



## Free semen available to ram breeding flocks

RamCompare has semen that is being made available to ram producers, free of charge. This year, by kind permission of the BRIDFA Suffolk Breeding Group, there is a number of new Suffolk rams on the list.

### Why use RamCompare semen?

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The use of this semen helps to increase the genetic linkage between Signet-recorded flocks and the RamCompare project, as well as providing breeders with an opportunity to use some high-EBV genetics and get involved in the project.

### RamCompare reference ram for 2019

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In the 2018 mating season, RamCompare will be using Drinkstone Distinction as the main reference ram, which means there will be lambs produced by this sire in every RamCompare flock.

A son of Bentley Supersire 2000, although born in 2002, he still has an index in the top 5 per cent of the breed, based on 462 recorded progeny.

Consider using him in your flock if you want to benchmark your flock's performance against other rams tested on RamCompare.



The table shows full details of the Suffolk semen available, with four of the rams provided courtesy of the Bridfa Suffolk Sheep Breeding Group (indicated by \*).

Ram name & Identification	8-week weight	Scan weight	Muscle depth	Fat depth	Lean weight (CT lean)	Fat weight (CT fat)	Gigot (CT muscularity)	Terminal Index	Progeny
Drinkstone Distinction* Y68:A20	5.92	11.21	2.9	0.11	4.2	2.01	2.9	4.53	462
Rugley RamCompare 10P:14:04080	5.77	12.48	3.58	0.43	3.84	1.72	3.06	4.44	286
Bridfa Blueprint* FBV:D11	5.44	10.56	4.25	0.07	3.93	1.60	4.57	4.24	0
Rowley Dreamon* 53F:X3	5.25	11.63	1.61	0.33	3.52	1.44	4.09	4.10	51
Hillend Goldblend* 36P:X51	4.45	8.52	2.03	0.07	3.06	1.13	0.79	3.32	171
Average	3.29	6.91	1.6	0.10	1.99	1.02	0.71	1.95	
Top 10%	4.87	9.88	3.28	0.48	3.07	1.66	2.2	3.33	

Analysis date: 16/10/2017

## Semen from other breeds

Semen from Charollais, Texel and Hampshire Down rams is also available, including three rams that have had progeny within the scheme for several years.

For specific information on rams used in the project, as well as the preliminary results and the project report, go to [www.ramcompare.com](http://www.ramcompare.com)



Foulrice On-RamCompare 14DG04690



Kimbolton Voyager PPK1400417

# Semen order application



Applications should be sent to Bridget Lloyd by email ([bridget.lloyd@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:bridget.lloyd@ahdb.org.uk)) or posted to Signet Breeding Services, AHDB, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2TL

Full name: .....

Full address: .....

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Contact number: .....

Email address: .....

**Semen is available on request and free of charge for the following rams,**  
please state the number of doses requested in the table below:

Registered name and identification	Breed	# doses required
Drinkstone Distinction Y68:A20	Suffolk	
Rugley RamCompare 10P:14:04080*	Suffolk	
Bridfa Blueprint FBV:D11	Suffolk	
Rowley Dreamon 53F:X3	Suffolk	
Hillend Goldblend 36P:X51	Suffolk	
Foulrice On-RamCompare 14DG04690*	Charollais	
Rugley RamCompare 10P:14:04080	Suffolk	
Kimbolton Voyager PPK1400417*	Texel	
East Middle Superior SCE1100680	Texel	
East Middle Power Station SCE09191	Texel	
Court 13090 Leader	Hampshire Down	
Millfields Magic 43W12084	Hampshire Down	
Whitehead Gladiator 64T1400365	Hampshire Down	

*\*Ram used for three years on RamCompare, see website for more details.*

Contact Bridget Lloyd for more details: **07596 958084** or [bridget.lloyd@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:bridget.lloyd@ahdb.org.uk)

My AI service provider is .....

I intend to inseminate this semen ..... (month / year)

Please send semen to my AI service provider by ..... 2018/2019

Office use:	
Approved / Not Approved	Date .....2018/2019
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## Conditions for use of semen from RamCompare:

- All semen is Maedi Visna accredited
- Maximum of 30 doses per flock, extra semen may be made available on request and subject to availability
- Must use the semen within 18 months of receiving it
- Must be located in England, Scotland or Wales, not available to Northern Ireland as not frozen with EU export status
- Must be registered with a registered terminal sire sheep society (or be an active Signet performance recorded flock)
- Applications should be sent to Bridget Lloyd by email (bridget.lloyd@ahdb.org.uk) or to Signet Breeding Services, AHDB, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2TL
- Breeders will be sent a de minimis form which will need to be completed before any semen request can be processed.
- On return of your completed written semen order and the de minimis form, Bridget will confirm your order by email and contact AI breeding centres to release semen to the breeder with an AI date confirmed and notify your AI service provider of semen pending dispatch (where necessary)
- All fees concerning semen handling and transfer charges, future storage and insemination will be covered by the breeder
- Semen is provided free of charge, the project is not able to cover any additional fees
- Please ensure you order semen at least a month before you intend to use it, we cannot be held responsible for poor planning, last minute orders are not guaranteed

### Funders



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