

Irish Vendéen Sheep Society 26th Annual Premier Sale

on

Saturday 9th July, 2022

Judge: Mr. Michael McHugh

Show at 10.30 am sharp Sale at 1.00 pm sharp

in

Roscommon Livestock Mart Shearling rams, Ram lambs (Lots 1-55) Shearling ewes, Ewe lambs (Lots 56-72)

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Irish Vendeen Sheep Society Premier Sale History

On Saturday July 9th, the Irish Vendeen Sheep Society will host their Premier sale in Roscommon Livestock Mart. Here is a quick review as to how we got here. The breed arrived in Ireland in the mid eighty's and grew in popularity year on year, by the early nineties, new breeders had brought the breed to practically every corner of Ireland. Each breeder had to find their own customers and new breeders sourced their stock animals by visiting existing and established breeders. There was a national committee who were responsible to oversee the functions of the breed, but a growing number of breeders wanted an organised sale event to help the breed go to the next stage. Many were uncertain as to whether the breed was ready for this but, by 1995 a decision was made, after much debate, to host such an event. George Sunderland of the Ballymoyle flock down in Wicklow and myself were given the task to organise such an event. Michael Oliver of the Knockbrack flock and Tom Duffy of the Tallaght Flock joined us, as the early events were breaking new ground into the unknown. Naas Livestock Mart was chosen as our first venue and we were off. Our early sales were a steep learning curve with the early events hosting over 100 sheep and with year-on-year refinement's to rules and standards, the event has grown into what it is today. Great credit is due to the council and sales committee for moving with the times and while the title Premier Sale started out as an ambition the event has grown into that title. Great credit must go to the many breeders who have targeted the event and succeeded on having prize winners, Champions, and top prices at the event. The record for top male sold at the event belongs to the Killeen flock of M & A Crowe of €1760 and sold to the Cottage flock of G & Y Johnson. The female record belongs to Tom Duffy's Tallaght flock and selling to Joey Walsh's Tober flock for €860. The event has had a few homes, Naas, Trim, Delvin and for the last number of years Roscommon, it is not just a sales event but a social occasion for breeders, new and old from every corner of the country to meet up and keep friendships alive. The biggest ambition of any breeder is to hold the Harry Browne Memorial cup which goes to the overall champion each year and indeed looking back, has found its way all over the country.

Irish Vendeen Sheep Society Premier Sale 10th July 2021

Our 25th annual premier sale was held in Roscommon Mart on Saturday 10th of July. It was the largest sale and number of exhibitors the premier sale has had in recent years. The society was delighted to hold their first sale that only had DNA parentage verified sheep for sale.

The ram prices on the day were on average almost €800 and females €500.

Sale champion, Noggus Warrior, bred by Ciaran Coughlan from Ferbane, Co Offaly, sold for €1,600

Sale Champions:

Year	Winner	Flock		
1996	Michael Oliver	Knockbrack		
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1998	Adrian Fitzsimons	Decoursey		
1999	Tom Duffy	Tallaght		
2000	G&Y Johnson	Cottage		
2001	M&A Crowe	Killeen		
2002	Tom Duffy	Tallaght		
2003	M&A Crowe	Killeen		
2004	Ena Nagel	Landmark		
2005	Cheryl O'Brien	Quitrent		
2006	Ena Nagel	Landmark		
2007	M&A Crowe	Killeen		
2008	Cheryl O'Brien	Quitrent		
2009	Cheryl O'Brien	Quitrent		
2010	G&Y Johnson	Cottage		
2011	Damien Conboy	Carrane		
2012	Tom Duffy	Tallaght		
2013	Cianan McKenna	Gilltown		
2014	John Lynch	Ballinascraw		
2015	John Lynch	Ballinascraw		
2016	John Lynch	Ballinascraw		
2017	Ena Nagel	Landmark		
2018	John Lynch	Ballinascraw		
2019	John Lynch	Ballinascraw		
2020	N/A due to Covid-19	N/A due to Covid-19		
2021	Ciaran Coughlan	Noggus		

Role of Honour:

