

Vendeen 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	0.28	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.02
Lambing Ease	Lamb's Ease of Birth	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
Lamb Survival	Survival to Sale	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.10
Eight Week Weight	Early Growth	-0.19	-0.02	0.28	0.60	0.92	1.22	1.39
Shearling Weight	Ewe Efficiency	0.82	1.24	1.95	2.73	3.51	4.22	4.64
Litter Size	Prolificacy	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.04
Litter Size Reared	Prolificacy/Care	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
Maternal Ability	Milk/Care	-0.18	-0.08	0.09	0.28	0.47	0.64	0.74
Scan Weight	Growth	0.70	1.33	2.38	3.55	4.72	5.77	6.40
Muscle Depth	Muscling	0.74	0.97	1.35	1.78	2.21	2.59	2.82
Fat Depth	Finish	-0.54	-0.45	-0.30	-0.13	0.04	0.19	0.28
Days to Slaughter	Speed of Finish	-1.10	-2.31	-4.34	-6.59	-8.84	-10.87	-12.08
Carcase Weight	Carcase Weight	0.14	0.19	0.28	0.37	0.46	0.55	0.60
Carcase Conformation	Conformation	0.22	0.30	0.43	0.57	0.71	0.84	0.92
Fat Class	Finish	-0.44	-0.35	-0.22	-0.06	0.10	0.23	0.32
Terminal Sire Index	Profitable Slaughter Lambs	189	207	237	271	304	334	352
Maternal Index	Profitable Ewes	138	145	158	171	185	197	204

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 carcass 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