

RAMPING UP REPRO

CHECKLIST FOR PRE-JOINING

Perform pre-joining checks 8 - 12 weeks prior to joining

Joining date: _____

Pre-joining ram check: _____

(2 - 3 months prior to joining date)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rams are in Condition Score 3.5	consider feeding lupins to increase sperm production and output	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspect general health and appearance	check for lameness, cuts, sores or any sign of infection around the body, including the horns	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check 4 Ts	teeth	sound mouth
		toes	trim if need be
		tackle	check penis and prepuce for signs of inflammation or infection
		testes	firm, springy, no lumps scrotal circumference should be >28.5cm and adult rams >32cm scrotal mange consult your veterinarian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shear rams 8 - 12 weeks prior to joining to avoid sunburn, cuts, infection and susceptibility to heat at joining	- apply effective lice control treatment - fly preventative treatment on poll and body	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaccination booster for clostridial disease up to date	twice per year	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drench with an effective drench		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check number of rams available against requirements	obtain replacements if need be ASAP to allow to acclimatise	