

## Updates to the Terminal Indexes

### All the Terminal Indexes (TCP, EQ and LEQ) have been updated to include Lambing Ease

Sheep Genetics has updated all Terminal indexes to include the Lambing Ease (LE\_DIR) ASBV. Lambing ease was included in the indexes as a way to address industry concerns around lambing difficulties and dystocia while having minimal impact on the rate of progress for growth and other important production traits.

LE\_DIR is a trait that defines the genes a ram's progeny will have for easy birthing. A higher LE\_DIR value is more desirable.

The overall objective of the indexes remains the same, with only the addition of LE\_DIR. The objectives of each of the indexes are:

- TCP balances increased lean meat yield with modest improvements in eating quality
- EQ balances large improvements in eating quality with modest increases in lean meat yield
- LEQ balances large improvements in eating quality with modest increases in lean meat yield, and includes emphasis on worm egg

The addition of LE\_DIR in the Terminal indexes and other analysis enhancements implemented by Sheep Genetics in 2022 have resulted in changes to ASBVs. This ram sale season it is important to re-benchmark using the latest percentile band table which can be accessed using the QR code below.

**Access Terminal Percentile  
Band Table**



**For more information on  
LE\_DIR in indexes (pg 10)**

