



# Sheep Husbandry

Providing detailed sheep systems reviews and expert independent advice to improve flock productivity and profitability in all aspects of sheep production.

Supporting you as you manage, develop, and grow your flock, in times of rising input costs and volatile stock prices, towards a profitable sustainable future through our services including:

#### **Technical and financial performance review**

We'll work with you to review your flock technical performance, including benchmarking key performance indicators (KPIs) to better understand flock performance and identify opportunities to improve flock productivity.

Combined with financial analysis (gross margin calculations, full accounts analysis and forward budgeting) we can work with you to promote flock profitability and reduce the cost of production. Whilst, through carbon auditing we can help you develop mitigation measures to reduce the carbon footprint of your flock.

#### **Flock management**

Our team of livestock consultants have a wealth of practical experience of flock management. With support from across SRUC, they are best placed to advise you on all aspects of sheep production, including flock husbandry, nutrition, disease control, grazing, breeding, sales strategies, data, and technology use.

#### **Maximising production off forage**

Our consultants can work with you to develop a sheep system that maximises production off forage, promoting performance and output/ha whilst reducing reliance on purchased feed and other inputs. A key component of this is grazing management, for which our grassland specialists provide expert advice to refine grazing strategies and optimise pasture utilisation.

Advice on all aspects of forage crops is available from species selection, agronomy, feed budgeting and grazing system design as well as subsequent pasture reseeds and improvement.

#### **Nutrition**

We also offer independent and unbiased nutritional advice and rations using Dietcheck software. Our nutritionists will help you optimise pregnant ewe diets to promote ewe performance and lamb survival whilst also making the most from forage to reduce costs. Whilst at other times of the year providing feed budgeting, mineral supplementation, and lamb finishing advice.

**For more details about these services, contact your local SAC Consulting office, or email [livestock@sac.co.uk](mailto:livestock@sac.co.uk).**