

Bleu Du Maine 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	0.11	0.07	0.00	-0.07	-0.14	-0.21	-0.25
Lambing Ease	Lamb's Ease of Birth	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.05
Lamb Survival	Survival to Sale	-0.06	-0.04	-0.02	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.08
Eight Week Weight	Early Growth	-1.33	-1.13	-0.79	-0.41	-0.03	0.31	0.51
Shearling Weight	Ewe Efficiency	-3.04	-2.47	-1.52	-0.46	0.60	1.55	2.12
Litter Size	Prolificacy	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.08
Litter Size Reared	Prolificacy/Care	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.05
Maternal Ability	Milk/Care	-0.43	-0.35	-0.20	-0.04	0.12	0.27	0.35
Scan Weight	Growth	-4.37	-3.52	-2.12	-0.55	1.02	2.42	3.27
Muscle Depth	Muscling	-1.43	-1.19	-0.79	-0.34	0.11	0.51	0.75
Fat Depth	Finish	-0.30	-0.20	-0.05	0.13	0.31	0.46	0.56
Days to Slaughter	Speed of Finish	8.49	6.80	3.98	0.84	-2.30	-5.12	-6.81
Carcase Weight	Carcase Weight	-0.34	-0.28	-0.19	-0.09	0.01	0.10	0.16
Carcase Conformation	Conformation	-0.48	-0.40	-0.27	-0.12	0.03	0.16	0.24
Fat Class	Finish	-0.29	-0.21	-0.06	0.10	0.26	0.41	0.49
Terminal Sire Index	Profitable Slaughter Lambs	-26	-6	27	64	101	135	155
Maternal Index	Profitable Ewes	37	49	69	91	113	133	145

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