

Texel Sheep Society Ram Selection Criteria 2017



The Texel Society has a requirement to purchase either live rams for natural service or frozen semen for the production of cross-bred slaughter lambs.

Eligible animals

The rams used MUST comply with the following criteria to be eligible for nomination:

	Essential	Preferred
Pedigree performance recorded Texel Ram	X	
Weight records submitted	X	
Ultrasound scanned as a lamb	X	
CT scanned as a lamb	X	
Physically sound	X	
Capable of natural service	X	
Mature rams		X
From a phenotyping farm		X
Progeny on the ground		X
Varied in EBV / Index		X
Progeny on the ground? (Y / N)		
If semen – please state number of doses available (minimum 60)	X	
HEALTH STATUS		
Free from any obvious clinical disease including, but not limited to: Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA), Johnes Disease, Borders Disease and Orf	X	
MV accredited (last test date)	X	
CLA vaccinated (Y / N; date)		
Johnes Disease vaccinated (Y / N; date)		

Payment

Payment for shearing rams will be to a maximum price of £750*

Payment for ram lambs will be to a maximum price of £500*

Payment for semen will be to a maximum price of £10** per dose plus VAT

*Included in the payment for live rams would be delivery to an agreed location at the breeder's expense

**included in the payment for semen would be release and transfer from where stored

Decision making

The final selection of animals will be made by the CEO of the Texel Society in conjunction with the project team. Breeders will be notified of the outcome of this decision and those successful will be asked to complete a procurement form which will represent a binding agreement to sell to the project, subject to terms and conditions.

If you have eligible animals and would like to nominate them please provide details of their pedigree flockbook number on the Ram Nomination Form and return to edsmith@texel.co.uk by the **28th July**.