John Lynch – 5

Tom Duffy – 3

M&A Crowe - 3

Cheryl O'Brien - 3

Ena Nagel – 3

G&Y Johnson – 2

Michael Oliver – 2

Ciaran Coughlan - 1

Damien Conboy - 1

Cianan McKenna - 1

Adrian Fitzsimons - 1

Irish Vendéen Sheep Society – Premier Sale

On Saturday 9th July 2022 in Roscommon Livestock Mart, the Irish Vendéen Sheep Society welcome you to their 26th Annual Premier Sale. All of the animals on offer have been recorded by Sheep Ireland using the lamb plus recording scheme. The sheep are ranked on a star basis for terminal and replacement traits. The indices published in this catalogue are the evaluation run on 24th June 2022 by Sheep Ireland. The Vendéen breed is mainly a terminal sire breed, so most emphasis should be put on this trait. There are 55 males and 17 females in this year's sale. Lambs all have the pedigree code in the format XYZ**22**0AA; while shearlings have the pedigree code in the format XYZ**21**0AA. Animals in this catalogue that have been recorded have their star rating included.

Vendéen Sheep originated from the West Coast of France where they experience hot/dry summers and cold/wet winters, which leave them adaptable to all types of farming systems – be it intensive or extensive. Since their introduction to Ireland they have steadily gained in popularity due to their many unique qualities. The sheep themselves are very distinguishable with their bulky looks, tight skins, and good wool cover including the crown of their heads that leaves lambs very warm and hardy even in harsh winter conditions.

Vendéen crosses have remarkably low mortality rates at birth; they have great up and go and are easy to flesh. They are suitable for both intensive indoor and extensive outdoor lambing. The Vendéen cross has a medium bone and compact heavy muscle carcass that results in a high kill out percentage due to minimal waste. They tend to grade as E, U or R with fat class 3 when appropriately finished. They make excellent lambs for the export market with a high lean to fat ratio. Pure Vendéen rams have earned the reputation as hard workers and are proven to be exceptionally fertile. They are non-seasonal breeders and so are excellent workers all year round and make ideal terminal Sire's for early lamb production as well as for mid-season lambing. Why not try a Vendéen Ram in your flock and see the benefits for yourself. Once you've tried a Vendéen you will be back for more!! Good luck with your use of Vendéens in 2022/2023.

Irish Vendéen Sheep Society

Irish Vendéen Sheep Society special sale rules

- 1. All Pedigree Sheep to be sold in Euro.
- 2. A commission will be charged to the buyer of 5% of the purchase price + VAT at 4.3% on the commission only.
- 3. The Auctioneers will pass from any pedigree animal not receiving bids to the value of €350 for males and €250 for females. Bids will be sought in increments at the Auctioneers discretion.
- 4. Any animals in the Sale Premises which are sold by private treaty after the Auction are subject to the full commission on the price realised and such transactions must be passed through the Mart.
- 5. All Sheep offered for sale at 1 year old or older are to be bare clipped after the 1st April preceding the sale. No sheep to be dressed apart from tidying heads and legs. Tails may be squared off.
- 6. All sheep to be sold in the appropriate class and in the owner's flock group. All sheep born on or after 1st December 2021 are classified as lambs. Those born between 1st December 2020 and 30th November 2021 are classified as shearlings.
- 7. The order of sale in each group is by ballot (arranged by the Sales Committee). Each lot will be sold before the next one is commenced. If unsold, lots 1 to 5 in the sale may be re-run after lot 29. No other lots may re-run.
- 8. Sale Champion will be run after lot 20, followed directly by Reserve Champion.
- 9. All sheep to be sold singly and will be identified by lot number.
- 10. All sheep inspected for correctness at entry to the sale. The decision of the inspectors is final.
- 11. The sales committee has made every effort to ensure that the information presented is accurate and correct as supplied by the Vendor. The Irish Vendéen Sheep Society and its sales committee accept no liability for any errors therein or any consequences of such errors.
- 12. Each breeder may exhibit a **maximum** of 3 animals per show class.

The following minimum weight limits apply: Shearling rams 90 kg; Ram lambs 65 kg; Shearling ewes 65 kg; Ewe lambs 50 Kg

Please note: All star ratings, indices and information provided are accurate on the day of creating the catalogue. Buyers are advised to consult the Sheep Ireland website on the day of sale for up-to-date figures.

