

# Seek out the standard



## Profit from performance

High index rams can increase profitability by **£3-4** per lamb.

Over a ram's lifetime this is an extra **£1,000**.



# How Signet recorded genetics can help your flock

Using EBVs to select rams with superior breeding potential for growth, carcase and maternal traits is a proven way to lift flock productivity.

Signet recorded flocks now use tags to highlight rams in the top 10% and 25% of the breed to help buyers find the right rams for their flock.

## Seek

Recorded rams with high indexes.



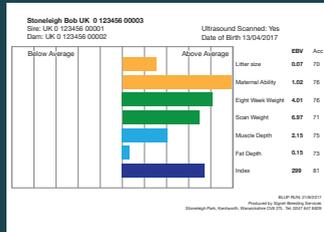
## Check

The ram identity.



## Review

The EBVs with the breeder, the sale chart or online: [basco.org.uk](http://basco.org.uk)



**Order of Merit**

This is to certify that this animal has a breeding index value for the top 10% of the breed

EAR NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOT: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Breeding Values Accuracy Values

SCAN WEIGHT EBV \_\_\_\_\_ kg  
 MUSCLE DEPTH EBV \_\_\_\_\_ mm  
 FAT DEPTH EBV \_\_\_\_\_ mm  
 INDEX \_\_\_\_\_

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## What next?

Always check the health status of the ram and that it is fit and fertile.

**Better Returns Programme**

**Ram MOT**  
 how to check your rams

**Toes**  
 Check his locomotion, arthritic and feet

**Teeth**  
 Check for under or over shot teeth, gaps and molar abscesses

**Testicles**  
 Measure and check firmness (flexed biceps) with no lumps or bumps

**Tone**  
 Aim for body condition between 3.5-4.0 (spine well covered)

**Treat**  
 Vaccinations (Clostridia, Pasteurella, Louping Ill), Parasites, Lameness, Shearings?

Consult your vet for a thorough examination.

## Find out more

More information on EBVs can be found in Sheep BRP manual 2, Buying a recorded ram to generate Better Returns.



Available at: [beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/returns](http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/returns)