

## Updates to the BLX Index

**Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) has been replaced by an improved ASBV called Weaning Rate (WR). This new ASBV has been included in the BLX index**

Sheep Genetics has released a new trait that measures reproductive performance called Weaning Rate (WR). WR combines the traits of Conception (CON), Litter Size (LS) and Ewe Rearing Ability (ERA) into a single ASBV for selection. WR has been introduced to replace Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) and has been included in the Border Leicester Cross (BLX) index.

As a result of the introduction and inclusion of WR in the BLX index there have been changes in the percentiles. Other enhancements to the Sheep Genetics evaluations, have resulted in changes to ASBVs, Indexes, and the percentiles. *Therefore, this ram sale season it is important to use the percentile band table to re-benchmark and inform your ram purchasing decisions.*

To access the current percentile bands table please use the QR code below on the left. For further information on Weaning Rate please use the QR code on the right and refer to page 4 of the Sheep Genetics 2022 Analysis Enhancement Documentation.

Access the current  
First-Cross Sire  
Percentile Band Table



For more information on  
Weaning Rate (WR)

