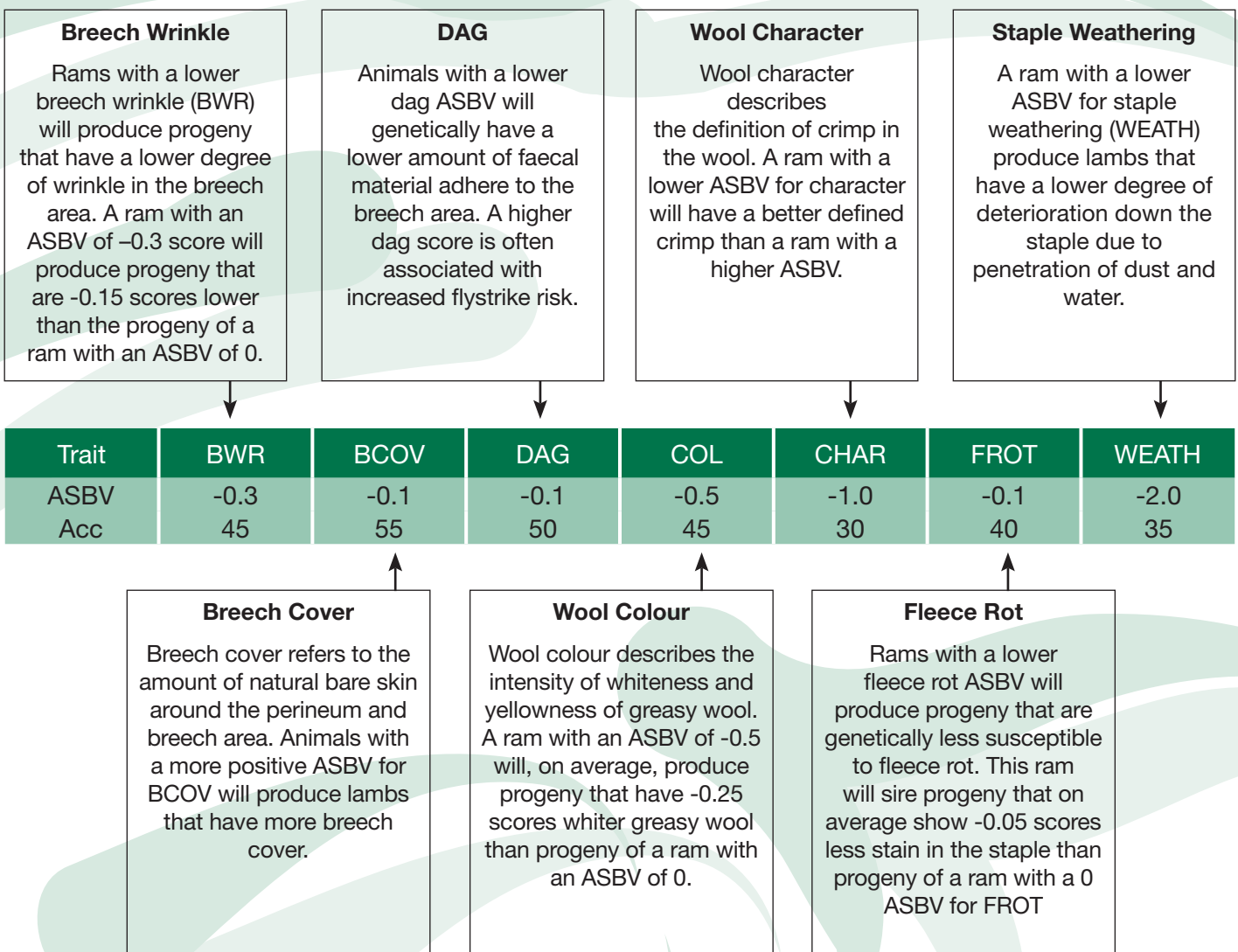


Understanding MERINOSELECT Visual Traits ASBVs

Sheep Genetics report ASBVs for a number of visual traits that can be scored using the *Visual Sheep Scoring Guide*. Visual assessment is an important part of any breeding objective and the guide was developed to create a standardised scoring system.



- Note:* A useful rule of thumb for converting ram ASBVs into production differences is to simply halve the ASBV (as rams contribute half the genetics of the lamb)
- Accuracy – published as a percentage, is a reflection of the amount of effective information that is available to calculate the ASBV. All ASBVs are now published with accuracies. The higher the percentage, the closer the ASBV is to the true breeding value of the animal. Breeding values without accuracies are Flock Breeding Values (FBVs) and can only be compared within the flock.