

# PICKING A RAM HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER.

Every ram sold by a SIL breeder now has a single “index” figure – one number that’s comparable across all rams of all breeds. The higher the number, the better the ram.

Dual purpose rams have a “Maternal Worth” figure, while terminal rams have a “Terminal worth” figure. An average Maternal Worth (**NZMW**) figure is 1600, while the average Terminal Worth (**NZTW**) is 1150. Terminal rams have lower scores, simply because their figure is calculated from a smaller number of traits.

## Traits drawn on:

Reproduction

Survival

Growth

Adult size

Wool

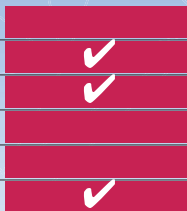
Meat yield

**NZMW**

B-LNZ GENETICS | MATERNAL WORTH

**NZTW**

B-LNZ GENETICS | TERMINAL WORTH



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**beef+lamb**  
new zealand

**GENETICS**



If you're breeding both terminal and replacement stock, then look at rams with a **NZMW** figure. If you're only breeding terminal stock, then look for rams with a high **NZTW** figure.

## Which traits feed into NZMW and NZTW?

	 <b>NZMW</b> B-LNZ GENETICS   MATERNAL WORTH	 <b>NZTW</b> B-LNZ GENETICS   TERMINAL WORTH
Abbreviation	NZMW	NZTW
When to use	If you are breeding both terminal and replacement stock	If you are only breeding terminal stock
Core traits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproduction</li> <li>• Survival</li> <li>• Growth</li> <li>• Adult Size</li> <li>• Wool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survival</li> <li>• Growth</li> <li>• Meat Yield</li> </ul>

The indexes can be tailored for additional traits of interest:



## Health traits

If you want to target specific traits, like FE tolerance or resistance against internal parasites, NZMW can do that. If you want facial eczema tolerance, identify breeders who prioritise FE, then ask them for: **NZMW + X\***

If you want resistance to internal parasites, identify breeders who prioritise this trait, then ask them for: **NZMW + FEC\***

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\* X = FE trait; FEC = internal parasite resistance trait

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