

# Rancher Ltd.

**Simple Safe Strong**

Award Winning Livestock Equipment



# Awards

R.H.A.S. SILVER AWARD  
**CATTLE RESTRAINER**

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**CATTLE RESTRAINER**

R.H.A.S. COMMENDATION  
**MULTI-PURPOSE PLATFORM WEIGHER**

R.H.A.S. SILVER AWARD  
**LAMB WEIGHER**

R.H.A.S. SILVER AWARD  
**RANCHER CATTLE CRATE**

R.H.A.S. SILVER AWARD  
**SELF CATCH CATTLE HEAD GATE**



## Introduction

After 45 years designing and supplying livestock handling, feeding and weighing equipment James Robertson has sold the business of Rancher to Clive Houldey, Clive is a face well known in agriculture, as well as farmer, pedigree livestock breeder and sales person who is marketing his own brand of sheep handling equipment under the name of Scotpen along with a number of other products to assist the modern farmer.

Acquiring Rancher Ltd gives Clive Houldey a manufacturing base, in Castle Douglas, from where he can expand the range of equipment marketed under his control.

Rancher will only benefit from the experience Clive will bring to this developing progressive company.

We at Rancher look forward to helping existing and new customers improve their stock handling systems using top quality, modern soundly designed and well proven equipment.

Call our expert team to discuss how our systems can meet your requirements.



# Why buy Rancher Cattle Handling Equipment?

**The name Rancher is synonymous with strength and quality.**

The company was launched over 25 years ago after James Robertson, general manager understood there was a void in the market for quality, well designed livestock handling equipment and decided to fill that gap by manufacturing the Rancher range of equipment.

At Rancher we continue to use top quality **British Steel** in all our fabrications. We build all our gate and hurdle stiles out of 50x50x3mm square hollow section with top and bottom rails of 48.3x3mm circular hollow section with intermediate rails of 33.7x3mm circular hollow section. Hinge stiles have welded tubes to carry gate eyes. Posts are 5mm thick with hanging posts made of 90x90x5mm thick for heavier gates, while closing and support posts are made of 70x70x5mm

Walkways are included beside the race giving handlers easy access to move cattle along the race. We can also include walkways on both sides of the race if necessary.

We strongly recommend a sheeted race at all times preventing heads and limbs getting stuck which may result in injuries. Stokboard sheeting provides a safe, quiet environment that is easy to clean.



All our equipment is hot dip galvanised by Highland Colour Coaters. Our design in cattle handling systems ensures a steady flow of animals leading from the holding area into the curved race and round towards the crush. We avoid circular forcing pens as they create wedged shaped corners which cattle nose into, Our design encourages the animals to keep moving forward following the ones in front. We have customers who seldom require the forcing gate and as a result the animals are quieter in the system.

Another advantage in our design is in the funnel. The gate on the angled side can be closed round against the beast if it is reluctant to enter the race way. Once the gate is closed round the animal is facing forwards and has nowhere else to go. We advocate our pens to stand at 1.8m (6ft) tall, At this height the beasts are safely contained with no thoughts of escape. When customers request we do build to lower heights with a reduction in costs accordingly.

We advocate small gates into and out of the holding pens providing safe access for handlers. Double gates between the holding pens provide safer movement of stock than wide single gates which can be dangerous for handlers pinned behind them by excited cattle. A small gate can be opened from out with the pen when a rope is attached to the spring bolt (for safety reasons) and then closed quickly once the animal is through.

**At Rancher we put a lot of thought into providing a safe environment for handlers and animals.**



## SLIDING BACK GATE

- Safer than swinging gates.
- Left or right hand opening.
- Effective even if not fully closed.
- Suitable for portable or permanent systems.
- Essential in every handling system.
- New variable width model also available.
- We also make a tall version.



## THE ACCESS KIOSK

- Closes the race to oncoming beasts keeping vets, AI inseminators and stockmen safe.
- Allows all round access behind the crate.
- Gates slam closed in race from either side.
- Ample headroom.
- Built to Rancher strength, design and quality.
- Always sheeted sides.
- A must in every system for safe handling.



