

Breed Benchmark for 2025 – Bluefaced Leicester

| EBV/Index | Bottom 1% | Bottom 5% | Bottom 10% | Bottom 25% | Breed Average | Top 25% | Top 10% | Top 5% | Top 1% |
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| Birth Weight | 0.96 | 0.73 | 0.6 | 0.39 | 0.15 | -0.09 | -0.3 | -0.43 | -0.66 |
| Lambing Ease | -0.53 | -0.38 | -0.3 | -0.17 | -0.02 | 0.13 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.49 |
| Lambing Ease Maternal | -0.2 | -0.14 | -0.12 | -0.07 | -0.01 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.18 |
| Lamb Survival | -0.12 | -0.08 | -0.06 | -0.03 | 0 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 |
| Eight Week Weight | -1.13 | -0.68 | -0.44 | -0.04 | 0.41 | 0.86 | 1.26 | 1.5 | 1.95 |
| Shearling Weight | -2.5 | -1.44 | -0.88 | 0.06 | 1.11 | 2.16 | 3.1 | 3.66 | 4.72 |
| Litter Size | -0.17 | -0.11 | -0.08 | -0.03 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.21 |
| Litter Size Reared | -0.11 | -0.07 | -0.05 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.13 |
| Maternal Ability | -0.58 | -0.35 | -0.22 | -0.01 | 0.23 | 0.47 | 0.68 | 0.81 | 1.04 |
| Scan Weight | -3.24 | -1.87 | -1.14 | 0.08 | 1.44 | 2.8 | 4.02 | 4.75 | 6.12 |
| Muscle Depth | -1.5 | -1.04 | -0.8 | -0.39 | 0.06 | 0.51 | 0.92 | 1.16 | 1.62 |
| Fat Depth | -0.55 | -0.41 | -0.34 | -0.22 | -0.08 | 0.06 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.39 |
| FEC (Strongyles) | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.02 | -0.02 | -0.06 | -0.1 | -0.12 | -0.16 |
| FEC (Nematodirus) | 0.1 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.02 | -0.04 | -0.06 | -0.08 |
| Serum IgA | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Parasite Plus (SI) | 99.23 | 99.55 | 99.72 | 100 | 100.32 | 100.64 | 100.92 | 101.09 | 101.41 |
| Longevity | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Mature Weight (PreMating) | -2.03 | -1.19 | -0.75 | 0 | 0.83 | 1.67 | 2.41 | 2.86 | 3.7 |
| Body Condition Score (PreMating) | -0.07 | -0.04 | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 |
| BFL Index | 14 | 49 | 67 | 98 | 132 | 167 | 197 | 216 | 250 |

| EBV | A brief explanation: |
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| Birth Weight | Negative values indicate animals that will produce smaller lambs at birth. |
| Lambing Ease | Shows the genetic variation that exists in the lamb's ability to be born without assistance. |
| Lambing Ease Maternal | Shows the genetic variation that exists in the ewe's ability to produce lambs that are born without assistance. |
| Lamb Survival | High value indicate sheep with superior genes for lamb survival. |
| 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 8-week measurement. Higher figures indicate 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 carcase. |
| 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. |
| FEC (Strongyles) | Animals with negative figures are more resistant to Strongyles worms and excrete less worms onto pasture. |
| FEC (Nematodirus) | Animals with negative figures are more resistant to Nematodirus worms and excrete less worms onto pasture. |
| Serum Iga | An indicator of immune response when challenged by worms. |
| Parasite Plus (SI) | An indicator of sheep that are more resistant to parasites, taking into account breeding values for faecal egg count and serum IgA. |
| Longevity | High values indicate sheep with superior genes to produce ewes with longer productive lives |
| Mature Weight (Premating) | An indication of breeding potential for mature ewe weights at mating. |
| Body Condition Score (Premating) | Breeding potential for body condition score, higher values indicating breeding lines that tend to have higher body condition at mating time. |
| BFL Index | Highlights superior breeding stock for a specific objective. |