

## Updates to MERINOSELECT and 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**Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) has been replaced by an improved ASBV called Weaning Rate (WR).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 Merinos**

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 the previous trait of Number of Lambs Weaned (NLW) and has been included in the Fibre Production Plus (FP+), Merino Production Plus (MP+) and Dual Purpose Plus (DP+) + 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 percentiles. *Therefore, this ram sale season it is important to use percentile band tables to re-benchmark and inform your ram purchasing decisions.*

To access the current percentile band 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 Merino  
percentile band table**



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

