

# FRINTON FARM PARTNERS

<b>Team:</b>	Roger Frere (Farm Manager), David, John, Jake (young apprentice) and Margaret Frere (bookkeeper and livery manager)
<b>Type of Contract/s:</b>	Partnership, contracts, FBT and stubble to stubble
<b>How Many Farms Covered:</b>	7
<b>Soil Type:</b>	Grade 2 to 4 Mainly medium loam, almost boys land but not quite.
<b>Unique Farm Fact:</b>	Driest part of the country as per Guinness Book of Records. Roger was Farmers Weekly Cereal Grower of the Year 1995, Sentry Innovative Manager of the Year 2014 and Sentry award for Sugar Beet Yield and Break Crop Gross Margin 2014.
<b>Average rainfall:</b>	2013: 493mm (19.4") 2014: 772mm (30.4") That was a wet year, August wettest month. 33 year average - 579mm (23") 1990 and 1996 just 15"

<b>Cropping</b>	<b>Hectares</b>	<b>Yield t/hectare</b>
Wheat	369	9
OSR	124	3.85
Sugar Beet	24	104
Ahiflower	33	0.75
Naked Oats	23	4.2
Broad Beans	15	3.1
Tares (Vetch)	35	3.1
Winter beans	35	4.45

<b>Arable Operations:</b>	Traditional, mix of min till and ploughing, problems with black grass, broome and wild oats. Used to have a problem with canary grass, but not anymore due to chemicals for BG & oat control, more by luck than judgement  100% liquid Nitrogen  Rotational use of digested sewage sludge (rocket fuel) and co-compost, providing the K that sewage sludge does not.  Limited use of traditional P&K because of the above.  Determined to increase organic matter in the soil.  Looking very seriously at the cross slot approach with no till and cover crops to achieve the above.
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<b>Machinery:</b>	Simba pronto 4m drill	John Deere 800 36m trailed sprayer
	Lexion 570TT combine	Plough
	Combi drill	Cultis

<b>Alternative Enterprises:</b>	Fencing and environmental contracts with local council and others. Two DIY livery yards (27 liveries and expanding) Contracting Fencing (we have all the kit) 360 environmental work, scrapes, ditching etc. Selling point, extended dipper arm for those difficult to reach areas. We are highly recommended by NE for our sympathy to environmental work. Experienced at building and maintaining Otter Holts.
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