

November 6, 2017

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### **B+LNZ Genetics Central Progeny Test: call for expressions of interest to supply rams in 2018**

Expressions of interest (EOI) are being sought from ram breeding groups or ram breeders, for two Central Progeny Test (CPT) programmes, namely:

- Mature Maternal and/or Terminal Sire rams to be mated using AI in the CPT Hub flocks (Invermay and Taratahi). **See yellow EOI form**
- Young Terminal Sire (hogget or two-tooth) rams to be naturally mated at the Progressive Meats Ltd Next Generation (NG) site at Maraetotara, Hawkes Bay. **See blue EOI form**

Included in this call pack are two EOI forms (one yellow, one blue), both of which need to be **returned by Monday 27 November, 2017** for rams to be considered.

#### **Please return completed forms to B+LNZ Genetics:**

Email: [info@blnzgenetics.com](mailto:info@blnzgenetics.com)

Post: CPT EOI Applications, c/o B+LNZ Genetics, PO Box 5501, Dunedin 9016

#### **Successful applicants agree to the following:**

##### ***CPT Hubs:***

Applicants selected through the EOI process will have the cost of ram evaluation in the CPT covered by B+LNZ Genetics. The required amount of semen must be supplied at no cost to the CPT. These sires are selected primarily for their ability to improve genetic connections across breeds and flocks, which strengthens the New Zealand Genetic Evaluation (NZGE).

All rams (Terminal and Maternal) will be evaluated for the following SIL sub indexes;  
Lamb Survival, Growth, Meat Yield

Maternal Rams will also be evaluated for the following additional SIL sub indexes;  
Reproduction, Wool, Adult size, WormFec, Facial Eczema, Hogget Fertility and Stayability

For successful applicants, progress reports will be provided as information comes to hand. Measurements will be loaded promptly into SIL and will immediately inform the submitted rams eBV and Index information in the NZGE.

##### ***Progressive Meats Ltd NG site:***

Groups or individuals selected through the EOI process will supply young rams for natural mating at Maraetotara, meeting the costs of animal health testing, transport and will also contribute \$500+GST (per ram) to the cost of running the programme.

Terminal rams at this site will be evaluated for;

- SIL Terminal Growth
- PML Meat Yield research eBV and index

Note: The SIL Meat Module is expected to be completed and updated in SIL by July 2018. These research eBVs and indexes will automatically be updated to SIL Meat Yield eBVs and indexes.

We encourage you to submit an EOI on the yellow and/or blue forms attached, by **12-noon on Monday 27 November 2017**.

B+LNZ Genetics will select the successful applicants, inform them of the terms and conditions of entry, and ask each group to nominate ram(s).

***Terminal sire breeders are welcome to choose between the Hub and NG programmes, or provide expressions of interest for both.***

#### **Timeline**

- The deadline for receipt of submission of EOI forms is **12 noon on Monday 27 November 2017**
- EOIs will be reviewed at the B+LNZ Genetics Central Progeny Test management committee meeting on or around 4 December 2017
- Applicants will be notified whether they have been successful or not, by **11 December 2017**.

Yours sincerely,



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**Beef + Lamb New Zealand Genetics**