

AWSA Satellite Flock Update

July 2021

The AWSA Satellite Flock lambs were marked on Thursday the 1st July. The number of lambs that made it to marking was a little disappointing when compared to the number of lambs that were expected after pregnancy scanning. Unfortunately a major cold front with very strong winds and heavy rain impacted the ewes during and just after lambing.

There were 276 lambs expected after pregnancy scanning and 208 lambs were marked. All lambs had a TSU taken for Genomic and Parentage testing. Once these results have been received we will be able to ascertain the sire parentage and number of lambs marked per sire.

The next stage in the project will be to take a weaning weight then weigh and scan the lambs and take a pre-slaughter weight. Following slaughter the UNE Meat Science team will undertake carcase measurements and eating quality analysis on all the carcasses. All data will be submitted to Sheep Genetics and be reported as ASBV's for the sires.

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