

Tregaron Welsh Mountain



Factfile:

- 75 recorded Tregaron Welsh Mountain ewes (650 unrecorded)
- 650 acre hill farm near Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire
- Member of the Tregaron Sire Reference Scheme

Eirwyn and Irwel Jones started recording part of their Tregaron Welsh Mountain flock about five years ago. At the time eight breeders came together to form the Tregaron Welsh Mountain Group. Each put forward ewes for AI but since no indexed rams were available at the time they used the best ram out of the Group members flocks, selected on type and conformation.

At the time, the Group were trying to get a balance between type and increased performance. The Jones' primary aim was to get bigger lambs with improved conformation that finished earlier. They also hoped to improve the sale of rams for breeding.

The Jones' have made sure that they didn't keep any animals with a low index and have been making special efforts to remove any ewes with recurrent parasite infections. As a result the index has gradually been improving and muscle depth has increased considerably. This has enabled ewe numbers to be reduced but the quality of the ewes and their lambs has increased.

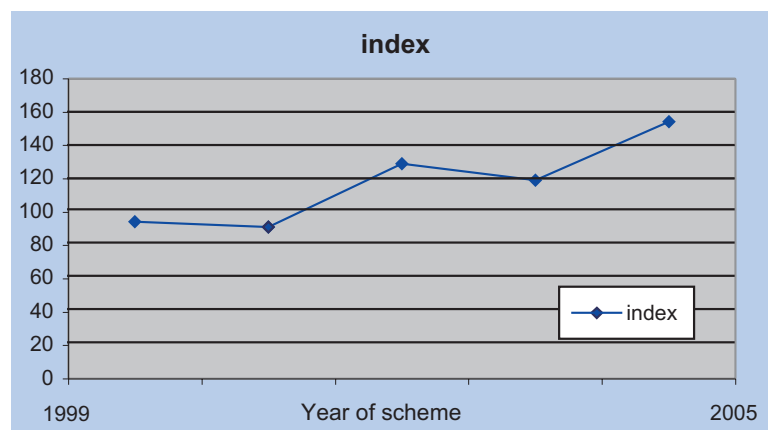
Irwel recognises that they haven't been recording long enough yet to see big differences in deadweight but is pleased with the progress they are making, "Our index is improving; this year we have had a few ram lambs with a very high index whilst also being good type. Semen from a high index yearling ram was chosen to be used across the Group, so we should start to see some marked differences in the next year or two."

The Jones' are now focussing on improving muscle and growth rates. This year they have also used high index rams from the recorded flock on some of their unrecorded ewes.

One index point in financial terms is worth 2p/ lamb

By recording the flock over the last 5 years the Jones the index had risen by 60 points or £1.20/ lamb.

Using high index sires over the whole flock means that substantial gains can be made.



SRS – Sire Reference Scheme enables a ram's performance to be measured over a range of flock and farm types.

Defaid Mynydd Cymreig Tregaron



Ffeil Ffeithiau:

- 75 o famogiaid Mynydd Cymreig Tregaron wedi'u cofnodi (650 heb eu cofnodi)
- fferm â 650 erw o dir uchel ger Llanwrda, Sir Gaerfyrddin
- Aelod o Gynllun Cyfeirnod Hyrddod Tregaron

Dechreuodd Eirwyn ac Irwel Jones gofnodi rhan o'u diadell Mynydd Cymreig Tregaron tua phum mlynedd yn ôl. Bryd hynny daeth wyth o fridwyr at ei gilydd er mwyn ffurfio Grŵp Defaid Mynydd Cymreig Tregaron. Cyflwynodd pob un famogiaid ar gyfer semenu artiffisial ond am nad oedd unrhyw hyrddod â mynegrif ar gael, defnyddiwyd yr hwrdd gorau allan o ddiadelloedd aelodau'r Grŵp, wedi'i ddewis yn ôl teip a chyddfurfiad.

Ar y pryd, roedd y Grŵp yn ceisio cael cydbwysedd rhwng teip a gwell perfformiad. Nod sylfaenol y Jonesiaid oedd cael ŵyn mwy o faint â gwell cyddfurfiad a oedd yn pesgi'n gynharach. Roeddent hefyd yn gobeithio gwerthu mwy o hyrddod ar gyfer bridio.

Mae'r Jonesiaid wedi sicrhau nad ydynt yn cadw unrhyw anifeiliaid â mynegrif isel a gwnaethant ymdrech arbennig i waredu unrhyw famogiaid sy'n dioddef o barasitiaid dro ar ôl tro. Fel canlyniad, mae'r mynegrif wedi gwella'n raddol a chafwyd cynnydd sylweddol yn nhrwch y cyhyrau. Mae hyn wedi galluogi cadw llai o famogiaid gan wella ansawdd y mamogiaid a'u hŵyn.

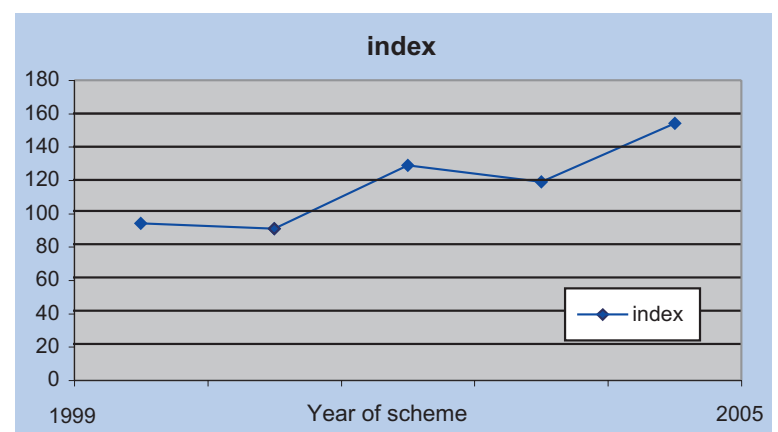
Mae Irwel yn cydnabod nad ydynt wedi cofnodi'n ddigon hir eto i allu gweld gwahaniaethau mawr yn y pwysau marw, ond mae'n fodlon â'r cynnydd sy'n digwydd. "Mae ein mynegrif yn gwella; eleni cawsom nifer o ŵyn hwrdd â mynegrif uchel iawn ac sydd hefyd yn deip da. Dewiswyd semen o oen hwrdd blwydd i'w ddefnyddio ar draws y Grŵp, ac felly dylem weld rhai gwahaniaethau amlwg yn ystod y flwyddyn neu ddwy nesaf."

Mae'r Jonesiaid nawr yn canolbwyntio ar wella cyhyrau a chyfraddau twf. Eleni maent hefyd wedi defnyddio hyrddod mynegrif uchel o'r ddiadell gofnodedig ar rai o'r mamogiaid na chafodd eu cofnodi.

Mae un pwynt mynegrif yn werth 2c yr oen.

Trwy gofnodi'r ddiadell dros y bum mlynedd diwethaf mae'r mynegrif wedi codi 60 pwynt neu £1.20 yr oen.

Mae defnyddio hyrddod mynegrif uchel ar y ddiadell gyfan yn golygu bod modd gwneud enillion sylweddol.



Mae Cynllun Cyfeirnod Hyrddod yn galluogi mesur perfformiad hwrdd ar amrediad o deipiau diadell a fferm.