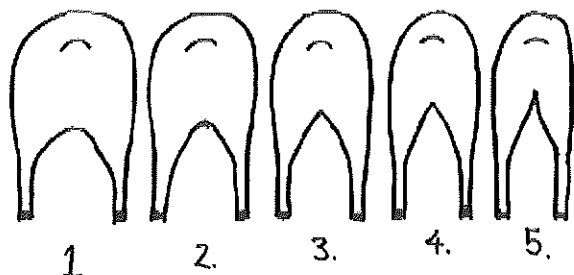


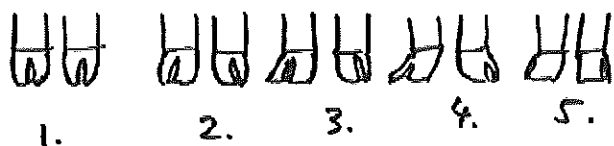
**Structural traits**

This year we have had our entire 2019 drop independently assessed for structure. This has been undertaken so that purchasers can be more comfortable about buying rams without seeing them. The sheep are scored in the following way.

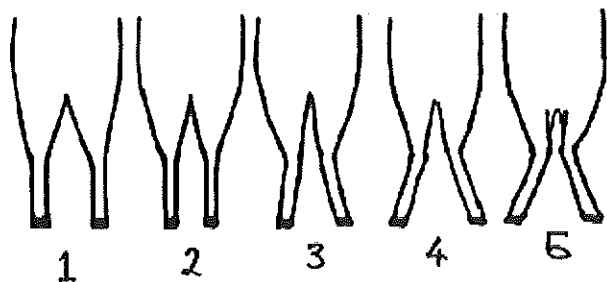
**BUTT SHAPE**



**FRONT FOOT TWIST**



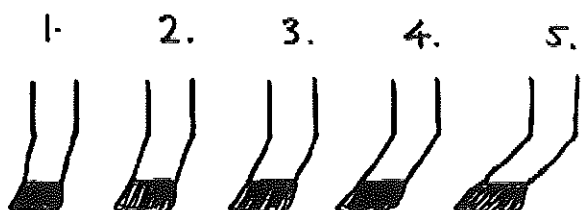
**HOCKS**



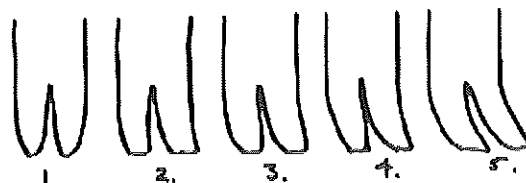
**FRONT PASTERNS**

**BACK PASTERNS**

Record worst of two feet.



**FRONT FOOT ROLL**. stored as separate tabs.  
**BACK FOOT ROLL**.



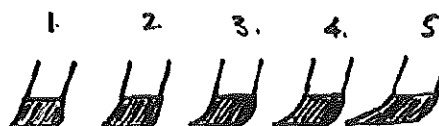
ROLL DIRECTION. IN (I) the tips of the hoof end up facing away from the body.  
OUT (O) the tips of the hoof end up toward body.

Score both feet record the worst foot.

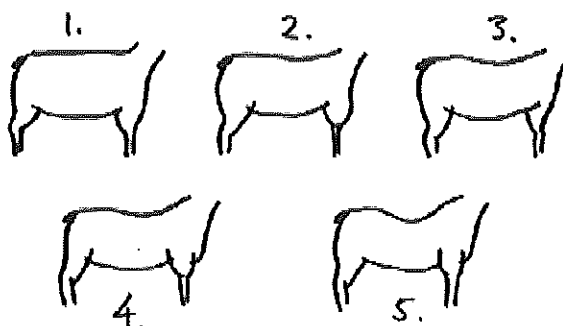
**FRONT FOOT SHAPE**

**BACK FOOT SHAPE**

Assign the score of the worst foot.



**TOPLINE**



The visual structure score for these traits has been included in the catalogue this year as raw data and not an ASBV. Our long term aim is that Sheep Genetics will produce breeding values for structural traits. This will incorporate pedigree, giving a more reliable indication of the likely hood of structural problems being passed onto progeny.

We also have photos of all the rams offered this year. Photos are taken from the front, back, top and side. These photos are able to be seen in the Auctions Plus catalogue or on a USB on request.

We realize that most people still want to see the sheep for themselves however we are striving to give the best description for those people who find it difficult to attend the sale in person.