

One Stop Ram Shop



OSRS Sires



Texel



Finn



Finn Texel



Texel Suffolk



Quarter Finn Texel (1/4F 1/4T 1/2P&R)



Perendale Texel



Three Eighth Finn Texel (3/8F 3/8T 1/4P&R)



Dorper

OSRS has farmed these breeds for 32 years; longer than any other farmer. OSRS (then Tangarakau Farm) has produced rams since 1954. Rams are vet tested, guaranteed. OSRS has performance recorded since 1960's and all flocks are SIL recorded.

DO YOU WEAN 130% NOW? WOULD YOU LIKE 150% WEANED?

USE One Stop Ram Shop Rams: make it possible.

1000 EWES AT PRESENT;

1300 LAMBS WEANED

1000 EWES WITH OSRS FINN·TEXEL;

1500 LAMBS WEANED

ADVANTAGES FROM A CHANGE

- Shorter gestation.
- Smaller lambs at birth.
- Fast growth rate of lambs
- Ewe longevity.
- Ewes produce twins. Triplets are not common.
- Less ewes needed to breed replacements.
- Ewes multiple suckle. No poor lambs.
- Few, (If any) bearings.
- Some Facial Eczema (FE) tolerance.
- 'Easy - care' ewes.
- 'Flushing' ewes is ideal if possible.
- Ewes require less winter feed than traditional NZ breeds.
- Finn Texel hoggets mate constantly wen.
- High-yeilding carcasses
- With only minimal managerial change you will achieve
- 150% weaning. 200 extra lambs per 1000 ewes.
- All this from ewes which run on less fuel.

More Profit

Thoughts after visiting twelve countries on four continents, June-August 2017

1, Tourism lets people and cultures mix; its best feature. Worst feature; queues, increased pollution.

2, As tourist numbers surge locals in 'hot spots' are protesting. Authorities have no answers. Florence, Barcelona, Venice; inhabitants are furious. 22 million 'cruised' in 2017. 540 liners visited Venice. NZ is ill-prepared for four million tourists each year

3, Impressive are the 'ferociously-determined' tourists with serious disabilities. They 'make-it' to scenic spots everyday.

4, Colonial plunder financed much of Europe's wealth. That wealth stream has gone leaving countries reliant upon their own resources. Many are struggling. Tourism the only growth industry but tourists are a fickle lot. Trouble ahead.

5, Dog poo is everywhere. Adoring owners don't see it, others do.

6, Mediterranean seawater is polluted and infertile. 650 million tonnes of sewage 'pours in' annually. It will become fertile and even more polluted.

7, Spontaneous clapping erupts when airliners land safely. Cruise liner passengers, when arriving in port don't clap. Why not?

8, Most handsome, beautiful people? Portuguese men, Brazilian women, Finn adults; then all others.

9, Venetians 'play' in motorboats. No life-jackets. Everyone has a phone though.

10, Italian women adore little handkerchiefs called **bikinis**. Not all are suited to such tiny patches.

11, Monaco. Ostentatious, extravagant. Why would anyone bother to visit the place?

12, Finnish saunas are as hot **inside** as Dubai is **outside**.

13, 30 Finnsheep crossed the wild Tornealven river to Sweden. Some

feat! They were caught and loaded onto a truck. Swedish Customs 'had-to' search the 'trespassers' to the owner's amusement.

Are Finnish sheep smugglers?

14, Museums in Antwerp and Rovaniemi (Belgium, Finland) tell historical stories; often grim. Metropolitan museums (London, New York) display artefacts pinched from other cultures and brush over grim history.

15, London. Swanky shops in Berkley Street all had security guards but not customers.

16, Londoners on the tube instantly gave seats to Kiwis. Forever helpful, funny and friendly. Conversations were spontaneous. Good people.

17, A meal with pomp and ceremony at the Ritz Hotel is hilarious (and expensive). Jackets are compulsory for men and may be hired. Waiters are professional, funny. Good food, good experience

18, In mountainous NW of Iran (Ardabil), sheep lice and ticks are common. Ticks bite and transmit a virus which causes anaemia and fever. Sheep waste away and die. No preventative measures are taken. Wolves and bears are serious predators. Dogs protect flocks. Alpine soils are ancient, deep and naturally fertile, even at 2500 to 4000 metres altitude. Rainfall is adequate, reliable. Wind is not strong. Winters are cold with snow, so stock are housed. Interesting, wise nomads have farmed the same way, for eons

19, Tehran is kept green by copious quantities of water. Rural Iran is not so lucky, but still manages to waste water with sloppy infrastructure.