VENDORS

Lot	Vendor				
16, 62	Joseph Cannon - Timolin, Banagher, Co. Offaly				
27, 28, 31, 44, 45, 46, 67, 68, 72	Ciaran Coughlan - Noggus, Ferbane, Co. Offaly				
11, 12, 50, 51, 52	Mark And Audrey Crowe - Killeen Road, Dunsany, Co. Meath				
23, 24, 38, 39, 40, 56, 57, 59, 65, 66	Andrew Gilmore - Cortubber, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan				
9, 10	James And Mary Hannon - Islandmore, Kilmaine, Co. Mayo				
21, 22, 49	Shane And Sonny Jennings - Cahergal, Tuam, Co. Galway				
17, 18	Mark Keenaghan - Endrim, Ferbane, Co. Offaly				
29, 33	Shay Kennedy - Churchtown Hill, Carrick On Suir, Co. Waterford				
58	Michael Kielty - 2 Fairgreen, Ballymote, Co. Sligo				
1, 2, 30, 47, 48	John Lynch - Ballinascraw, Ballinalee, Co. Longford				
19, 20, 63, 64	David Mcmahon - Kennellyduff, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan				
32, 69, 70, 71	Martin Mcmenamin - Sessiaghoneill, Ballybofey, Lifford, Co. Donegal				
3, 4, 34	Stephen And Michaela Mulvey - Abhaile, Jarretstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath				
13, 14, 41, 42, 43	Ena Nagle - Landmark, Ballyloughy, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork				
25, 26, 35, 36, 37	Cheryl O Brien - Springvale, Kildorrery, Co. Cork				
15, 60, 61	Brendan And Carmel Rooney - Drumfad, Moneygold, Grange, Co. Sligo				
5, 6, 53, 54, 55	Kieran Smith - Cloonminda, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway				
7, 8	Tim Stevens - Ballylickey Lodge, Ballylickey, Bantry, Co. Cork				

Important: The Pedigree Information printed in this catalogue is as supplied by or on behalf of the breeder. The responsibility for the accuracy of the information therefore rests solely with the breeder and not Sheep Ireland.

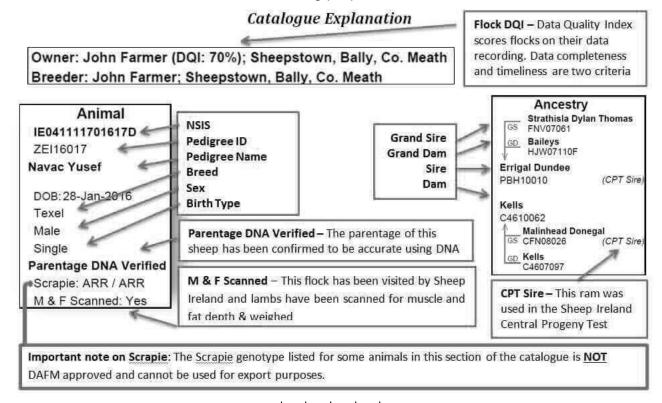
Sheep Ireland €uroStars

How to select a ram fit for purpose?



100%

Evaluations should **never be the only tool** you use when selecting animals for breeding. Animals must also be examined to ensure the animal is also physically correct; an animal that is not physically correct (ie. mouth, feet, etc.) cannot compensate for this fault regardless of its evaluation and should be avoided for breeding purposes.



€uroStars – How to interpret them

- · Each star represents where the animal ranks on each index in 20% bounds
- · One star represents the bottom 20% of the breed for that trait
- · Five star represents the top 20% of the breed for that trait
- The higher the stars, the higher the predicted profitability of that animal



Animals that only have the outline of a star represent animals that have within flock evaluations, this means the star rating of these animals can not be compared to any other animals from a different flock.

Rank

This figure indicates more precisely where the animals rank within the breed. eg. Top 11% (see example below)

This is displayed with the black pointer, the further to the right these are on the scale, the better its position with the breed.

Acc % (Accuracy%)

- This figure is very important as it represents the amount of data behind each evaluation. Where Acc is low, much less emphasis should be placed on the evaluation, and vice versa.
- This is displayed with the grey pointer, the further to the right these are on the scale, the more information this evaluation is based on. e.g. Acc 43% (see example on previous page)

Acc % parameters

V.Poor, 0% - 14% **Poor**, 15% - 24%

Fair, 25% - 34% Good, 35% - 49%

V.Good, 50% and abov

Indexes & Traits

1) Replacement (€1.126) – If a farmer desires a ram to breed both lambs both for slaughter and replacement ewe lambs then they should select a ram based on this index. The bulk of this index is a combination of Lamb Survivability, Days to Slaughter, No. of lambs born & Daughters milk. The € value beside the index represents the difference in profit that each lamb sired from this ram will have.

