

Selling produce direct from the farm...

This year we have started selling both fire-wood and lamb direct from the farm. We have purchased a log splitter and are now seasoning and splitting locally-produced high quality sustainable timber, for sale direct to homes and local businesses.



Local Timber seasoning at Milton Court

We have also sold over 100 whole and half butchered lambs to local people and businesses this year. We use a small local butchery to cut and pack the lambs to our customers exact requirements, and the feedback we have had has been very encouraging.

We have had many repeat orders and 6 customers have emailed to say its "the best lamb they have ever tasted"!!

In order to ensure we always have the highest quality lamb available from May to November each year, we now lamb our sheep in 2 groups. The first batch of lambs are born in February, and the remainder in May.

We believe the fact that they only eat grass, clover and chicory, along with their mothers milk, is why the meat is so tender and succulent.

If you would like to order wood or lamb, please visit our website: www.sondesplacefarm.com, email us on info@sondesplacefarm.com or call us on 01306 881 538.



We plan to expand the range of products we offer over the coming months, to include pork, sausages, eggs and beef.



Highlander rams grazing in our meadows

New Breed of sheep for the farm...

We have just bought 4 rams to introduce some new genetics into our sheep flock. Until now we have had Blackface and Blackface x Texel breeding ewes.

This year we have bought 4 "Highlander" rams, a breed developed in New Zealand, and renowned for prolificacy (having more lambs) and good health, with less lameness problems. 2 of them are pictured above.

These rams will be used for the first time this Autumn and next Spring we will retain all the female lambs, as future breeding stock. We aim to reduce the number of breeding ewes we need to purchase from elsewhere and have found that by breeding our own replacement ewes, we can create healthier sheep, who can be shown by their mothers where the best places to graze and shelter are on the farm.

This new breed should also mean we get more healthy lambs per ewe over the coming years

Pigs have returned...

After a break of a few years, Gloucester Old Spot pigs have returned to the farm.

At the moment, we have just two female pigs, but they are already pregnant, and as they are excellent breeders, numbers should increase quite quickly!

"Rosy" and "Posy" are 9 months old, and came to the farm in May. They are living in a paddock next to Milton Court farm-yard, with a pig arc for shelter and in the recent hot weather, have spent a lot of time in their wallow. Pigs can't pant or sweat, so the only way they can get cool is to coat themselves in wet mud (similar to hippos!).

Rosy and Posy have got this off to a fine art!!

Their first piglets are due around December this year.

