ Online bidding with MartEye
- ✓ Free UK delivery as required
- ✓ M.V. Accredited & Signet Recorded



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