

Breed Benchmark for 2023 Bluefaced Leicester

| Trait | Bottom 1% | Bottom 5% | Bottom 10% | Bottom 25% | Breed Average | Top 25% | Top 10% | Top 5% | Top 1% |
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| Birth Weight | 0.81 | 0.62 | 0.52 | 0.35 | 0.16 | -0.03 | -0.20 | -0.30 | -0.49 |
| Eight Week Weight | -1.09 | -0.61 | -0.35 | 0.08 | 0.56 | 1.04 | 1.47 | 1.73 | 2.21 |
| Shearling Weight | -3.54 | -2.10 | -1.34 | -0.05 | 1.37 | 2.79 | 4.08 | 4.84 | 6.28 |
| Litter Size | -0.17 | -0.11 | -0.08 | -0.02 | 0.04 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.25 |
| Litter Size Reared | -0.11 | -0.07 | -0.05 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.13 |
| Maternal Ability | -0.64 | -0.37 | -0.23 | 0.01 | 0.27 | 0.53 | 0.77 | 0.91 | 1.18 |
| Scan Weight | -3.80 | -2.18 | -1.31 | 0.13 | 1.74 | 3.35 | 4.79 | 5.66 | 7.28 |
| Muscle Depth | -2.05 | -1.47 | -1.16 | -0.64 | -0.07 | 0.50 | 1.02 | 1.33 | 1.91 |
| Fat Depth | -0.75 | -0.56 | -0.46 | -0.29 | -0.10 | 0.09 | 0.26 | 0.36 | 0.55 |
| Mature Weight (PreMating) | -2.32 | -1.37 | -0.86 | -0.02 | 0.92 | 1.86 | 2.71 | 3.22 | 4.16 |
| Body Condition Score (PreMating) | -0.06 | -0.04 | -0.03 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.11 |
| BFL Index | 18 | 51 | 68 | 97 | 129 | 162 | 191 | 208 | 240 |

| EBV | A brief explanation: |
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| Birth Weight | Negative values indicate animals that will produce smaller lambs at birth. |
| Eight Week Weight | Breeding potential for lamb growth rates from birth to 8 weeks of age. |
| Shearling Weight | Choosing animals with high figures for this trait will increase mature size |
| Litter Size | The breeding potential to produce prolific female progeny. |
| Litter Size Reared | Positive values indicate ewes who will rear more lambs. |
| Maternal Ability | Maternal component of 8wk measurement. Higher figures mean a ram's ewe lambs will perform better as mothers (milking ability). |
| Scan Weight | Breeding potential for lamb growth rates to 21 weeks (age at scanning). Selection of breeding stock with high scan weight EBVs will result in animals with heavier carcasses at a constant fat class or leaner carcasses at a constant age. |
| Muscle Depth | Choosing animals with high muscle depth EBVs will increase lamb muscularity and hence the lean meat content of the carcass. |
| Fat Depth | Negative values indicate animals with lower fat content which will produce leaner carcasses, or which can be taken to higher weights without becoming over-fat. |
| Mature Weight (PreMating) | An indication of breeding potential for mature ewe weights at mating. |
| BCS (PreMating) | Breeding potential for body condition score, higher values indicating breeding lines tending to have higher BCS at mating time. |
| BFL Index | Highlights superior breeding stock for a specific objective. |