

Hill Ram Scheme

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Llanymawddwy



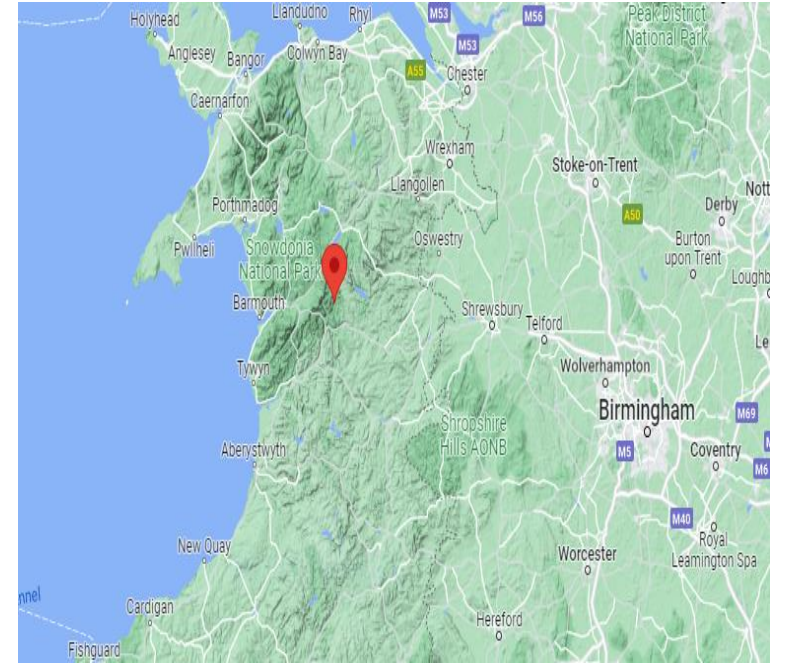


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Bryn Uchaf

- Partnership in 2019
- **272ha** with **201ha** mountain/rough grazing



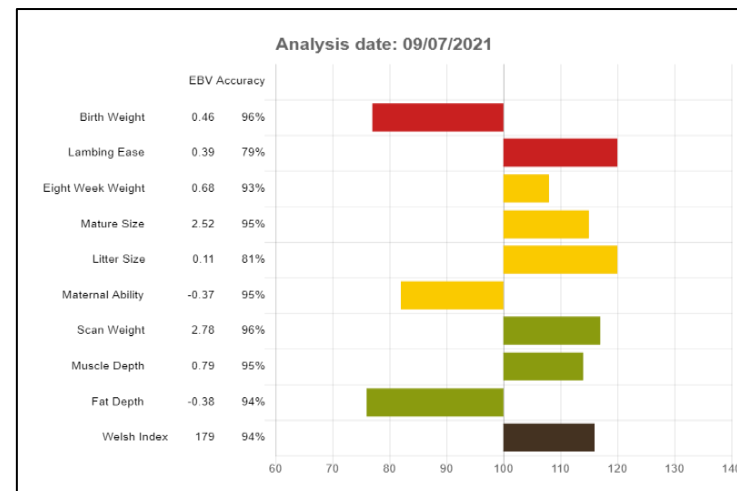
Sheep Enterprises

- 500 Welsh mountain hill flock
 - 350 to Welsh mountain rams
 - 100 to Aberfield rams
 - 50 to NZ Suffolk
- 200 Aberfield ewes
 - 50 yearlings to NZ Suffolk rams
 - 150 to Texel rams



Why join the HCC Hill Ram Scheme?

- Physical performance concerns
- Desire to improve the flock – potentially sell rams
- Refrain from using a different ‘type’
- Funding
- **NEEDED DATA**





