

JOHN VIPOND SAC ARTICLE ON EASYRAMS

The economics of going down the EasyRam NZ Genetics route are very well illustrated in the accompanying article written by retired SAC Sheep Specialist, John Vipond, and reprinted from **SAC Beef and Sheep News** in Feb 2017

"I recently visited a farm where the farmer had 3 Suffolks supplied by EasyRams going off for sale as cull rams and expected to get about £50 each for them. The previous manager had bought them in 2011 as lambs and they had served on average 100 ewes each year from shearling age settling in total 500 ewes and producing 750 lambs at a net cost of about 75p per lamb sold and a net cost of £550 per ram bought. If rams have been fed heavily to make a decent price at a ram sale expect them to live 2.5 years and sire 40 ewes per year at a cost per lamb produced of £4.00. Thus on the farm I visited ram costs were £1650 against a potential bill of £9000. Do your own sums for ram costs".