2) Terminal (€0.542) – If a farmer desires a ram to breed only lambs for slaughter then they should select a ram based on this index. The bulk of this index is a combination of Lamb Survivability and Days to Slaughter. The € value beside the index represents the difference in profit that each lamb sired from this ram will have.

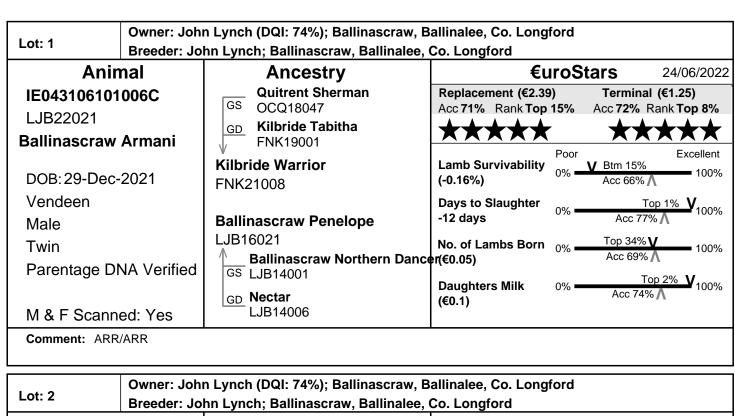
- 3) Lamb Survivability This ranks animals based on lambing ease and lamb survival rate. Every positive % point on this index is an extra lamb surviving to 40 days and vice versa.
- 4) Days to Slaughter This ranks animals on their genetic ability to grow. The index associated with this trait represents the difference in the predicted number of days required for the progeny of this ram to reach the desired slaughtered weight compared with other animals of the same breed.
- 5) No. of Lambs Born This ranks animals based on the predicted prolificacy of the females from this animal compared with other animals of the same breed.
- **6) Daughters Milk** This ranks animals based on the predicted milking performance of their daughters compared with other animals of the same breed.

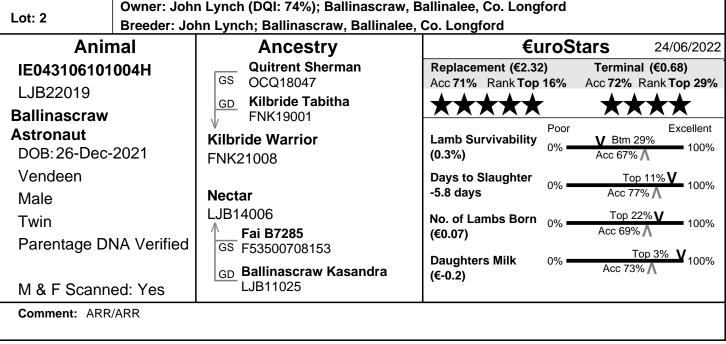
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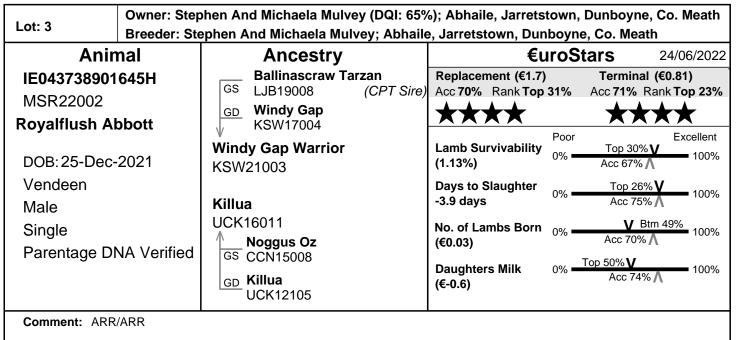
The Sheep Ireland Online Ram search is also available at ramsearch.ie, you can use this tool to get the most up to date evaluations for a ram, to **search for rams by county, breed and current evaluation ratings**.

