

Royal Ulster Show 2015 ROBERT COCKBURN - KNAP TEXELS



Robert has worked with sheep all his life. Up until 2002 it was Scottish Blackface sheep. Shepherding for four well know Blackface farms, many successes were achieved in the sale ring with sales of £55K for Tup lambs and £44K for shearling rams.

In 2002 the Connachan Texel flock was formed. In 2006 Robert took over the flock from the farm. In 2012 the Knap flock was formed, Knapdale being where he was born.

The flock consists of 25 pure bred ewes and 60 recipients. Roberts aim is to try and sell good quality rams and females with both breeding and commercial traits. Gimmers are sold pre tuppung and in lamb. Best price achieved had been 6500gns in 2013.

Robert has also had some success in the local show ring and at national sales, winning first prize novice with Rob Roy sold for 4300gns, first prize gimmer and reserve overall champion sold for 3400gns, and first prize open ram lamb with vogue sold for 4000gns at the English Premier Sale.

Undoubtedly 2014 has been his best year with the Scottish National sale being the main success selling Vicious Sid for 145,000gns and Vital Spark for 7500gns, then at Carlisle selling Sid's E.T. brother Vinnie Jones for 7000gns and Knap Vogue for 4,000gns at the English National, the reserve male and reserve overall champion from the pre-sale show.

Robert says he is very much looking forward to judging at Balmoral in May.