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New Video Demonstrates 'Work Easy' Benefits to Sheep Farmers

Sheep husbandry demands are ever growing as flock sizes increase and weather patterns change causing farmers uncertainty in their daily farming chores.

Farmers considering their own farm wellbeing can now improve their own health, and the welfare of their sheep, with the introduction of a unique, hands free sheep handling system.

Specialist stock handling manufacturer, Ritchie, has produced an informative video demonstrating a Devon hill farmer's experience when using a Ritchie Combi Clamp. In the 4-minute video, sheep farmer Roy Mills shows how the benefits of the new system help to overcome the drudgery and back ache when vaccinating, tagging, dagging and drenching sheep.

The versatile system requires minimal physical effort to hold the sheep safely compared to traditional methods. Operating 'hands free', Roy has more time to deal with stock whilst substantially increasing stock activity per day/session.

Not only are the sheep less stressed with the ease of handling, but Roy can retire home with some energy left after a busy day.

Powerless Operation

The operator's body weight is all that is required to use the Ritchie Combi Clamp mechanism, enabling the unit to be operated in remote areas. A foot operated spring plate, which is easy to use, activates a soft material sided clamp within the sheep race to hold the animal firmly without stress. The soft material

clamping side adapts to hold both ewe and lamb. A valued advantage Roy appreciates is that all sheep are now treated as they pass through the system, whereas with the pen and catching method one could easily be missed and Roy would have to start all over again!

The Combi Clamp is easily moved and quickly set up, be it in a corner of a barn, a field or the middle of a moor, and regular handling means that the sheep know what to expect and run through the system with minimal fuss. As the season progresses and sheep fatten, the Combi Clamp sides are adjustable to suit any animal condition.

Director Bob Ritchie comments "We hope sheep farmers find the video helpful and will see the benefits that by considering their own health, the animals health also benefits."

