

BUYING RECORDED RAMS

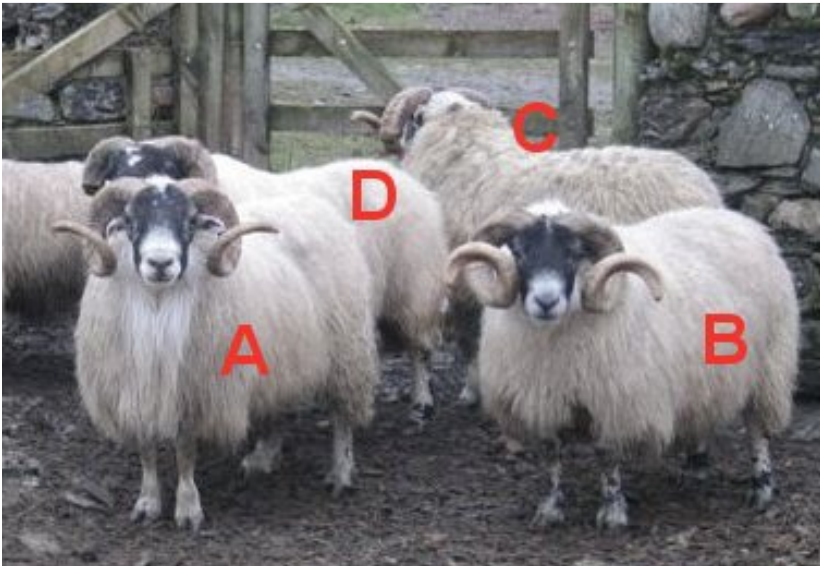
EBVs can be used to help you select a ram to suit your needs.

Decide what traits you wish to improve - the traits you think will lead to the best returns.

Is it carcase/growth (8 wk wt, Scan Wt, Muscle Depth, Fat Depth) or maternal (Litter Size, Maternal, Mature Wt) ?

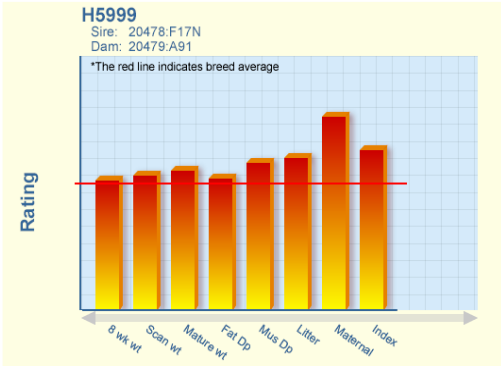
As well as looking for rams with good figures for the traits that are important to you, make sure that the rams you buy have no serious weaknesses in the other traits.

A look at the performance charts (if available) will give you a good idea of the particular strengths and weaknesses of the rams on offer.



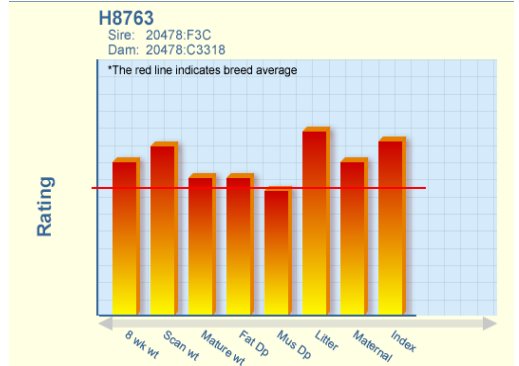
The charts show that the overall Index for each ram is approximately the same but that they have different strengths and weaknesses.

Ram A



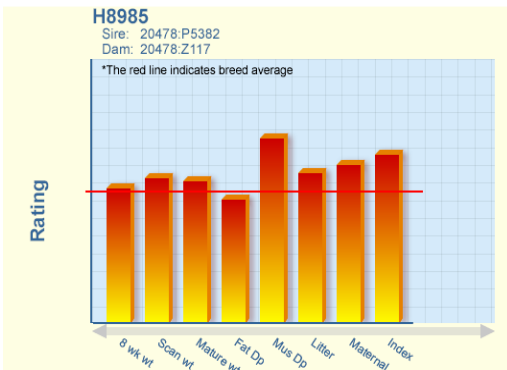
Ram A has above average figures for all traits and has a very good maternal EBV.
Select if you want to improve the future maternal ability of your ewe flock

Ram B



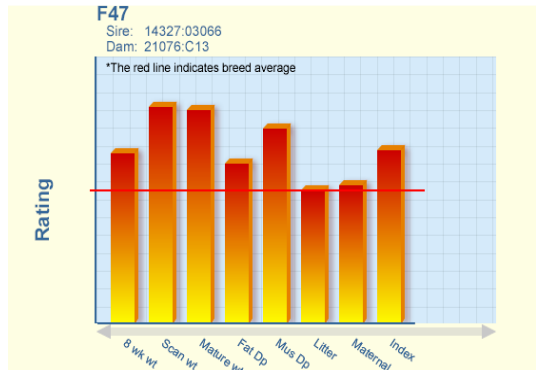
Ram B has above average figures for all traits except muscle depth and has a very good litter rating.
Select if you want to improve your future lambing percentage

Ram C



Ram C has a high muscle score and his fat EBV is slightly below average.
Select if you need to increase eye muscle and conformation

Ram D



Ram D has high ratings for carcass/growth traits, although only average on the maternal side.
Select if you want to improve carcass quality, carcass weight and reduce time to slaughter