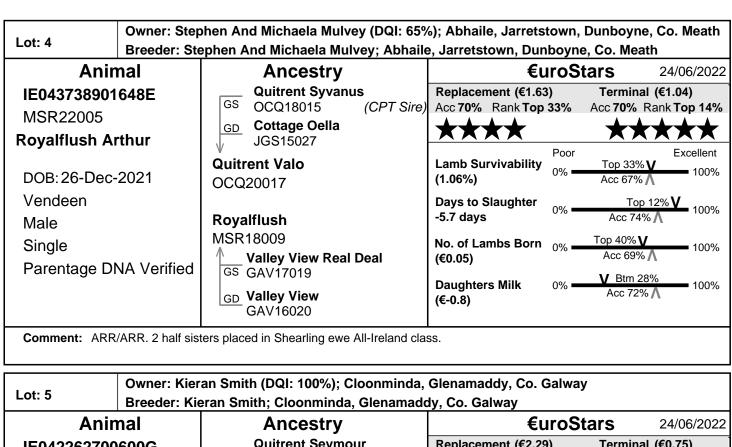
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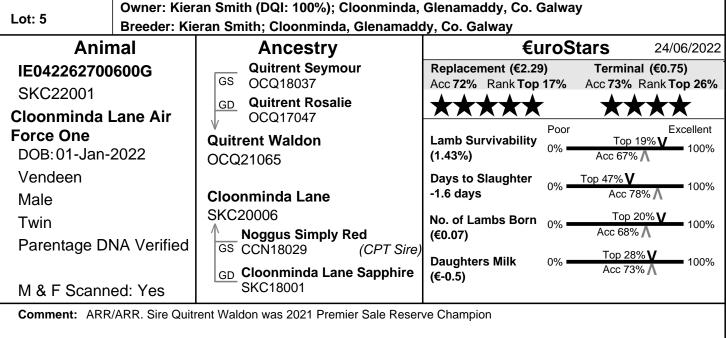
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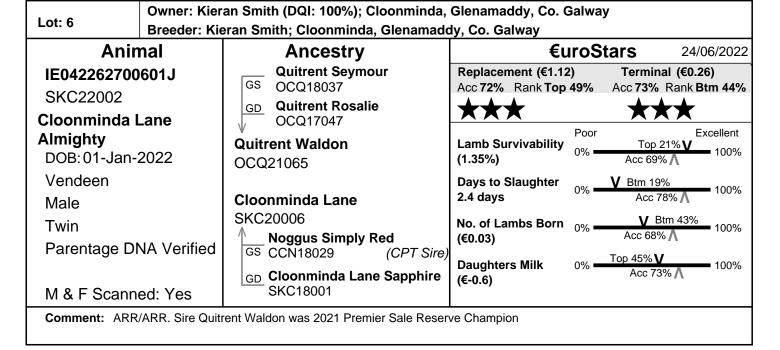


