

# Details of sheep breeding stock – mating Autumn 2020

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County

Postcode (important)

Age class	Ewes put to ram				Rams used to mate ewes			
	Name of breed or cross	Number of ewes	Of which, how many homebred	Number of ewes on LFA land	Date rams in	Date rams out	Name of breed or cross	Number of rams
Ewe lambs								
Shearlings								
Mature ewes								

Summary of rams used				
Name of breed or cross	Total number of rams	Of which, how many:		
		Home-bred	AI rams	Have EBVs

Ewe lambs on the farm but NOT mated		
Name of breed or cross	Total number	Of which homebred

Total females put to the ram in 2019		Number of lambs sold from 2020 lamb crop by month of sale (Do NOT include purchased store lambs)											Lambs on hand at the end of December
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	Finished												
	Store												

	Sheep sold for breeding in 2020					
	2020 born		2019 born		Older (include draft ewes)	
	Breed	No.	Breed	No.	Breed	No.
Rams						
Ewes						

Telephone number (optional)

Email address (optional)

We would only use these to verify the form details if required

Do you register lambs with a Breed Society?  Yes  No

Which breeds do you register?

I do sell rams – but I don't register them with a breed society

## Additional questions

(please circle the most appropriate options)

**1 What are you planning to do with your breeding ewe numbers next year?**

Increase / Maintain / Decrease

**2 Are you likely to change your lambing period in the next 3 years?**

Yes - Move earlier / Yes - move later / No - stay the same / Don't know

**3 When do you body condition score ewes?**

Never / At tupping / At scanning / At lambing / At weaning

**4 When do you weigh lambs?**

Never / At 8 weeks / At weaning / Selection tool for selling / When retaining ewe lambs

**5 Do you use electronic identification (EID) as a management tool?**

Yes – fully automated management system in place / Yes – handheld reader used for full management /  
Yes – handheld reader used for some management / EID not used beyond legal requirement

**6 Do you intentionally use estimated breeding values (EBVs) for selecting breeding stock?**

Always / Sometimes / Never (explain why in comments below)

**7 What is the main way that you purchase breeding rams?**

Directly from breeders / From auctions (list main venues in comments below) / Both

**8 Do you measure and record sward heights in your grazing land?**

Always / Sometimes / Never

**9 What is your main forage crop for feeding to ewes in late pregnancy (3 – 6 weeks from lambing)?**

Grass / Rootcrops/ Hay / Straw / Grass silage / Red clover silage / Maize silage / Lucerne /  
Herbal ley / Other (explain in comments below)

**10 Do you feed concentrates to ewes in late pregnancy (3 – 6 weeks from lambing)?**

Yes – bought in / Yes – home-mixed / Yes – bucket or block / No

**11 What is your main forage for feeding to ewes in early lactation (up to 4 weeks post lambing)?**

Grass / Rootcrops / Hay / Straw / Grass silage / Red clover silage / Maize silage / Lucerne /  
Herbal ley / Other (explain in comments below)

**12 Do you feed concentrates to ewes in early lactation (up to 4 weeks post lambing)?**

Yes – bought in / Yes – home-mixed / Yes – bucket or block / No

Any comments/queries

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

**Please return by January 11 2021.**