20, Islands are being made through-out Asia and Middle East. Sand for concrete is mined from any available source. Huge quantities of concrete are required for 'island' infrastructure. Sand is becoming scarce world-wide.



"Where did this lamb come from?" "Sir. We serve only the best and the best comes from NZ. Everybody asks for it". Previously told all meat came from USA.

Cruising, Mediterranean



Nobody noticed two snakes within a metre of the throng.

Ahlabra, Grenada, Spain



Power-point presentation. 'Sheep meat is a quality protein with potential to expand. Sheep meat is already in short supply, world-wide.' Parana State Sheep Conference, Brazil, July 2017.



Led for 12kms. Sheepskin saddle. No reins or stirrups. An 'experience'.
Amol Mountains, Iran



Nomads know their best ewe: She has the best lamb and most milk. Lambing yards have stored hay, shelter, water.
Neyshabur, Iran



Iranian Parliamentary Agriculture Committee visited OSRS. Experienced, influential rural experts.
23 February, 2018



Finn genetics for OSRS? Performance recorded, top ranked sire used in Silja's flock in Finland.



Finn ewes close to lambing. Five months of snow so lambing is inside. 72 ewes reared 2.8 lambs each.
Finland, Lapland, June 2017



Midnight. 66 degrees north, nearly the Arctic Circle. Home of Silja who spent a year at OSRS.
Trevola, Lapland

They said:

"The trouble with them (OSRS rams) they **never wear out**" Len and Sheryl Win, Collingwood. 1/4FT

"It's been a good summer. Weighing off ewe lambs to get a line to put to the ram. Target 40 kg....some were closer to 70 kg. I've never achieved weights like this, I'm very pleased. Thought you'd like to know." Jason Rentoul, Marlborough. Rams 3/8FT & TS.

One of the highlights in this time was achieving 100% take at scanning in 2012 and watching our flock produce **more twins, less triplets** and even **less singles** – well done rams. Many thanks, Chris and Lyn Dillon", Marlborough. 3/8FT rams and the predicted production. OSRS sold his sheep to a Canterbury client.

"Lambs were bigger and brighter" Shearer's comments. Finn Texel rams over Texel/Perendale ewes. Jayson Prenter, Happy Valley, North Canterbury.

600 hoggets, 1/4Finn 1/4Texel 1/2Perendale(1/4FT) were mated to Dorpers. Scanned 669 lambs, weaned 605 at 27.4kgs. Born in October, weaned 12 Feb 2018. Philip and Anne Munro, Fairlie.

"In the next three kilometers we'll see a **'road-kill' ferret.**" Robin to Andre, Burke's Pass. **Wrong. Three.** 18/2/2018. (Fairlie to Cromwell, 23/10/2017, seven ferret road-kills)

(Waimumu OSRS) "We passed twice

but you were talking fast with farmers—so we carried on" Tracey Caldwell, Palmerston, Otago. Caldwells use 3/8 FinnTexel rams

"You won't have any trouble selling those (remaining rams)" Peter Doncaster, Waipahi, Southland, after selecting 3/8FinnTexels and Texel Suffolks. Peter has used OSRS rams for 20 years.

"I'm looking forward to my next National Geographic Newsletter" Russell Goatley, Venlaw Station, Southland.

"Best, year on year, grass growing. It is the wettest in 15 years" Kevin Shannon, Te Kuiti. Kevin used 1/4 FT and TS rams.

"Romney ewes were mated (2017) to Romney and Finn Texel rams. Ewes were farmed together. Ewes mated with Finn Texel rams scanned 7% more lambs. 200 male lambs (35+kgs) were killed early November. 70-80% were sired by Finn Texel rams." Jeremy Martin, Porangahau, CHB.

OSRS woolshed wall has a sign about the economics of lifting weaning from 130% to 150%. "Are there still any farmers with only 130%? Unbelievable really. **The lift has been so easy with 1/4 Finn Texel rams.**" Reid Taylor, Whetukura, SHB. **Reid was genuinely amazed that any farmer would accept only 130% weaning.**

"I got my best scan ever, 180% but docked only 144%. The continual rain got the lambs eventually----it went on

for months. Wayne Harriman, Eketahuna, N Wairarapa. 1/4FT sheep flock. *Visiting Iranians were fascinated with his facilities, shearing, sheep.*

"The best lambing, we got was 145-147% weaned (using Androvax). Now, with Finn and Texel on the Perendale base we get 165-170% (without Androvax). *Finn Texel gave clear 14% lift.*" Dennis Astle, Te Kuiti. 1/4 Finn 1/4Texel 1/2Perendales.

