

## Bleu Du Maine Breed Benchmark 2024 – National Terminal Sire Evaluation

Estimated Breeding Value	Attribute	Bottom 5%	Bottom 10%	Bottom 25%	Average	Top 25%	Top 10%	Top 5%
Birth Weight	Birth Weight	0.26	0.22	0.14	<b>0.05</b>	-0.04	-0.12	-0.16
Lambing Ease	Lamb's Ease of Birth	-0.22	-0.17	-0.08	<b>0.01</b>	0.10	0.19	0.24
Lambing Ease Maternal	Ewe's Ease of Lambing	-0.13	-0.10	-0.07	<b>-0.03</b>	0.01	0.04	0.06
Lamb Survival	Survival to Sale	-0.04	-0.01	0.04	<b>0.09</b>	0.14	0.19	0.22
Eight Week Weight	Early Growth	-0.55	-0.21	0.35	<b>0.98</b>	1.61	2.17	2.51
Shearling Weight	Ewe Efficiency	-1.12	-0.44	0.70	<b>1.97</b>	3.24	4.38	5.06
Litter Size	Prolificacy	-0.05	-0.03	-0.01	<b>0.02</b>	0.05	0.07	0.09
Litter Size Reared	Prolificacy/Care	-0.05	-0.04	-0.02	<b>0.00</b>	0.02	0.04	0.05
Maternal Ability	Milk/Care	-0.14	-0.03	0.15	<b>0.35</b>	0.55	0.73	0.84
Scan Weight	Growth	-1.55	-0.71	0.71	<b>2.28</b>	3.85	5.27	6.11
Muscle Depth	Muscling	-0.61	-0.34	0.11	<b>0.62</b>	1.13	1.58	1.85
Fat Depth	Finish	-0.26	-0.17	-0.02	<b>0.15</b>	0.32	0.47	0.56
Terminal Sire Index	Profitable Slaughter Lambs	61	89	135	<b>187</b>	239	286	314
Maternal Index	Profitable Ewes	92	108	134	<b>163</b>	192	218	234

**Rebasing** - EBVs and indexes have been rebased and are expressed relative to the average animal in 2010.

### **Weight adjusted traits**

Please note that all traits marked \* are now weight adjusted. This means that EBVs are a better prediction of carcass composition at a fixed weight.

Example: A ram with a muscle depth EBV of +2mm is estimated to produce lambs with loin depths 1mm deeper at a fixed weight than a ram with an EBV of 0