

OUR STOCK RAMS FOR 2010

All of our stock rams are ARR/ARR Scrapie Genotype; All Signet figures from June 2010 run.

Lowerye Evangelist ZVY4079 Signet Index 342

Actual Scan Weight 70.0 Actual Muscle Depth 37.9 Gigot CT Size 70
Scan Weight EBV 7.88 Muscle Depth EBV 4.74 Gigot EBV 2.64

This ram seemed extremely expensive at £980gns when he was purchased from the Worcester Premier Sale in 2004 from Neil Oughton as we only had five pedigree ewes to tup! However he is a family favourite and has sired some extremely highly muscled offspring. His daughters milk well and he has left his stamp throughout the flock. He has seen limited pedigree use over the last two seasons but with the expansion of the commercial flock he has certainly enjoyed the last two autumns!

Rainbow Great Uncle Gerald XPU 6043 Signet Index 345

Actual Scan Weight 50.0 Actual Muscle Depth 33.7 Gigot CT Size 67
Scan Weight EBV 6.65 Muscle Depth EBV 4.71 Gigot EBV 3.55

An Evangelist son bred from a Rutland Alamos ewe purchased at the Wing Sale in 2004. The mating was based on high actual muscle depths parents being able to produce high EBV for muscle and it worked. His initial index was undoubtedly helped by CT Scanning and his subsequent performance helped by having 179 progeny on the ground between the Rainbow, Fortress and Eyelid flocks to whom he was sold in 2007 and bought back from in June 2009. I have not handled a ram with as large and hard gigot but his lack of charisma has reduced his performance in the show ring. Unfortunately he died earlier this year but we still have semen from him.

Rainbow Illustrious XPU 8053 Signet Index 365

Actual Scan weight 46.0 Actual Muscle Depth 34.4 Gigot CT Size 65
Scan Weight EBV 6.58 Muscle Depth EBV 3.82 Gigot EBV 2.3



Our favourite Rainbow Hermes son to date, this is an extremely well balanced and muscular ram who has the style of his father and his mothers length and height. Sired some high performing spring born lambs in 2009 and was used heavily for the December 2009 AI programme. He has bred some fantastic tight skinned ram lambs in 2010 and is a carrier of the MyoMAX gene. All of his ewe lambs from the commercial flock have been retained as replacements and the ram lambs time to market weight of 40Kg is average 84 days! **SEMEN FOR SALE**

Rockvilla Irish Rover

VV8060

Signet Index 228

Actual Scan weight 72.6

Actual Muscle Depth 35.8

Scan Weight EBV 5.90

Muscle Depth EBV 1.69

Gigot EBV 1.91



Purchased privately from David & Liz Mawhinney – this was Jan's favourite in a pen of lambs that were shown on the Sunday morning after the National AGM in Northern Ireland. He had good physical figures for growth and muscle but most importantly he has extreme length, tremendous skin and a very showy and alert demeanour which compliments our flock. Once confirmed as a Group 1 Scrapie genotype he was on the boat – the party that followed his arrival on the night prior to the Welshpool Premier Sale was something that the Irish contingent of attendees will not forget!

Gawsworth Just Right **PF 9048** **Signet Index 285**

Actual Scan weight 67.3 Kg *Actual Muscle Depth 37.10*
Scan Weight EBV 5.51 *Muscle Depth EBV 3.51* *Gigot EBV 2.52*



Sometimes you know that a ram is Just Right and this was the case with this extremely smart and correct ram. Having spotted him at Cheshire Show in 2009 he went on to win the Central Region Junior Stock Ram flock competition award. His first crop of lambs are like peas in a pod with tight skins and big gigots, from an unrecorded flock this ram has a muscle EBV within the top 25% of the breed.

Eyelid Just So **YUT 9012** **Signet Index 377**

Actual Scan weight 69.0 *Actual Muscle Depth 42.2*
Scan Weight EBV 6.41 *Muscle Depth EBV 5.87* *Gigot EBV 5.04*

A “figures” ram who carries the MyoMAX gene used carefully last year and as produced some chunky ewe lambs. He will be used again this year.

Eyelid Jackpot **YUT 9048** **Signet Index 312**

Actual Scan weight 69.0 *Actual Muscle Depth 33.5*
Scan Weight EBV 6.19 *Muscle Depth EBV 3.51* *Gigot EBV 2.90*

Jan’s pick from the 2009 Eyelid crop of ram lambs. A white-headed ram with a good carcass, which has bred three outstanding ewe lambs.

