

Summary of Changes

Updated Visual Sheep Scores

Version 3 - 2019

This document summarises the changes in the new version of the Visual Sheep Scores (VSS) booklet. Further details of these changes are outlined in the accompanying *Description of Changes* document.

Traits are listed in the same order that they are presented in the new version of VSS.

Traits not been listed have not changed from the previous version of VSS.

1.1. The Scoring System - Page 4

- Insertion of a paragraph into "Using Visual Sheep Scores" section giving the option of using half scores.

1.2. New Sections

Pigmentation Scores. After Wool Quality Scores and including: FPIG, SPIG, BLK, SPOT.

Cover and Wrinkle Scores. After Conformation Scores and including: FACE, BDWR, NKWR.

Classing Scores. After Lambing Scores and including: GRADE, SGRADE.

Lambing Scores. After Breech Scores and including: MB, LE.

1.3. Wool Quality Scores

Wool colour (COL) - Pages 8-9

- Update to the 'How to score'

Wool character (CHAR) - Pages 10-11

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'How to score'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'
- Update to the score description

Dust penetration (DUST) - Pages 12-13

- Update to the 'How to score'

Staple structure (SSTRC) - Pages 16-17

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'

1.5. Conformation Scores - Page 29

- Description inconsistencies of scores removed between Commercial / Researcher version.

Jaw (JAW) - Pages 30-31

- Replacement of the Commercial version of Jaw (JAW) with the Research version of Jaw (JAWR).

Legs/Feet (LEGS) - Pages 32-33

- Update to the 'Definition'

Shoulder/Back(BACK) - Pages 34-35

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the diagrams

Teeth - NEW TRAIT - Page 36-37

- Inclusion of a Teeth eruption trait

Horn (HORN) - NEW TRAIT - Pages 38-39

- Inclusion of a Horn trait

1.4. Pigmentation Scores – NEW SECTION

Fibre pigmentation (FPIG) - Page 20

- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'

Non-fibre pigmentation (SPIG) - Pages 21-23

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the diagram of Score 3

Recessive black (BLK) - Pages 24-25

- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'

Random Spot (SPOT) - Pages 26-27

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'

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1.6. Cover & Wrinkle Scores – NEW SECTION

Face Cover (FACE) - Pages 42-43

- Moved face cover from Conformation section

Body Wrinkle (BDWR) - Page 44-45

- Moved body wrinkle from Conformation section
- Update to the 'Definition'

Neck Wrinkle (NKWR) - Pages 46-47

- Included neck wrinkle in Commercial version
- Update to the 'Definition'

1.7. Breech Scores

Breech Cover - Lambs (BCOV)

- Pages 50-51
- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'
- Update to the diagrams

Breech cover (BCOV) - Pages 52-53

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'
- Update to the diagram of Score 1

Crutch Cover (CCOV) - Pages 54-55

- Update to the 'Definition'
- Update to the diagrams of scores

Breech Wrinkle - Lambs (BRWR) - Pages 56-57

- Update to the 'When'

Breech Wrinkle (BRWR) - Pages 58-59

- Update to the diagrams of scores.

Dag (DAG) - Pages 60-61

- Update to the 'Note' in the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'
- Update to the diagram of Score 3.

Urine (URINE) - Pages 62-63

- Update to the 'Note' in the 'Definition'
- Update to the 'Rule of thumb'
- Update to the diagram of Score 2 and 3.

1.8. Lambing Scores – NEW SECTION

Maternal Behaviour (MB) - NEW TRAIT

- Pages 66

- Inclusion of a Maternal behaviour trait in the Reproduction Scores section.

Lambing Ease (LE) - NEW TRAIT - Pages 67

- Inclusion of a Lambing ease trait in the Reproduction Scores section.

1.9. Classing Scores – NEW SECTION

Classer's grade (GRADE) - Pages 70-71

- Changed the current Classer's grade trait to Overall selection grade (SGRADE).
- Update to the 'How to score'
- Insertion of a new trait called: Classer's visual grade (GRADE)
- For both GRADE and SGRADE, the term *sale* is included with *cull* in the 'Rule of thumb' and 'Description' sections.