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COMBI CLAMP

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5th Generation Game



David Ritchie (Implements) Ltd. have been supplying farmers with proven equipment for generations and often farming families, once satisfied with the longevity and quality of one Ritchie product naturally select another from their extensive range.

Ritchie was established 140 years ago as a blacksmithing service to the local community of Gateside in the county of Angus and are now 5th generation manufacturers of innovative products for both the livestock and arable industries.

Likewise the Bewley farming family at Mid Farm, Wigton are 4th generation farmers, with a young 5th generation actively interested in

keeping the farming traditions fluent. Situated at 700ft on shallow soil, the family rely heavily on quality stock and products to maintain farm efficiencies essential for survival. Life is tough, but to keep happy and healthy, John and Michelle have chosen to work with an extensive range of Ritchie products. A Combi Clamp sheep handling system was introduced in 2010 to "ease the work load".

John works two days a week in the local market so Michelle is very much a working farmers wife and any product that can bring farm efficiencies whilst improving health to the stock and farming team has been duly considered over the years.

The Combi Clamp was first spotted on Ritchie's stand at the local shows and it's sheep handling benefits in achieving higher output with less effort were instantly recognised.

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John had spent all of his farming years catching and handling sheep and his health was suffering from the constant back-aching work.

With the Combi Clamp installed, Michelle has seen a big improvement in John's mobility and now between them they regularly handle twice as many sheep in half the previous time. The 430 breeding ewe flock of Cheviot mules and Texels are regularly put through the clamp for injections and tagging as well as clipping prior to tugging. Adaptable to suit ewes and lambs of various sizes, the Combi Clamp has a treadle operated spring-loaded footplate that the operator stands on to restrain the animal for treatment. Both John and Michelle can

operate the Clamp easily as animals do not require handling or holding. A non-return three-way shedding system gate can be utilised if stock are to be separated into different groups for specific attention. Once the flock has been through the handling system once, they seem to realise the system is a lot less stressful than being caught and handled so move quickly through.

"We've all benefitted from Ritchie's innovative products over several generations" says Michelle " who knows what they'll be introducing next!"

