

British Berrichon Breed Benchmark 2025 – National Terminal Sire Evaluation

Estimated Breeding Value	Attribute	Bottom 5%	Bottom 10%	Bottom 25%	Average	Top 25%	Top 10%	Top 5%
Birth Weight	Birth Weight	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01
Lambing Ease	Lamb's Ease of Birth	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10
Lamb Survival	Survival to Sale	-0.07	-0.05	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.07
Eight Week Weight	Early Growth	-0.62	-0.46	-0.18	0.12	0.42	0.70	0.86
Shearling Weight	Ewe Efficiency	-1.14	-0.83	-0.31	0.27	0.85	1.37	1.68
Litter Size	Prolificacy	-0.05	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.11
Litter Size Reared	Prolificacy/Care	-0.05	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.05	0.07	0.09
Maternal Ability	Milk/Care	-0.27	-0.18	-0.03	0.14	0.31	0.46	0.55
Scan Weight	Growth	-1.70	-1.24	-0.48	0.36	1.20	1.96	2.42
Muscle Depth	Muscling	-0.92	-0.71	-0.36	0.03	0.42	0.77	0.98
Fat Depth	Finish	-0.51	-0.42	-0.27	-0.10	0.07	0.22	0.31
Days to Slaughter	Speed of Finish	3.33	2.46	1.02	-0.59	-2.20	-3.64	-4.51
Carcase Weight	Carcase Weight	-0.16	-0.11	-0.04	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.24
Carcase Conformation	Conformation	-0.30	-0.23	-0.12	0.01	0.14	0.25	0.32
Fat Class	Finish	-0.44	-0.36	-0.23	-0.08	0.07	0.20	0.28
Terminal Sire Index	Profitable Slaughter Lambs	40	55	81	109	137	163	178
Maternal Index	Profitable Ewes	69	81	101	124	146	166	178

Rebasing - EBVs and indexes have been rebased and are expressed relative to the average animal in 2010.

Weight adjusted traits

Please note that all traits marked * are now weight adjusted. This means that EBVs are a better prediction of carcase composition at a fixed weight.

Example: A ram with a muscle depth EBV of +2mm is estimated to produce lambs with loin depths 1mm deeper at a fixed weight than a ram with an EBV of 0