

Breed Benchmark for 2022 Bluefaced Leicester

Trait	Bottom 1%	Bottom 5%	Bottom 10%	Bottom 25%	Breed Average	Top 25%	Top 10%	Top 5%	Top 1%
Birth Weight	0.78	0.61	0.52	0.37	0.20	0.03	-0.12	-0.21	-0.38
Eight Week Weight	-1.37	-0.85	-0.57	-0.10	0.42	0.94	1.41	1.69	2.21
Litter Size Reared	-0.22	-0.14	-0.10	-0.03	0.04	0.11	0.18	0.22	0.30
Maternal Ability	-0.60	-0.35	-0.22	0.00	0.24	0.48	0.70	0.83	1.08
Scan Weight	-4.29	-2.64	-1.76	-0.28	1.36	3.00	4.48	5.36	7.01
Muscle Depth	-2.06	-1.44	-1.11	-0.55	0.06	0.67	1.23	1.56	2.18
Fat Depth	-0.80	-0.59	-0.48	-0.30	-0.10	0.10	0.28	0.39	0.60
Mature Weight (PreMating)	-5.73	-3.78	-2.74	-1.01	0.93	2.86	4.59	5.63	7.58
Body Condition Score (PreMating)	-0.16	-0.11	-0.07	-0.02	0.03	0.09	0.14	0.17	0.23
BFL Index	35	62	77	102	130	157	182	197	225

EBV	A brief explanation:
Birth Weight	Negative values indicate animals that will produce smaller lambs at birth.
Eight Week Weight	Breeding potential for lamb growth rates from birth to 8 weeks of age.
Litter Size Reared	Positive values indicate ewes who will rear more lambs.
Maternal Ability	Maternal component of 8-week measurement. Higher figures mean a ram's ewe lambs will perform better as mothers (milking ability).
Scan Weight	Breeding potential for lamb growth rates to 21 weeks (age at scanning). Selection of breeding stock with high scan weight EBVs will result in animals with heavier carcasses at a constant fat class or leaner carcasses at a constant age.
Muscle Depth	Choosing animals with high muscle depth EBVs will increase lamb muscularity and hence the lean meat content of the carcase.
Fat Depth	Negative values indicate animals with lower fat content which will produce leaner carcasses, or which can be taken to higher weights without becoming over-fat.
Mature Weight (PreMating)	An indication of breeding potential for mature ewe weights at mating.
BCS (PreMating)	Breeding potential for body condition score, higher values indicating breeding lines tending to have higher body condition at mating time.
BFL Index	Highlights superior breeding stock for a specific objective.