

## Submitting rams to 2019 B+LNZ Genetics Sheep Progeny Test

The Hub and three Next Generation sites are accepting rams this season.

### Next Generation sites

<b>1. PML Maraetotara, Hawke's Bay</b> - Terminal Growth - Meat Yield	<b>2. Otiwhiti Station, Hunterville</b> - Maternal traits - Facial Eczema	<b>3. Low-input site, TBC</b> - Maternal traits - Ethically-sustainable meat production
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NB: The other Next Generation sites do not require rams for 2019, or are only open to their communities of interest.

### Why submit a ram to a Next Generation site?

- Including a ram from your flock “connects” you to the across-flock genetic evaluation, NZGE, and validates the performance of your flock against other New Zealand flocks.
- Connectedness means your rams can be assigned NZTW and/or NZMW (Terminal Worth and Maternal Worth) figures, which assist your clients in their ram selection.
- From a marketing perspective, your rams are benchmarked across industry and have robust and comparable measures behind them.
- Including young rams in the Sheep Progeny Test means that if a particular animal is found to be exceptional, maximum use can be made of him over his lifetime.
- If you're focused on FE, meat-related traits or low-input traits, these sites allow you to benchmark against other flocks also pursuing these novel traits.

### Logistics and costs

Site	Age of rams	Number of rams required	Mating	Cost per ram
PML	Hoggets Two-tooths	4-5*	Natural	\$600
Otiwhiti	Hoggets only	4-5*	Natural	\$600
Low-input	Hoggets Two-tooths	1	AI	\$1000

\* Team of rams required because of natural mating.

In addition to the per-ram fee, you also meet the costs of animal health testing and transport.

