

Notes on completing your 2017 Birth Notification Forms

Red boxes should be completed by all members. Data entered in brown boxes is of benefit to the Society if completed and is essential if you are contracted directly with the Signet Sheep Breeder Service.

Registered Ewes:
The fully registered ewe in your flock to which lambing details are being prescribed.

Lamb Date of Birth: Is the date the lamb(s) were born.

Live Lambs: The number of lambs that are alive at point of allocating identification.

Method of Service: NS is natural service and AI is artificial insemination. If AI then enter the Service Date.

Sex of lamb: Either M for entire male, C for castrated male, F for female or D for dead.

Register Now: either 'X' or '√' to indicate that this lamb should be registered.

Birth Weight: Should be recorded in Kg's.

Is Lamb Fostered: either 'x' or '√' to indicate that this lamb is being fostered.

Foster Dam/Hand Reared: either identity of foster dam or 'hand' if hand reared.

Registered Ewes	Sire Mated Ram Code	Date Lambs Born	No. Born	No. Live	Method/Date Of Service (AI only)	ID of ALL lambs (last 5 digits of EID)	Sex (Male/Female/Castrate/Dead)	Birth Notify?	Reg?	Birth Wt. (kgs)	Lambing Ease (1-6)	Is lamb fostered?	Foster Dam / Hand reared?	Foster Date
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If no lambing recorded, is ewe: Dead/Sold/Barren/Late Lambing

Sire Mated Code: Is taken from the Ram's used list you created on page 3 of the form.

Number Born: The number of lambs born (this figure should include still births).

Identity of Lambs: the individual number of each lamb born. **This should be the last 5 digits of the Ministry Tag/EID. Do not use management numbers.**

Birth Notify Now: either 'X' or '√' to indicate that this lamb should be birth notified.

Lambing Ease: Score the difficulty of birth of each lamb. If you normally assist all deliveries then this is based on lamb presentation and amount of effort taken to deliver the lamb. If you do not routinely assist all ewes then score whether the ewe did need assistance or not, and how much assistance was required. Scores are as follows:

1. No assistance.
2. Slight assistance by hand.
3. Severe assistance.
4. Non-surgical veterinary assistance.
5. Veterinary assistance, surgery required.
6. Elective Caesarean.

Foster Date: the date that the lamb was removed from the birth dam.