## JOINING HOOPS

- Available in 700mm and 1500mm internal widths
- Variable width brackets fitted on a joining hoop



## TROUGHS

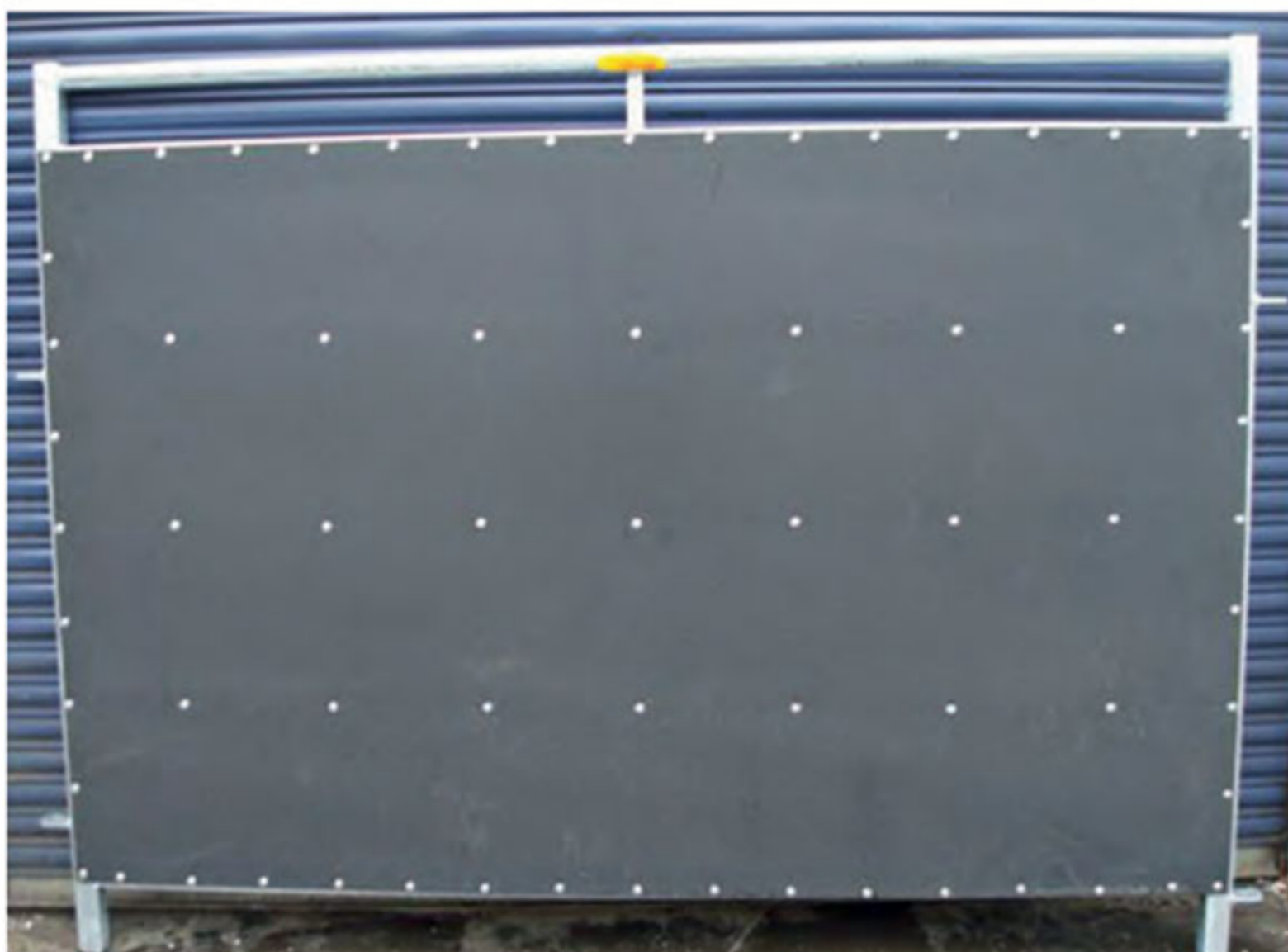
- Robust portable double troughs clad with stokboard.
- Legs of 50 x 50 box section.
- Frame of 50 x 50 angle iron.
- Loader friendly with under supports.
- Extremely durable.



