

## Updates to the Maternal Indexes

**Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) has been replaced by an improved ASBV called Weaning Rate (WR). This new ASBV has been included in the indexes for Maternal breeds.**

Sheep Genetics has released a new trait that measures reproductive performance called Weaning Rate (WR). WR combines the traits of Conception (CON), Litter Size (LS) and Ewe Rearing Ability (ERA) into a single ASBV for selection. WR has been introduced to replace Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) and has been included in the Maternal Carcase Production (MCP), Maternal Carcase Production Plus (MCP+), Maternal Wool Production Plus (MWP+) and Border Leicester Cross (BLX) Indexes.

As a result of the introduction and inclusion of WR in these indexes there have been changes in the percentiles. Other enhancements to the Sheep Genetics evaluations, have also resulted in changes to ASBVs, Indexes, and the percentiles. *Therefore, this ram sale season it is important to use the percentile band table to re-benchmark to inform your ram purchasing decisions.*

To access the current percentile bands table please use the QR code below of the left. For further information on Weaning Rate please use the QR code on the right and refer to page 4 of the Sheep Genetics 2022 Analysis Enhancement Documentation.

**Access the Maternal  
Percentile Band Table**



**For more information on  
Weaning Rate (WR)**