PREVIOUS SIRES USED

Having never being afraid to gamble or try different rams – including ewes bought in lamb we have 17 different sires in the 2010 crop of lambs!

These rams have been successfully used within the flock and have daughters that have passed our strict selection criteria as ewe lambs and then again as a shearling after weaning.

Our policy has been to use homebred ram lambs and purchase high indexed semen or a ram lamb every year and an unrecorded ram lamb or a lamb with good physical figures to use as an outcross.

HOME BRED SIRES

Rainbow Fame & Fortune XPU 5028 – Breed Index -196

A prize winning ram that was built like a tank, he bred Rainbow Gambler who was sold to the Southam Flock and Rainbow Icon who was sold at the Welshpool Premier Sale in 2008.

Rainbow Gawain – XPU 6016 – Breed Index – 406

This high indexed ram produces very smart looking rams and passes his mother's milkiness to his ewe lambs. Sold in 2007 to the Nant-y-Rhiw flock with semen rights retained.

Rainbow Hermes – XPU 7035 – Breed Index - 365

Sold to Robert and Jeanette Gregory in May 2007. This ram has had a tremendous impact within the breed as a whole, with offspring performing well in the show ring and the breed indexes. Smart, and correct he has certainly put the Rainbow prefix in a lot of the top flocks within the UK and Northern Ireland.

Rainbow House of Letterawe – XPU 7009 - Breed Index 335

A gamble that paid off! Exchange two ram lambs for 20 doses of Southam Exotic and 10 doses of Southam Speculator semen with Lionel Organ and hey presto you breed a stock ram! Sold to Neil Oughton in May 2007 after causing a stir by winning Stafford Show. This ram will have 300 recorded progeny by December 2010. He breeds huge gigots and full loins.

Just in case anybody thinks that this is just a good news story the following two rams just did not deliver the standards we require.

Rainbow Iceman – XPU 8108 – Breed Index – 276 - Bred smart but fluffy lambs

Rainbow Jesters Tear – XPU 9080 – Breed Index – 427 – great index but progeny was extremely inconsistent.

PURCHASED SIRES & SEMEN

Windmill E-mail – ZBA 4012 – Breed Index – 320

Our first breed Champion showing success; a huge ram with presence and a tremendous fleece. A definite female breeder used to improve skins and growth rate his ewes milk well and his rams are exceptionally long. **SEMEN FOR SALE**

Brereton Halidon – ZZD 7007 – Breed Index - 127

An absolute beast of a ram grew huge with tremendous fleshing, a slight dip behind the shoulders meant that he had to be used on ewes with the best top line but those ewes we still have indexes above 220 and perform well.

Grimston Fortune - ZPH 5081– Breed Index 344

Used to follow up after AI in 2006 but unfortunately broke his leg had to be destroyed so he never realised his potential, at least the insurance paid up!

Enan Glyndwr - XRB 6054 – Breed Index 248

Picked out as a ram lamb at Eglwysbach Show in 2006, bred white headed sharp looking sheep that have done well for us – a tremendous working ram who we used in our commercial ewes until last year.

Lowerye Iridian – ZVY 8127 – Breed Index 329

A real character who produces long fast growing lambs. Similar to E-mail in many ways in that his ewes look better than his rams but he nicks particular well with Great Uncle Gerald daughters. **SEMEN FOR SALE**

Dudston Icarus – YBZ 8012 – Breed Index 240

This ram was first prize ram lamb at the Chelford Society sale in 2008. Used for his negative fat index and subsequently proved to contain the MyoMAX gene. Shearlings will enter the flock this year so still unproven.



OTHER SEMEN USED

Southam Speculator – worked well on Evangelist daughters.

Lowereye Del Boy – tightened up slack skins and pink faced progeny were easily sold

Rutland Domingo – fast growing lambs with muscle but rams had poor heads

Lowerye Eric – absolute blocks of meat

Rutland Ensign – stylish but short of gigot

Logie Durno Earl of Dunbar – did not nick with Evangelist daughters, might try again

Cold Harbour Famous Grouse – tremendous ram breeder is Rainbow Hermes his best offspring

Southam Exotic – used carefully due to his positive fat index, but produced our sort of sheep. Rainbow House of Letterawe and Rainbow Intuition two of the largest gigot indexes within the breed..

Dalby Galactico – some nice ewes buy him ram lambs were variable

Grimston Horatio – smart white faced lambs with big gigots – easy to sell! His shearling ewes have just entered the flock this year and are an extremely smart bunch

This year we will be using 20 doses of Dalby Inspired semen and 10 doses of Foulrice Garcia.