

It pays to invest in performance recorded rams



Recorded rams can enhance...

Growth and carcass traits

- Efficiency savings through reduced days to slaughter
- Increases in live and deadweight lamb sales
- Premiums for carcass quality

Maternal traits

- Increased milk production
- Enhanced prolificacy

...all of which improve flock profitability

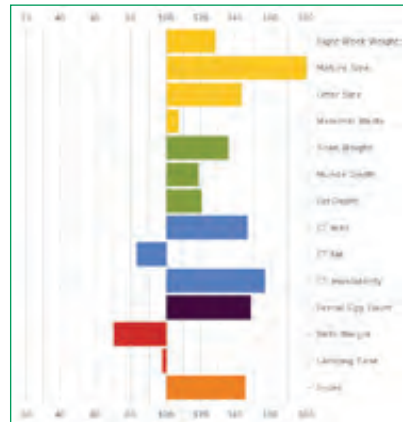
The benefits soon add up

A £3.50/lamb benefit from the use of High EBV rams is worth over £1000/ram.

Invest wisely. Find the ram with the most profitable breeding potential for your flock

Texel Data Online

Access the latest information



Step 1. Go to www.signetfbc.co.uk

Step 2. Click on the blue icon "EBV Search"

Step 3. In the box entitled "all breeds quick search" type the ear number of interest

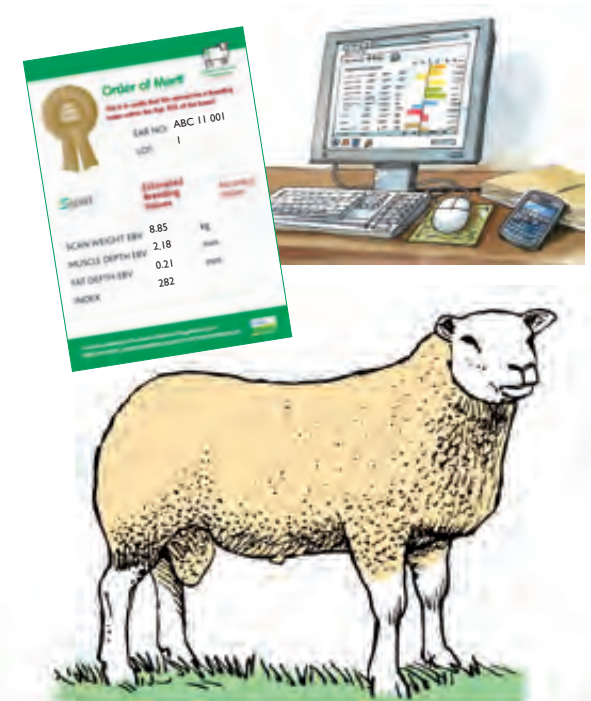
Step 4. Select the record you wish to view.

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Profit from Performance



A Buyer's Guide to Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) in the Texel Breed

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Texel

Breed Benchmark 2012

The Breed Benchmark enables you to identify where a ram ranks within the breed.

	Average	Top 25%	Top 10%
Eight Week Weight (kg)	2.44	3.03	3.82
Litter Size	0.12	0.16	0.19
Maternal Ability (kg)	-0.14	0.05	0.24
Scan Weight (kg)	5.50	6.67	8.39
Muscle Depth (mm)	1.06	1.46	2.00
Fat Depth (mm)	-0.11	-0.26	Leaner
		0.04	Fatter
Terminal Sire Index	198	223	254

Eight Week Weight - Breeding potential for growth to 8 weeks of age

Litter Size - Breeding potential to produce prolific female progeny

Maternal Ability - The ewe's maternal ability - milk production and maternal care - expressed by lambs' performance to 8 weeks

Scan Weight - Breeding potential for growth to 21 weeks (age at scanning). Rams with high EBVs produce faster growing lambs that can be taken to heavier weights

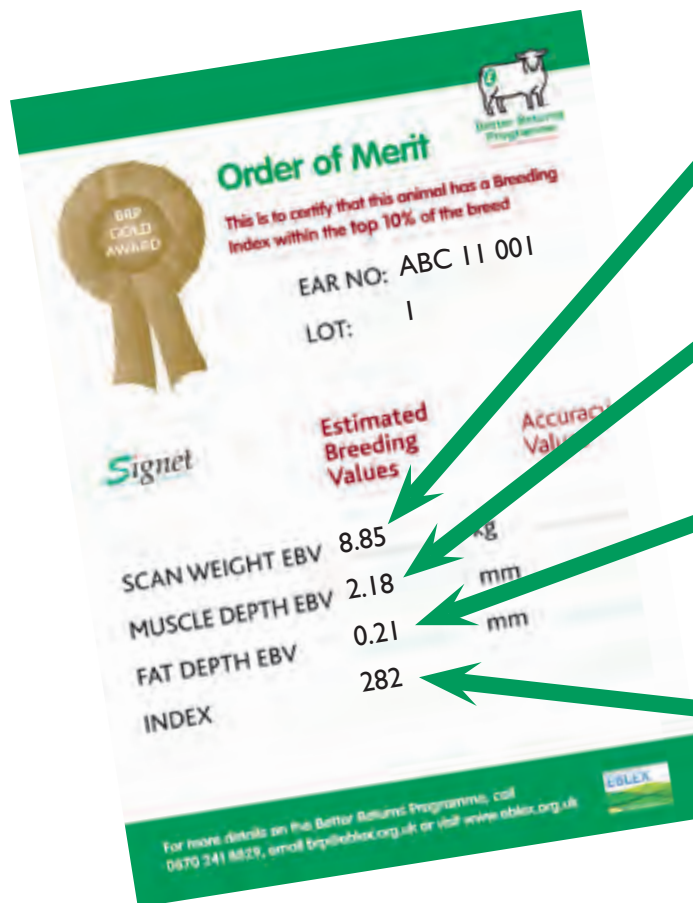
Muscle Depth - An assessment of muscling across the loin, which can be used to assess the yield of lean meat in the carcass

Fat Depth - Negative values indicate animals that will produce leaner carcasses, which can be taken to higher weights without becoming over-fat. Positive values would indicate fatter progeny.

Index - Highlights superior terminal sires for both the pedigree and commercial producer

Buying a Recorded Texel Ram

The most important Estimated Breeding Values to check when selecting a Terminal Sire are Scan Weight, Muscle Depth and Fat Depth.



High scan weight EBV
= high growth rates

High muscle depth EBV
= better conformation

Negative fat depth EBV
= leaner lambs

Index = overall ranking

STONELEIGH PERFECTION UK524429 ABC11001(E) Born: 01/01/2011

Sire: COVENTRY OXYGEN XYZ08019(E) by FRANKTON FRED (1)

Dam: DECO70001(2) by WARWICK MAGNET (2)

	Litter Size	8 Wk Wgt	Maternal	Scan Wgt	Musc Dpth	Fat Dpth	CT Gigot Musc	Index
EBVs:	0.15	4.82kgs	0.14kgs	8.85kgs	2.18mm	0.21mm	2.93mm	282
Accuracy	28%	88%	25%	90%	86%	88%	78%	89%