The Border Leicester Cross Index is modelled on a production system using sires crossed to Merino dams producing first cross progeny. The index identifies high early growth animals with a significant response in post weaning weight and maternal ability. It also aims for an improvement in carcase eye muscle depth and number of lambs weaned. There is a small improvement in fleece weights. The index also recognises the importance of maintaining adult weight over time. The contribution of each trait to economic gain is expressed in the graph along with predicted genetic gain over 10 years.

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