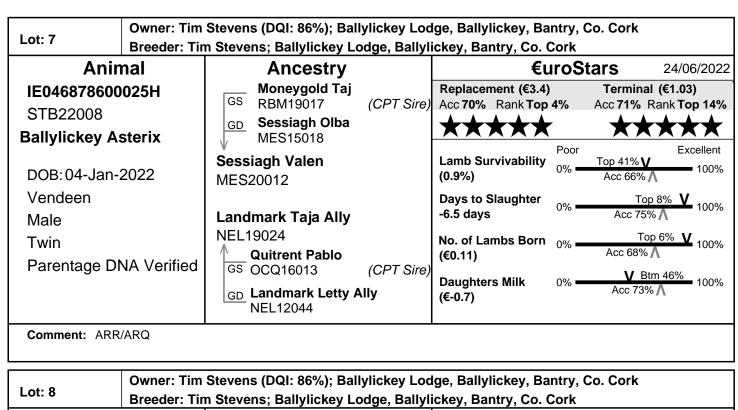


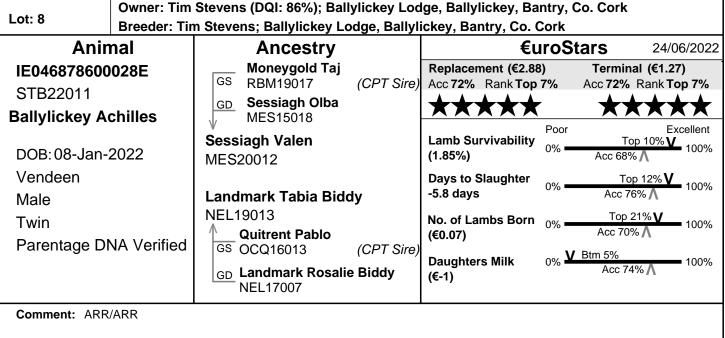


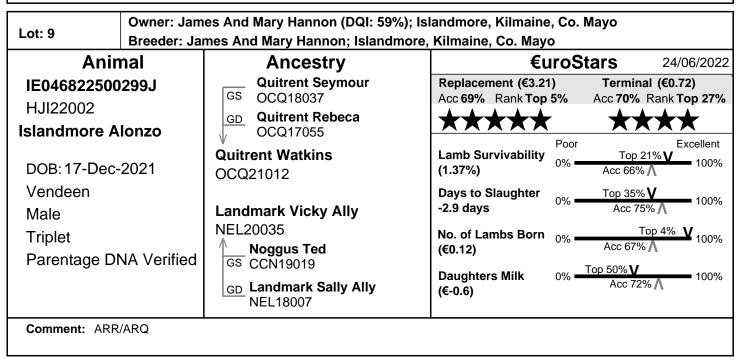


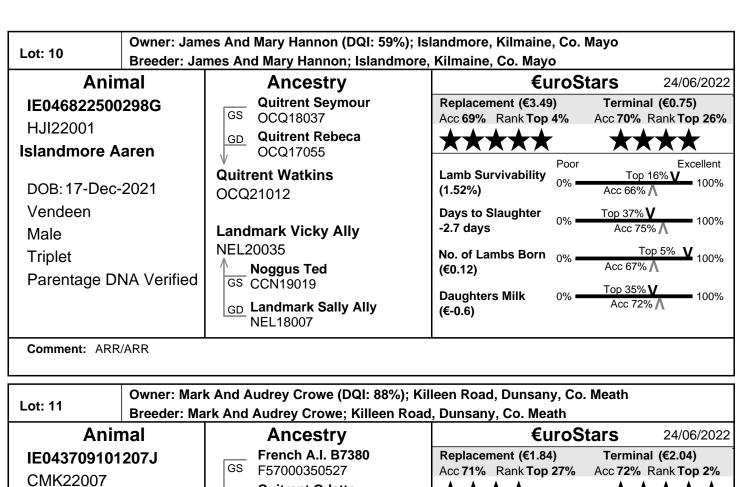


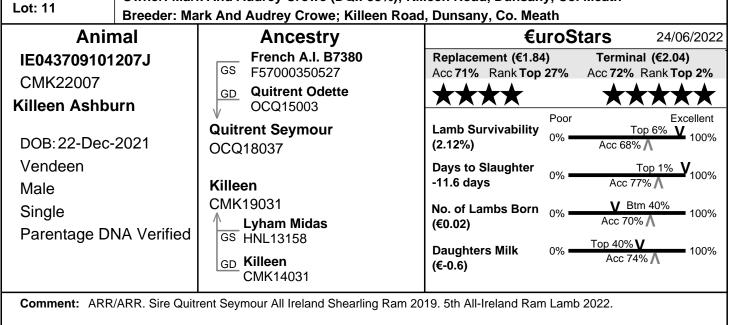


