



LambPlus – A flock performance recording service

*Application for LambPlus Services (the “Services”)
Sheep Database CLG trading as Sheep Ireland (“Sheep Ireland”)*

1. Nature of the Services

- 1.1. Data input and recording screens for all the required phenotypic data that is required as part of the Services. Some of this data may also be captured via the LambPlus App which is included in the Services and available to download from the Play store or App store.
- 1.2. A selection of online reports to help farmers better understand how their flock is performing. These reports include but are not limited to:
 - Mating
 - Pregnancy
 - Lambing
 - Weights
 - Muscle and Fat depth
 - EuroStars and Genetic Trends
 - Genomic Results
- 1.3. Access to the Sheep Ireland Genomic service (Parentage, genomics, scrapie). This service is subject to additional fees, terms, and conditions.
- 1.4. The ability to have EuroStar evaluations included in sales catalogues. It will remain the farmers responsibility to ensure that the animals & flock meet the minimum requirements (see paragraph 4.1), and that the correct animal NSIS are provided to the body generating the catalogue.
- 1.5. Update of the flock’s evaluation (EuroStars) regularly between the first evaluation in the Spring (Mid – March) to the end of November. This allows farmers to use the most up to date information when making their breeding decisions.
- 1.6. Promotion of performance recording flocks via several forums including the Sheep Ireland guide and directory of breeders, the Ram Search, and the Breeder Search.
- 1.7. Access to customer service support via telephone or email during normal business hours.

2. Term/duration of Services

The Services are available to flock owners who have completed and returned this application before the annual deadline of December 1st and will run for a period of one year until the following December 1st when an application to renew can be made by the farmer. The availability and terms and conditions of the Services shall be reviewed by Sheep Ireland annually.

3. Fees

3.1. The current fees (2021/2022) for the Services are as follows

- **€50 (Group 1):** For Pedigree flocks that also have their flockbook data available on the Sheep Ireland database (Belclare, Beltex, Blue Texel, Charollais, Dutch Spotted, Galway, Hampshire Down, Rouge de L'Ouest, Suffolk, Texel, Valais Blacknose, Vendéen & Zwartbles (IZSA))
- **€100 (Group 2):** For all other lowland pedigree flocks not listed in Group 1.
- **Free (Group 3):** For commercial flocks and hill flocks (Blackface and Cheviot).

Please Note:

3.1.1. If a flock has animals in group 1, 2 and 3, then the higher rate applies.

3.1.2. Cash payments are not accepted.

3.1.3. **Flocks can simply apply to renew their LambPlus membership online.** Alternatively, if paying online is not an option, please make cheques payable to Sheep Database CLG.

3.1.4. Fees are reviewed annually by Sheep Ireland and are subject to change. Farmers will be notified of any such changes.

4. Conditions of Service

4.1. EuroStar evaluations will only be provided for sheep when the flock meets the minimum performance recording criteria as set out by Sheep Ireland annually. In the event a flock fails to meet these minimum criteria and does not get EuroStar evaluations for their sheep, the owner acknowledges that their LambPlus subscription fee will NOT be refunded. Such criteria currently include (but are not limited to):

4.1.1. meeting the minimum flock DQI requirement of 40% for pedigree flocks

4.1.2. an ebv/index must have at least 20% accuracy for a EuroStar index to be published.

4.1.3. stock rams must be genotyped via the Sheep Ireland genotyping service for their lambs to receive EuroStars in the year of birth. The definition of a stock ram is a ram that sires lambs in your flock and is in your flock inventory at the time of mating.

4.1.4. Lambs must be created on the Sheep Ireland database prior to May 1st in the season of birth to receive EuroStars in that year

4.2. Upon request from Sheep Ireland farmers must make their entire LambPlus flock available (unless otherwise agreed) for a flock visit between a Monday and Friday within two weeks of the initial flock visit request. During this visit, Sheep Ireland staff may request to record data required for the LambPlus program or for verification purposes. Failure to provide consent and a suitable date and location may result in

the LambPlus contract being terminated and that their LambPlus subscription fee will NOT be refunded.

4.2.1. The owner acknowledges and agrees that (a) any decision made by Sheep Ireland or its contractor in relation to the suitability of the facilities and/or animals for a flock visit and the assessment of the animals shall be final and (b) Sheep Ireland, its employees, agents or contractors shall not be liable (i) for any losses, damages or costs arising in relation to the Services as a result of damage or injury (including disease) to any property, person or animal, except in the case of death or personal injury caused solely by the negligence of Sheep Ireland or (ii) under any circumstances for any indirect, consequential, special, incidental or punitive loss or damage (whether for loss of current or future profits, loss of enterprise value or otherwise) and (c) Sheep Irelands entire liability in relation to the provision of the Services (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) shall not exceed the amount of the fees paid for the Services.

4.2.2. The owner (a) must maintain appropriate liability insurance and, if requested, must provide evidence of such insurance to Sheep Ireland and (b) agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified Sheep Ireland, its employees, agents and contractors against any claims or liabilities that may arise in relation to the Services as a result of (i) any damage caused to any property, person or animal or (ii) the acts or omissions of the owner, its employees, agents or contractors or (iii) any breach by the owner of these terms and conditions.

4.3. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon giving the other at least 30 days' notice in writing. In addition, Sheep Ireland may terminate the Services immediately by notice in writing to the farmer/owner if:

4.3.1. Sheep Ireland is not satisfied for any reason with results recorded on any animal of a flock or with the timeliness of recording of relevant data on any animal.

4.3.2. the farmer does anything which, in Sheep Ireland's opinion, damages or has the potential to damage Sheep Ireland's reputation or the reputation of the Services.

4.3.3. the farmer breaches the contract or any of these terms and conditions.

4.5 The Services will be provided in accordance with Sheep Ireland's standard terms and conditions, a copy of which can be found at the following link (https://www.sheep.ie/?page_id=45) or on the Sheep Ireland website. In the event of inconsistency between the standard terms and the above conditions, the above conditions will prevail.

I/We, _____ of _____ apply to participate in the LambPlus Services and confirm that I/We agree to comply with and to be bound by the terms and conditions as set out above and also Sheep Ireland's standard terms and conditions (which can be found at the following link (https://www.sheep.ie/?page_id=45)).

5. Sheep Ireland and LambPlus Contact details

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