## **DIAGONAL FEED BARRIER**

C/W large capacity feed trough barriers or troughs sold separately. Hang brackets can be made to individual needs, Plastic sheeting is rot proof, the trough is purposely built higher at the front to hold feed in.

**NOT FREE STANDING**



## **SHEETED & RAILED HURDLES**

- Available in 1525mm and 1830mm heights.
- Standard lengths 1830mm, 2440mm and 3050mm.
- Alternative lengths made to order.
- Curved hurdles are made to order.
- Plastic sheeting 6mm thick.



## BULL PENS

- These photographs illustrate pens designed to the standard advised for safe handling of bulls.
- Individual self locking yokes are optional.
- Refuge escapes are incorporated in each pen.
- We are happy to build pens using horizontal railed gates if so desired.
- The dividing gates can close the animal in the front or rear half of the pen.
- Safety is paramount.

BALMANGAN FARM - A round house kitted out by Rancher Ltd.



RACHAN MILL FARM - An example of the popular Rancher Ltd "bugle" system.



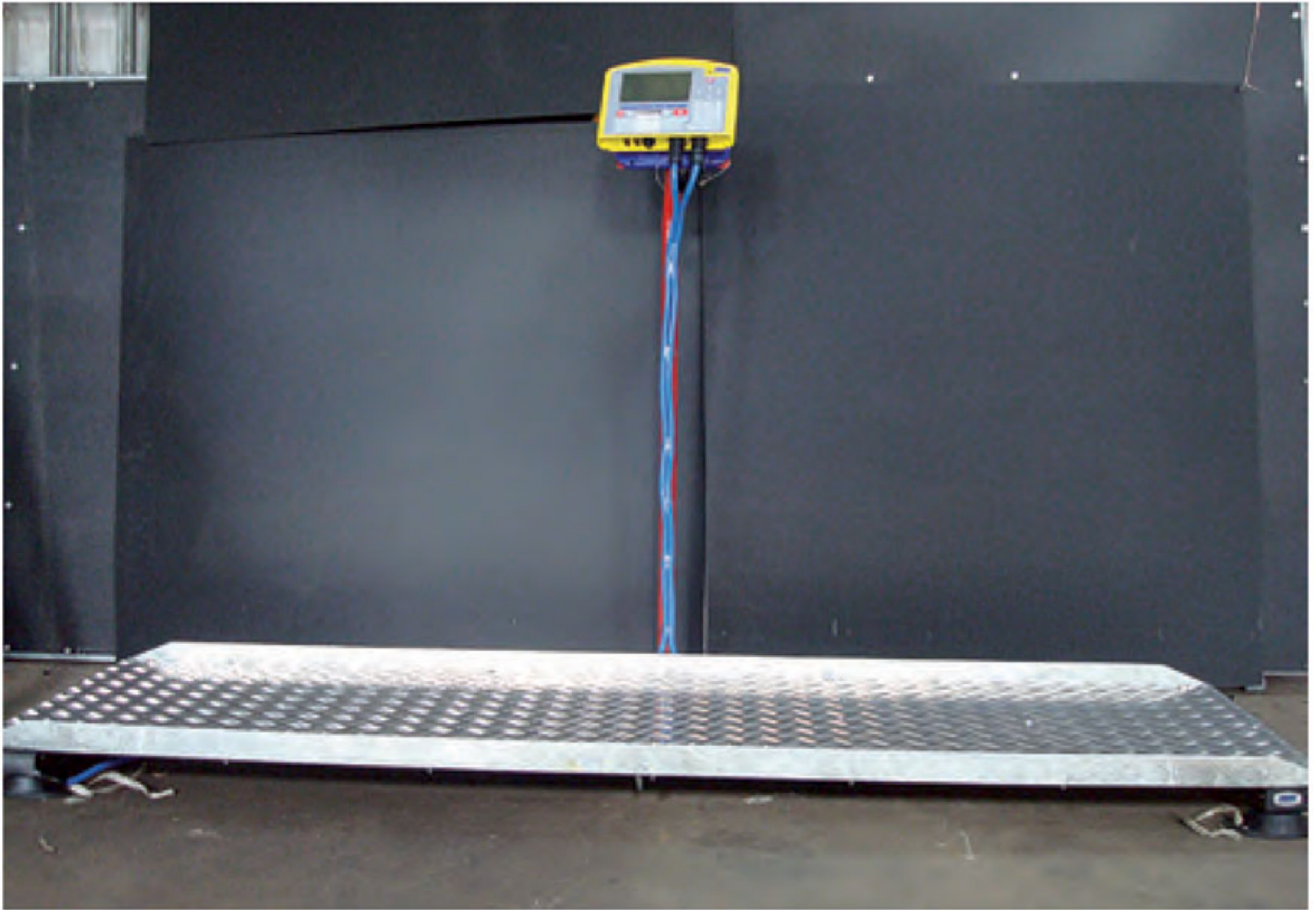


## COMPLETE PROJECTS

We are happy to help design and supply all barriers, gates, hurdles, posts and troughs to give a top quality lasting job.

Above: contented cattle in East Lothian.

Left: A run of troughs with self locking barrier on a farm in Islay.



## MULTI PURPOSE WEIGH PLATFORM

- New implement Award Scheme R.H.A.S.
- Accurate, fast weighing up to 1800Kgs.
- Handy for weighing a variety of produce. Flat deck design.
- Fits easily into cattle race.
- Lightweight and easy to move.
- Galvanised frame with non slip alloy tread plate floor.
- Using hurdles and gates it can be easily fitted for weighing other animals.
- A choice of indicators is available if recording is required.
- EID reader and recording is available



## **MOBILE SHEEP HANDLER**

### **Still the most versatile handler in the market**

- 3965mm long, 1830mm wide, with Expanded metal floor.
- Wheels easily removed for ground level working, Jack provided.
- Use for routine work and shearing, Machine masts available.