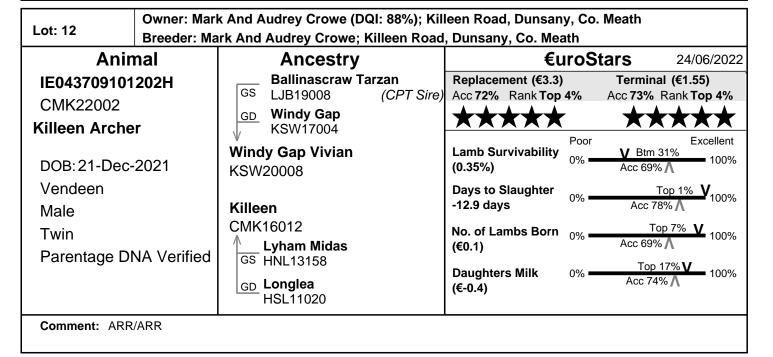


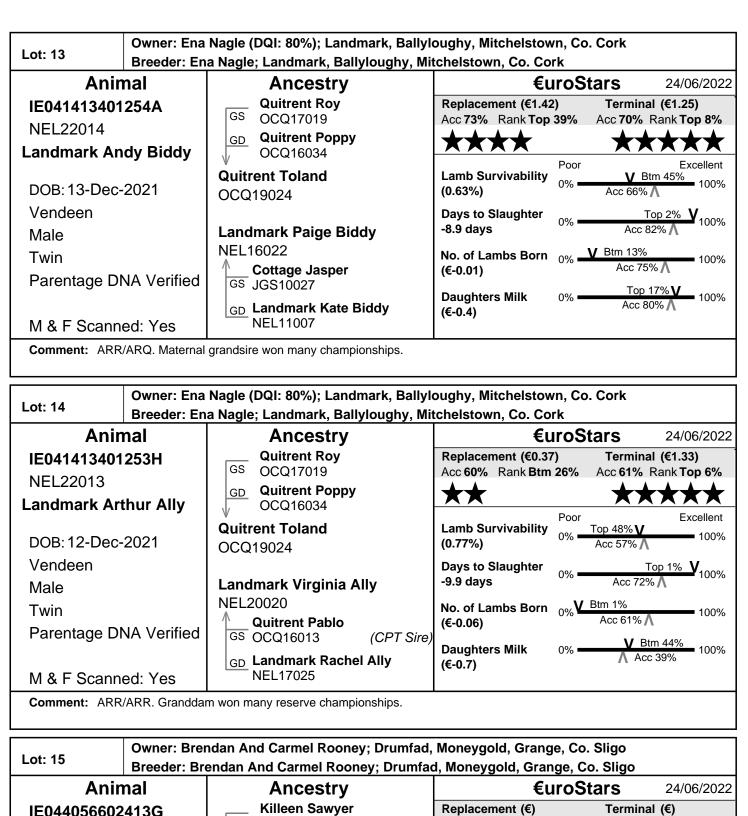


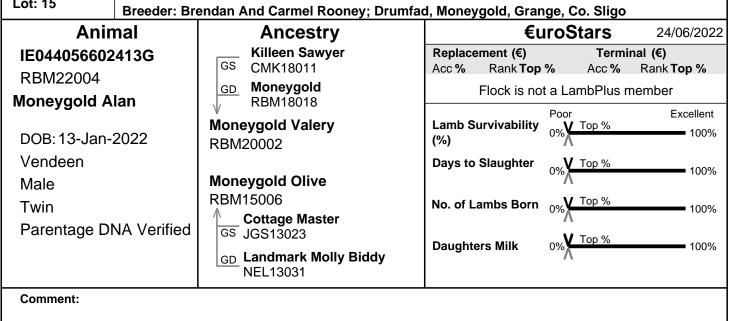


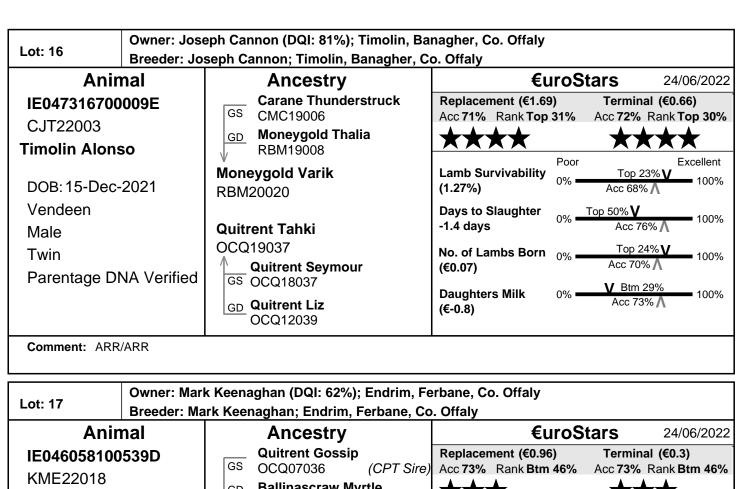