Scan weights = Immediate results

Ram 1

- Av scan weight 26.73kg

Ram 2

- Av scan weight 21.90kg

4.8kg difference



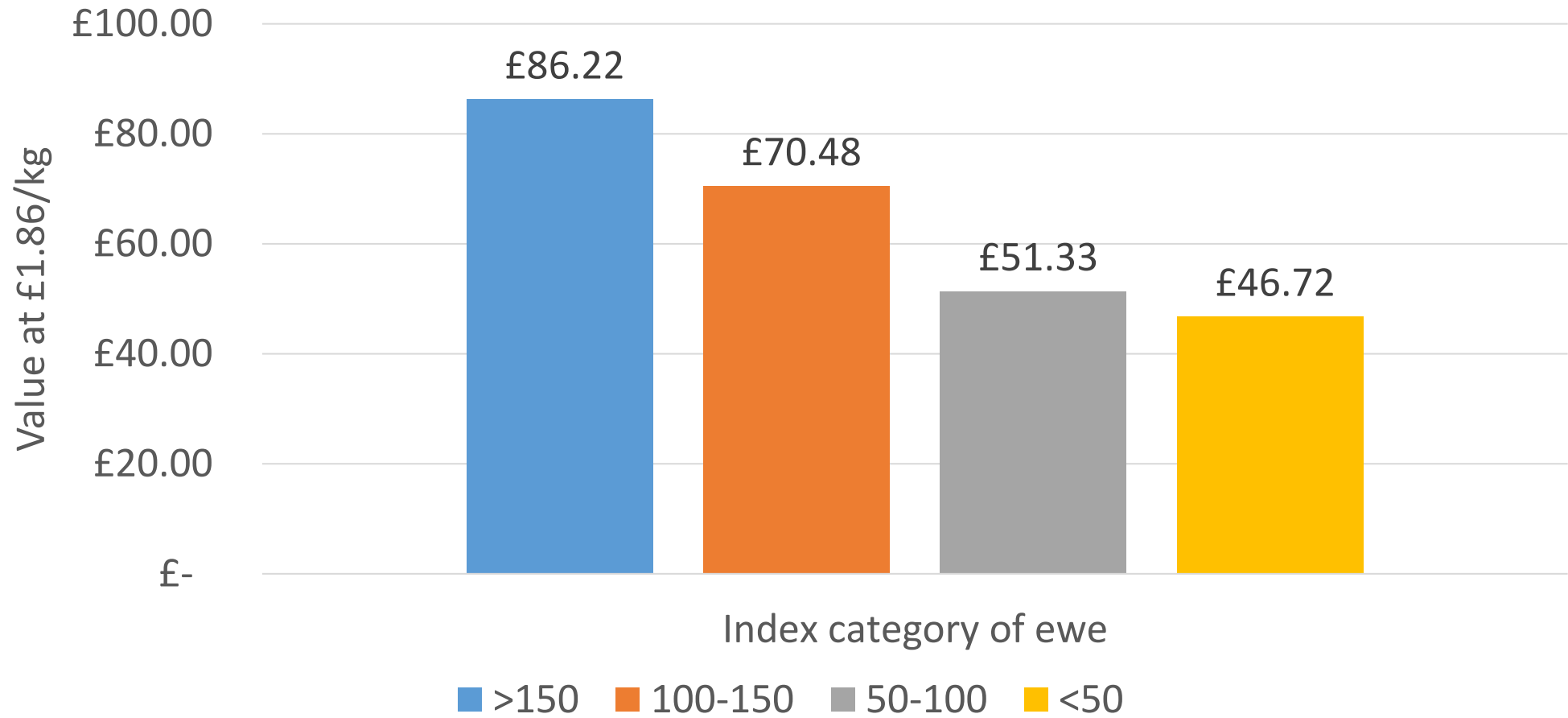
Ram index's

- Huge variation in index's
- From 206 down to 7!
- Breed average 117

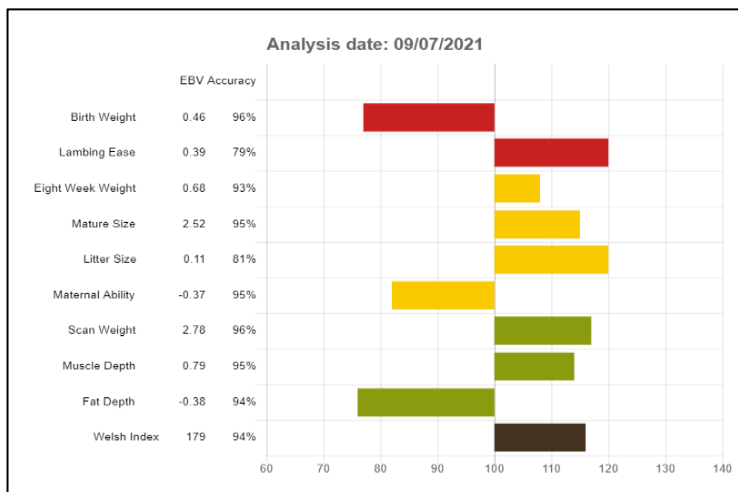


Summary of total lamb weight produced per ewe in:			2022
Ewe Index	Total lamb weight at 8 weeks	Total lamb weight at scanning	Value (£1.86/kg)
Above 150	25.4kg	46.4kg	£ 86.22
100-150	23.2kg	37.9kg	£ 70.48
50-100	16.4kg	27.6kg	£ 51.33
Less than 50	14.7kg	25.1kg	£ 46.72

2022 - Value of Weight of lamb produced by ewe (@£1.86/kg)



Decisions this year



- Based on 2 years data
- Bottom 10% ewes
- Top 50% drafted ewes
- 2 recorded rams purchased
- Older rams used based on index
- Electric fenced the mountain

Diolch yn fawr/Thank you