- 915mm dosing race optional.
- Narrow race has variable width.
- Can carry sheep around the farm.
- Easily towed with a farm bike or carry bike on trailer.



- Room to carry weigh crate, footbath, turn over crate, plus extra penning hurdles.
- All gates and hurdles are standard size.
- Penning hurdles are 1067mm high with horizontal rails.
- Race can fit either side of trailer.
- Drafting from the race or out the end of the race allows up to four way drafting in one operation.

When jacked up the wheels are easily removed

Pins on the mudguard brackets secure the wheels in place.

Comes with 10 penning hurdles and will handle up to 120 ewes and lambs, it will carry many more hurdles for larger flocks, bespoke kits available on request.



## **"GRIPPER" SHEEP HANDLER/WEIGHER**

- Very fast operation.
- Grips sheep without effort, no bruising.
- Fits into existing sheep races.
- Useful for dagging, tagging, recording, weighing.
- Excellent working access to stock.
- Light and maneuverable.
- All galvanised.
- Many delighted customers all over the country and abroad.
- More developments taking place making this machine even more practical for many handling tasks.



## Why buy Rancher Sheep Handling?

Rancher staff have been involved in designing livestock handling yards for well over 40 years now.

The aim has always been to build systems, which provide easy flow for stock, ruling out any sharp corner and using equipment tall enough to deter animals from considering trying to jump out.

Strength and quality has always been paramount with Rancher and is even more important to day. All equipment is galvanized after manufacture.

Dippers are occasionally requested these days and Rancher can offer their own design of fibre glass side entry dipper along with designs of long swim galvanized steel dippers.

At Rancher we listen to our customers and advise accordingly wherever possible. We want each customer to have a system suited to their needs which they will have pleasure working with; to this end we provide clear plans along with a 3D design.

