



Reminder: Flocks must be recording and connected for adult size (DPA) to be connected for NZMW and other standard indexes from June 2019.

SIL will require flocks to have adult ewe liveweights to be eligible to be connected for adult size. As DPA is one of the core sub-indexes in the NZMW and other standard maternal indexes, flocks without adult weights (not connected for DPA) will no longer be shown in RamFinder or on Leader Lists on the SIL website.

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There are still several maternal flocks in SIL that are connected for Growth (DPG), but not connected for Adult Size (DPA) and we encourage these flocks to record a liveweight at mating 2019.

Maternal flocks can become connected for DPA by recording adult ewe liveweights prior to/at mating 2019. **As a minimum, record a liveweight mate (LWMATE) on two tooth ewes or ideally record a liveweight mate on all current ewes.**

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For some breeds more than others, predicting Adult Size (EWT BV) from early growth data can result in an over-prediction of Adult Size and therefore a greater penalty in the NZMW index. Recording a LWMATE corrects any over prediction and can result in a reduction in the DPA penalty and an improvement in NZMW index and other standard indexes.

If you have questions in relation to any of the above information, please contact either your bureau or email silhelp@sil.co.nz