

## 12 week old lamb kills at 31.2kg

Surely the question on every commercial sheep farmer's lips after reading such a heading would be, is there a new breed? The answer in fact is there are many new breeds, but none to touch the pedigree Suffolk cross.

When Cookstown butcher, Mr Joe Hutton, decided to source some local lambs for his shop he went to the farm of Mr Stanley Ferguson whose ground is adjacent to Lough Fea, 600ft above sea-level.

Being impressed with the lambs, Mr Hutton purchased some for his butchers shop in Cookstown. The lambs killed out from 31.2kgs, with an average weight of 26.6kgs, and all graded U3. The lambs were out of a flock with a lambing percentage of 208%, and were just twelve weeks old. Mr Hutton, the butcher was very impressed with the quality of the carcasses, and he commented, "These are the best lamb carcasses I have ever cut."

This is just another success story of what a top quality pedigree Suffolk ram can do for your flock, even on a high ground farm situation. This proves the versatility of the Suffolk, which is suitable for all situations and can not be surpassed for growth.



Nigel Bell Suffolk Sheep Society, with Ian Ferguson and his Suffolk cross lambs at the edge of Lough Fea Cookstown.



Stephen McFarland in Joe Huttons butcher shop Cookstown, with one of the lamb carcasses.