

# 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

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#### 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.