Finally, Rancher deal direct with the customer to provide the best possible service to you



## PERMANENT SHEEP HANDLING PENS

- 40 years experience designing yards of quality.
- We offer sound, easy working systems for all flock sizes.
- All penning hurdles are 1067mm high with 9 horizontal rails preventing sheep attempting to escape.
- A complete range of gates for all types.
- Hurdles railed and sheeted along with support posts to erect complete sheep handling/dipping set up.
- Sheep do not jump out of Rancher pens.



## GUILLOTINE GATE

- Available in either 915mm wide or 510mm as illustrated.
- Rope operated lift gate which also swings as a normal gate.
- Supplied with pulley, weight and rope.



## JOINER HOOP

- Including non return bar prevents sheep backing up the race.



## DRAFTING GATE

- Enabling swift drafting of sheep at front of race.



## **GATE IN FRAME**

- Standard Lengths  
610mm // 915mm // 1220mm // 1525mm // 1830mm
- Other Lengths made to order



## **SWING/SLIDE GATE**

- Available in 1830mm and 2440mm lengths.
- Swinging gate that gathers sheep into the funnel.
- Gate is brought up behind the flock, slides on it's axis never opening against the flow.



## RAILED HURDLE

- 1067mm High
- 9 Horizontal Rails
- Lambproof
- 3 standard lengths available
- 1220mm 1830mm 2440mm

## SHEETED HURDLE

- 1220mm 1830mm 2440mm
- Standard height 915mm can be 1065mm when requested
- 3 standard lengths available
- 1220mm 1830mm 2440mm
- Now available sheeted to the top

- Other Lengths available on request





## SHEEP HOUSING

- Suitable for bedded yards or slats.
- Designs suitable for hill sheep or lowland sheep.
- Simple to remove for cleaning out.
- Vertical or horizontal rail feed barriers.

## WALK THROUGH FEEDER

- Available up to 2440mm lengths.
- Very easy to assemble.
- Feeders flat pack for storage.
- End gates available when required.





## SYSTEM COMPLETE WITH DIPPER

- Race section adjustable in width.
- Race hurdles are 915mm high for ease of working over.
- Penning hurdles all 1067mm high, 9 horizontal rails.
- All galvanised finish.
- Sheeted hurdles can be sheeted to top.
- The dipper (covered with timber) is our own side entry model.

## SHEEP HANDLING USING A CURVED BUGLE SYSTEM



## CATTLE HANDLING YARD



**With 40 years experience in designing livestock handling yards coupled with a lifetime experience in livestock farming. The Rancher team are capable, skilled and willing to help design your new handling yards for cattle and sheep using our latest computer technology.**

**200 beef cows in comfortable courts with a combination of diagonal feed barriers and feed bunkers.**



**At Rancher we take care to design systems that handle stock efficiently, quietly and as safely as possible.**



**RANCHER'S 4 STEP PLAN** is a collaboration between our expertise and knowledge and the client's plan for their business

## **Step 1 Sharing ideas & giving advice**

Determines whether you as the client would like us to visit your premises or send us the measurements of what your requirements are. Our experienced team are from a farming background so understand the needs of today's farmers and in particular for the need to work with either new builds or existing sites.

## **Step 2 Design**

Rancher will produce a CAD drawing and estimate of what was discussed in step 1. The design will be bespoke to the clients needs and wishes reflecting such aspects as ease of operation, safety issues, productivity by requiring less manpower. Collaboration between the client and Rancher is still ongoing at this stage until everyone agrees the plan is right.



### **Step 3 Manufacture**

The clients products are then manufactured by highly skilled craftsmen using the best of materials in tandem with constant quality control. All our products are galvanised to ensure a life time use. The skill of the workforce & constantly improving creating new products to keep apace with the needs of farmers today.

### **Step 4 Support**

Rancher's is a small highly skilled family business where old fashioned customer service is valued by all the staff. So from beginning to the end of the 4 Step Plan we guarantee you first class service we will do what we say, in the time that we said. We would, ensuring that your Rancher experience is one you benefit from and would do again

**WE CAN'T HELP YOU TILL WE KNOW YOU, CALL 01556 504888**

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and manufactured by our specialist expert  
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