



DUTCH SPOTTED SHEEP UK (DSSUK)

James & Gillian Whiteford, Tercrosset Farm run a well-known flock of pedigree & commercial breeding sheep near Carlisle.

When did you first see Dutch Spotted Sheep?

We first saw Dutch Spotted sheep at their breed sale at the end of August at H&H, Carlisle, which is the same day as our annual production sale. James also judged the National Show in 2019 at the Great Yorkshire Show which gave him a great hands on feel for the breed and was very impressed.

What made you want to use one?

We put a large quantity of ewe hogs to the Beltex & the Blue Faced Leicester

and were looking for something slightly different to put to some of our shapier females for ease of lambing and to improve their growth rates.

How have they done and what impact have they made in your flock?

They are ideal on the ewe hogs, they lamb very easily and are up on their feet and suckling very quickly. We are very pleased with their growth rates, very similar to the BFL growth rates and easily beat the Beltex lambs which quite often stop growing at 8 weeks old.

Where do you see the future in the breed?

We see the future of the Dutch Spotted breed holding their own against other pedigree breeds, only if breeders prioritise the commercial farmer, keeping power, size, growth, mobility, correctness and style in the breed.

We will be purchasing rams regularly from now on and hopefully get some pedigree females in the near future.

For up-to-date sale dates visit
www.dutchspotted.co.uk

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