



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:*
 - 1.2.1. *Mating*
 - 1.2.2. *Pregnancy*
 - 1.2.3. *Lambing*
 - 1.2.4. *Weights*
 - 1.2.5. *Muscle and Fat depth*
 - 1.2.6. *€uroStars and Genetic Trends*
 - 1.2.7. *Genomic Results*
- 1.3. *Access to the Sheep Ireland Genomic service (Parentage, genomics, scrapie). This service is subject to additional fees, terms, and conditions (a copy of these Genomic T&C's can be found at https://www.sheep.ie/?page_id=45).*
- 1.4. *The ability to have €uroStar evaluations included in sales catalogues for animals that meet the criteria set out in section 4.1. 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 genetic evaluation regularly. 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, the Breeder Search, and a selection of mart sale boards. Flocks that do not meet the minimum criteria for performance recording may not be included in these promotions. This criteria includes but is not limited to having a flock DQI of 40% or greater, or not having recorded any lambing events within the year of the contract. The Customer acknowledges and agrees that certain parts of his/her personal data comprising name, address, phone numbers, and email addresses will be used to promote the national breed improvement programme via the methods listed in this paragraph and potentially others*

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. Late LambPlus membership applications may be subject to late fees. The availability and terms and conditions of the Services shall be reviewed by Sheep Ireland annually.

3. **Fees**

3.1. The current fees (2023/2024) for the Services are as follows

3.1.1. **€50 (Group 1):** For Pedigree flocks that also have their flockbook data available on the Sheep Ireland database (Belclare, Beltex, Blue Texel, Charollais, Cladoir, Dutch Spotted, Galway, Hampshire Down, Rouge de L'Ouest, Ryeland, Suffolk, Texel, Valais Blacknose, Vendeen & Zwartbles)

3.1.2. **€100 (Group 2):** For all other lowland pedigree flocks not listed in Group 1.

3.1.3. **Free (Group 3):** For commercial flocks and hill flocks for this year (Blackface and Cheviot).

Please Note:

- If a flock has animals in group 1, 2 and 3, then the higher rate applies.
- Cash payments are not accepted.
- **Flocks can simply apply to renew their LambPlus membership online using card payment only.**
- Fees are reviewed annually by Sheep Ireland and are subject to change. Farmers will be notified of any such changes.
- Fees apply per account, note if a dual flock exists (a flock that is using the same designator/herd number as a parent account) this flock will be charged a fee under the rules outlined above.

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):

1. meeting the minimum flock DQI requirement of 40%..
2. an EBV or index must have at least 20% accuracy for it to be published.
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. lambs must be created on the Sheep Ireland database prior to May 1st (Lowland) or June 1st (Hill) in the season of birth to receive EuroStars in that year.*
- 5. animals must be tagged with their official NSIS tag and have that tag number recorded to the animal on the database prior to May 1st (Lowland) or June 1st (Hill). If a flock is found to have recorded NSIS tags on the database, but not inserted them into their sheep, then the flock may be removed from LambPlus.*

4.1.1. EuroStars will only be generated and published for males that are purebred animals where the breeder is a member of the respective breed society or breeding group or if they are an F1 Cross (i.e. Two purebred pedigree registered parents of different Breeds and where the breeder is an active/current member of the dams breed society or breeding group) and all females as long as they also pass all the criteria outlined in section 4.1.

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.

4.3. 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.

4.4. 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.

- 4.5. *Currently, only animals in flocks that reside in the Republic of Ireland (pedigree or commercial females and males that meet the criteria set out in section 4.1) with a DQI of 40% or above will be eligible for the LambPlus Genomic subsidy OR any Hill animal (Blackface or Cheviot) that is in a flock that is a part of a recognised breeding group for that breed. Sheep Ireland reserves the right to adjust the Sheep Ireland genomic subsidy at any point in time.*
- 4.6. *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:*
- *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.*
 - *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.*
 - *the farmer breaches the contract or any of these terms and conditions.*
- 4.7. *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.*
- 4.8. *Sheep Ireland reserves the right to not generate Eurostars ratings for animals if in Sheep Ireland's opinion, it is not in the interest of the national breed improvement programme.*

5. *Sheep Ireland and LambPlus Contact details*

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