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BREED SOCIETY

The TEFRom breed was founded by Robin & Lynley Campbell, 'Kinrae,' Central Southland, and Russell and Pam Welsh, 'Twin Farm,' Western Southland in 1997. They established the breed with a view to offering sheep farmers an opportunity to take a quantum leap in per head performance and overall farm production.

The TEFRom breed society was established in 2004 and comprised of three founding flocks. Kinrae in Central Southland, owned by Lynley and Robin Campbell, Twin Farm in Western Southland, owned by Pam and Russell Welsh, and Wairere in Wairarapa, owned by Derek Daniell.

The TEFRom is a composite breed made up of 25% Texel, 25% East Friesian, and 50% Romney. Each of the founding flocks has a long history of breeding high performance Romneys and from these sheep the breeders sought to retain longevity, soundness, fecundity, high growth rates, wool weights, freedom from pigment and other basic faults, parasite resistance and good temperament.

The Texel has enhanced the wool bulk, parasite resistance, hardiness, muscling, and lowered the wool fibre diameter of the TEFRom.

The East Friesian offers higher ovulation rates, especially in hoggets. It also increases milk production, especially in late lactation, and positively influences wool bulk.

TEFRom breeders seek a bold and alert sheep that is clear of wool back to the ears, has no horns or dark hair on the poll. The eyes are clear and round, the mouth sound with correct teeth placement. The legs are free of wool, and the absolute minimum of skin pigment both on fleece bearing parts of the body and in the bare areas. The fleece is even and free of basic faults, of medium bulk and low to mid thirties micron. A clear patch around the tail helps lower labour input.

The sheep stands well up on its pasterns and directly over its feet so that the animals weight tends to spread the digits. The overall body shape tends to wedge both from the side view and above, thus distributing bodyweight back toward the quality cuts. The backline is straight so that the loin can be full and wide.

The udder is firm and well suspended with the teats facing forward and out. The sheep is sound overall and has a placid nature.

All Registered TEFRom breeders are required to fully record performance on SIL, participate in across flock analysis, and market rams off across flock reports.

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Founded in 1997 by R.F. & P.Y.Welsh on ewes transferred from their Southland Otago Romney Group flock, Texel rams bred from Blackdale Stud (F.35), R.J. & R.A.Gardyne (F.55), Milton Park Enterprises (F.36), and East Friesians bred by Silverstream East Friesians (F.1).

In 2008 the flock transferred to the present Owners.

Sires used have been bred by R. & L.Campbell (F.1); R.F. & P.Y.Welsh (F.2); and Owners.

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