

Meatline 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	0.30	0.26	0.19	0.12	0.05	-0.02	-0.06
Lambing Ease	Lamb's Ease of Birth	-0.26	-0.16	-0.01	0.17	0.35	0.50	0.60
Lamb Survival	Survival to Sale	-0.06	-0.04	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.14
Eight Week Weight	Early Growth	0.88	1.05	1.33	1.65	1.97	2.25	2.42
Shearling Weight	Ewe Efficiency	2.92	3.56	4.64	5.83	7.02	8.10	8.74
Litter Size	Prolificacy	-0.12	-0.10	-0.07	-0.04	-0.01	0.02	0.04
Litter Size Reared	Prolificacy/Care	-0.10	-0.08	-0.06	-0.03	0.00	0.02	0.04
Maternal Ability	Milk/Care	-0.26	-0.14	0.06	0.28	0.50	0.70	0.82
Scan Weight	Growth	3.59	4.35	5.62	7.03	8.44	9.71	10.47
Muscle Depth	Muscling	-0.29	0.02	0.55	1.14	1.73	2.26	2.57
Fat Depth	Finish	-0.80	-0.66	-0.44	-0.19	0.06	0.28	0.42
CT Lean Weight	Muscling	0.04	0.12	0.27	0.43	0.59	0.74	0.82
CT Fat Weight	Finish	-0.57	-0.47	-0.30	-0.11	0.08	0.25	0.35
CT Muscularity	Carcase Shape	-0.15	0.14	0.63	1.18	1.73	2.22	2.51
Total Spine Length	Carcase Length	-4.65	-3.22	-0.81	1.86	4.53	6.94	8.37
Total Spine Number	Number Of Chops	-0.14	-0.11	-0.05	0.02	0.09	0.15	0.18
Predicted IMF %	Meat Quality	-0.21	-0.18	-0.12	-0.06	0.00	0.06	0.09
Days to Slaughter	Speed of Finish	-6.64	-8.08	-10.51	-13.20	-15.89	-18.32	-19.76
Carcase Weight	Carcase Weight	0.23	0.31	0.46	0.62	0.78	0.93	1.01
Carcase Conformation	Conformation	0.00	0.12	0.31	0.53	0.75	0.94	1.06
Fat Class	Finish	-0.69	-0.56	-0.35	-0.11	0.13	0.34	0.47
Terminal Sire Index	Profitable Slaughter Lambs	218	235	264	296	328	357	374
Maternal Index	Profitable Ewes	126	137	155	175	195	214	224

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