"Excellent lambs. 5.5 metres of rain fell from January to 26/9/18 (date of call). Lambing started, rain stopped, so I went round to check. Saw some sets of twins, some triplets and a set of quads, then a set of FIVE. I got out fast. I would only mix that lot." Arthur Masters, Mangapapa, Taranaki. *He is a feeder in an uncompromising locality. It's tough.* 1/4 FT ewes with 3/8 FT rams

"Texel Suffolk rams **last.** Never wear out" Dean Wilson, Owhanga. Dean and Katherine farm very steep King Country hills. Two decades of OSRS rams.

"Texel Suffolk sired lambs showed excellent survival. I need more." Daniel Murray, Hunterville. Rain and mud tested farmer's mental survival through-out winter 2017

"We had atrocious weather right in the peak of lambing. After four days of it I went round and found only four dead lambs. They (ewes) are great mothers" Terry Creswell, Gisborne. 1/4 FinnTexel sheep on *hard hillcountry.*

An Open Day at One Stop Ram Shop is planned for Friday 2 November 2018, Paratu, 3500 SH2, 12kms south of Waipukurau.

Consultants, scientists and rural reporters have little knowledge of the practical answers provided by OSRS genetics.

Seven flocks with Finn, Texel and combinations have been stabilised for up to thirty years. All are performance recorded with SIL. Data is coordinated by Clare Callow (Animal Breeding Trust).

Ewes with OSRS genetics need to be flushed if possible. Scanning is consistent regardless of poor tup conditions. Bearings are all but absent. Ewes live one

productive year longer than traditional sheep. Lamb gestation is one week less. Stabilised ewes produce few triplets, mostly twins. Lamb survival in-utero and from birth to weaning is excellent. Ewes multi-suckle and feed any lamb feeling hungry.

Finn ewe body fat is carried in their mesenteries and not under skin. This trait makes condition-scoring different. Carcasses yield well.

OSRS sheep breeds are suitable for hogget mating. Hoggets are sexually precocious.

The open day will give farmers the chance to see OSRS breeds penned separately. Discussions will be educational, practical and cheerful.



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Texel Suffolk lambs. February 2018, OSRS



... and then it rained. Blocked Culvert. Paddocks waterlogged. Booked diggers (6 months) were always coming next week. April 2018, OSRS



Best of the Ritz. Birthday treat; lamb back-strap (€40). Waiter's rituals are elaborate, hilarious, entertaining The Ritz, London, 28th July 2017



Huge, One Stop Ram Shop catalogue cover picture on a shepherd's truck in Georgia. Farsi (Persian) added. Pic by the only Georgian known to Robin from visit in 2013.

There are fifteen flocks contributing to OSRS. Information from these sheep, a third of which are outside HB, helps the development of the company.

All flocks provide performance data which relates to both the breed and environment. Each flock directly influences breeding programmes.

OSRS would like to place further flocks about NZ, especially in the SI.

If any farmer is interested, please contact Robin to discuss options.

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- FIRST** commercial farm to have Texel, Finn and Oxford sheep in NZ, 32 years ago.
- FIRST** to recognize the role of Finns and Texels as part of the mix with NZ genetics.
- FIRST** to sell FinnTexel and Texel Suffolk rams.
- FIRST** to arrange supply contracts which rewarded the users of Finn and Texel.
- FIRST** to market Finn and Texel carcasses, large scale, to NZ and export markets.
- FIRST** to market high bulk Texel wool to a processor and provide premiums for producers.
- FIRST** to market bulky Texel wool to export markets.
- FIRST** to promote stabilised crossbred sheep with fixed proportions of Finn, Texel and NZ genetics.
- FIRST** to have eight months of lambing on one farm.
- FIRST** to achieve seven natural sheep matings in eighteen months.
- FIRST** to have an objective of six separate lambings per year without the aid of chemicals.
- FIRST** to produce colourful, informative, proactive newsletters regularly.
- FIRST** to produce Texel Suffolk rams are leading producers. **Now they are top producers in Central Progeny & New Generation Flock Trials**
- FIRST** to have nine flocks performance recorded with SIL.
- FIRST** to export Finn genetics to South America.