

Trait	Abbreviations	Unit of Breeding Value	Trait Description	Example
Conception	YCON/CON	Ewes pregnant per ewes joined	The ability of a ewe to get in lamb in comparison to all the ewes in the same joining event.	Sires that have a higher conception breeding value will produce daughters that have a higher conception rate.
Litter Size	YLS/LS	Lambs per litter	The number of the foetuses a ewe has in comparison to all the ewes that got in lamb.	Sires that have a higher litter size breeding value will produce daughters that give birth to more lambs.
Ewe Rearing Ability	YERA/ERA	Lambs weaned per lambs born	The ability of the ewe to rear the lambs that she gives birth to.	Sires that have a higher ewe rearing ability breeding value will produce daughters that rear more of their litter.
Maternal Behavior Score	MBS	Score	The raw trait for maternal behavior score is measured on a 1 to 5 scale. Where a ewe with a 1 score does not move from the birth site of the lamb during tagging, therefore a lower breeding value is desirable.	Sires with more negative breeding values will produce daughters that do not move as far from the birth site.
Condition Score	CS	Score	The condition score of the ewe at joining.	Sires with a more positive breeding value will produce daughters that have a higher condition score at joining.