

# 2010 North American Bluefaced Leicester Breeder's Survey

It's that time of year again! Bluefaced Leicester breeders are being asked to complete a short survey to collect data on lambing percentages in North American Bluefaced Leicester sheep.

The survey this year is divided into three parts:

**PART 1** collects data on **Purebred Bluefaced Leicesters**,

**PART 2** collects data on **Purebred Bluefaced Leicesters** as crossing sires

**PART 3** collects data on **Mule Ewes**

We are asking all breeders to complete the pages of the attached survey that apply to their operation and return the completed form after lambing is completed for 2010.

**All forms should be returned by Aug. 1, 2010.**

When you've completed the survey:

**US producers** can mail it to:

Becky Utecht, 2157 River Oaks Circle, Mora, MN 55051

**Canadian producers** can mail it to:

Jody McLean, Box 1328, Valleyview, AB TOH 3N0 Canada

You can also scan the form and email the file to:

**becky@riveroakssheep.com** or **littesmokeyblues@hughes.net**

Please mention 2010 BFL Breeder Survey in the subject line.

If you have any questions about how to complete the survey, or if you need additional forms, feel free to email or call Becky at 320-679-4117 or Jody at 780-524-2809.

We will compile the data and report the results in the fall after all the information is received.

**You can find the survey results from 2009 online at [www.bflsheep.com](http://www.bflsheep.com), (click on news)**

Thank you for your past participation in the surveys and helping us to learn more about Bluefaced Leicesters in North America!

This survey is done in collaboration with BLU (The Bluefaced Leicester Union of North America).

**2010 North American BFL Breeders Survey:  
PART 1 - PUREBRED BLUEFACED LEICESTERS**

Breeder Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

**Current Total Flock size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current # BFLs:** \_\_\_\_\_ (all ages)  
(All breeds of sheep) **BFL Rams** (over 1 yr): \_\_\_\_\_ **BFL ewes** (over 1 yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the number of **purebred Bluefaced Leicester** sheep in your flock that fit into each breeding category. Questions? Please email [becky@riveroakssheep.com](mailto:becky@riveroakssheep.com) or call 320-679-4117.

	Adult BFL Ewes (>1 yr at time of exposure to ram)	BFL Ewe lambs (under 1 yr old at exposure to ram)	BFL Ewes Artificially Inseminated
1.) # BFL Ewes exposed to ram (or AI'd)			
2.) Did you flush prior to exposure or AI? (Circle one)	Yes      No	Yes      No	Yes      No
2 a.) If yes, with what?			
3.) # BFL Ewe deaths prior to lambing (do not report their fetal counts below)			
4.) # BFL Ewe deaths at lambing (report their lamb counts below)			
5.) # BFL ewes who lambled (include ewes with stillborns and abortions but not ewes who died at lambing)	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____
6.) Total # Lambs born (include stillborns and abortions)			
7.) # live lambs at 7 (seven) days			
8.) # Lambs stillborn or aborted			
9.) # Lamb deaths during days 1 to 6			

Birth weights, suggestions, comments, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

**2010 North American BFL Breeders Survey:  
PART 2 - PUREBRED BLUEFACED LEICESTER SIRES**

Please enter the number of **non-BFL ewes** in your flock that produced lambs sired by a  
**purebred Bluefaced Leicester ram** for each category.  
(Mule ewes should be counted in Part 3)

	Adult Ewes (>1 yr at time of exposure to ram)	Ewe lambs (under 1 yr old at exposure to ram)	
1.) Total # Ewes exposed to BFL ram			Breed(s) of Ewes:
2.) Did you flush prior to exposure or AI? (Circle) 2 a.) If yes, with what?	Yes      No	Yes      No	
3.) # Ewe deaths prior to lambing (do not report their fetal counts below)			Breed(s) of Ewes:
4.) # Ewe deaths at lambing (report their lamb counts below)			Breed(s) of Ewes:
5.) # Ewes who lambed (include ewes with stillborns and abortions but not ewes who died at lambing)	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	Breed(s) of Ewes:
6.) Total # BFL-sired Lambs born (include stillborns and abortions)			
7.) # live BFL-sired lambs at seven days			
8.) # BFL-sired Lambs stillborn or aborted			
9.) # BFL-sired Lamb deaths days 1 to 6			
10.) Birth weight ranges, Average Birth weight If collected			Breed(s) of Ewes:

Explanations, suggestions, comments, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2010 North American BFL Breeders Survey:  
PART 3 - MULE EWES**

Please enter the number of **Mule ewes** in your flock that produced lambs for each category.

**Note: a "mule" is the product of a purebred dam and a purebred BFL sire.**

*When specifying type of mule, list the dam's breed first, i.e., Scottish Mule, Shetland Mule, Clun Mule, etc.*

	Adult Mule Ewes (>1 yr at time of exposure to ram)	Mule Ewe lambs (under 1 yr old at exposure to ram)	
1.) Total # Mule Ewes exposed to ram			Type(s) of Mules: Breed of Ram:
2.) Did you flush prior to exposure? (Circle one) 2 a.) If yes, with what?	Yes      No	Yes      No	
3.) # Mule Ewe deaths prior to lambing (do not report their fetal counts below)			Type(s) of Mules:
4.) # Mule Ewe deaths at lambing (report their lamb counts below)			Type(s) of Mules:
5.) # Mule Ewes who lambbed (include ewes with stillborns and abortions but not ewes who died at lambing)	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	5a.) # single births: _____ 5b.) # twin birth: _____ 5c.) # triplet births: _____ 5d.) Quads or more: _____	Type(s) of Mules: Breed of Ram:
6.) Total # Lambs born To Mule Ewes (include stillborns and abortions)			
7.) # live lambs from Mules at seven days			
8.) # Lambs from Mules stillborn or aborted			
9.) # Lamb from Mules who died days 1 to 6			
10.) Birth weight ranges of lambs from Mules, Average Birth weight			Type(s) of Mules: Breed of Ram:

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***Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey!***