



# One Stop Ram Shop



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- Please fill in the Freepost ram order asap. Your ram genotype preference is more important than the final number required. A prompt reply helps us.
- Nov 8th 2011. Openday at OSRS, Paratu. 3500 SH2, the ram selection venue.
- North Island ram selection will begin on 21st Nov 2011 at Paratu.
- South Island ram selection. Jeff will notify farmers of their selection times this season. He farms at 3726 Old Coach Road, Clinton. Ram selection will start early in December.
- Southern Fielddays, Waimumu, Feb 15-16-17 2012, OSRS will be there. Lovely sheep, food, tea, coffee and some gossip. Come and see us. Our exhibit will be bright and breezy with no politics (or just a little).
- Ram prices are largely unaltered although some disparity has been addressed. Highest ranked rams from the huge Texel-Suffolk flock are priced the same as the top rams of other breeds. *Heaviest hoggets were 90+ kg in August.*
- Come September and there are **two** Brazilians at OSRS. *Laughs and action.*
- Websites: [www.onestopramshop.co.nz](http://www.onestopramshop.co.nz) has received 1670 visits in its first year. Our Portuguese website has been visited 28,366 times in only four months.
- Hawke's Bay winter has been pretty kind. Wet at times, muddy too, but growing grass also. Our 'polar blast' killed some lambs. At Kaiwera/Clinton, Jeff experienced a series of August snowfalls (6 to 8) but is pleased with how his tough ewes handled the cold. His commercial flock is ¼ Finn ¼ Texel ½ Perendale.

### PREDICTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2011

- Processors will talk down sheepmeat prices.
- Many more lambs will be weaned this season.
- Sheepmeat prices will hold. Shortages are forever.
- OSRS genetics to many more countries.
- John Key will stay Prime-Minister.
- The All Blacks will give their best; they are a good team.

Attention to detail, commitment to performance recording, 'common-sense' and love of stock ideal for the farmer and consumer gives OSRS an edge over other large ram producers.

***Please post your ram order now!***