



*the perfect partner*

## COMBI CLAMP

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## Lucky Number Eight

A Shropshire farming family who started sheep farming eight years ago with eighty acres of land, eight sheep and a lot of sweat and effort have expanded the flock to over 750 breeding ewes. Now, farming a total of 220 acres spread over 5 different locations, a Lleyn pedigree/commercial flock forms the backbone of this busy farming enterprise.

Experienced in providing solutions to business challenges, flock numbers were expanded as suitable farmland became available, but with the farm spread across a six mile radius, reliable, economical and easily moved-and-used machinery has been selected to help the family business operate efficiently and profitably.

One product that has satisfied all the demands made on it is the Ritchie Combi Clamp sheep handling system. In fact, the system has been so impressive that two units are in regular operation to ease flock handling stress both for operator and stock. A static sheep race set-up provides a base for all sheep husbandry needs at the home farm, whilst a mobile unit travels between field sites behind either the farm pick-up or tractor. Self contained with all essential sheep hurdles, shedding gates and a

Combi Clamp, that lowers into position off of the back of the trailer, a ready to go sheep handling system is quickly assembled.

The unit includes a digital weigh platform so lambs weight can be readily monitored at 8, 12 and 21 weeks with the three way shedding gate separating lambs for special attention. Likewise pregnant ewes are regularly weighed to monitor health and pregnancy development. The electronic monitoring system, like the shearing unit, is battery operated so no mains feed is required in the field.

The Combi Clamp system relies only on the weight of the operator using a spring loaded pressure plate to securely hold sheep within the soft padded sides of the sheep race. Once securely held the ewe stands peacefully still, realising that it's futile to jump or rear up, enabling several husbandry operations to be completed in one visit. It is this benefit of 2 or 3 operations being carried out simultaneously that enables sheep handling to be without fuss or stress for operator and sheep.