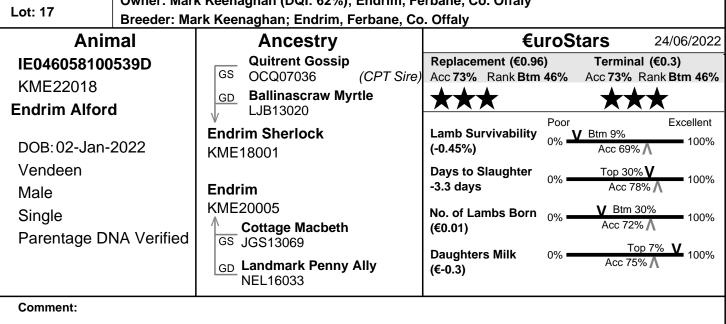


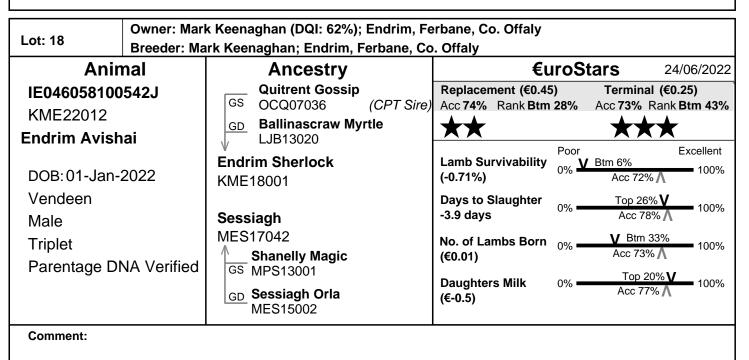


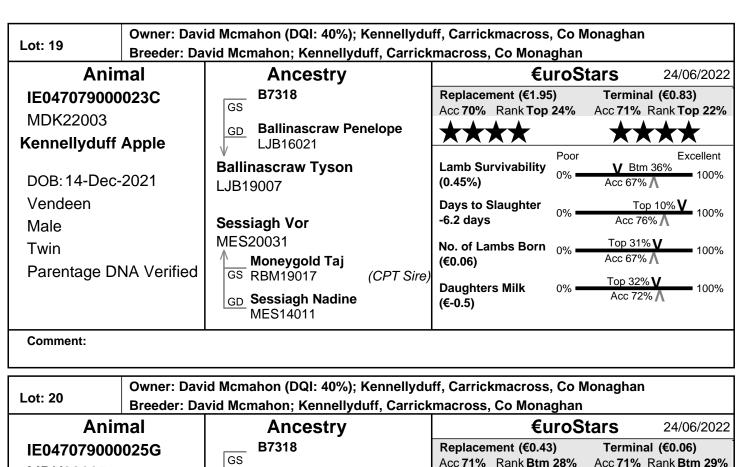


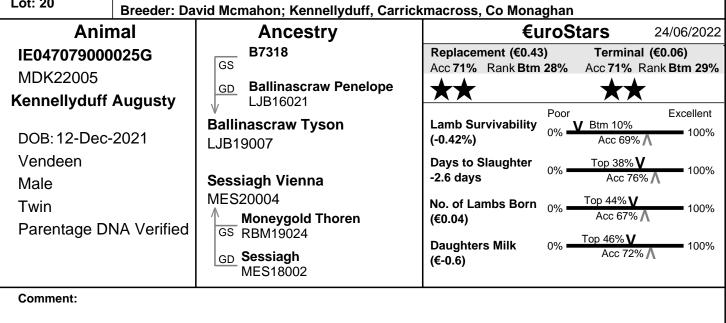


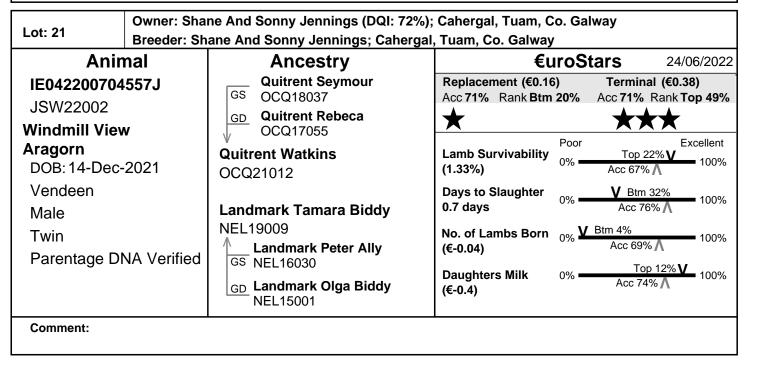


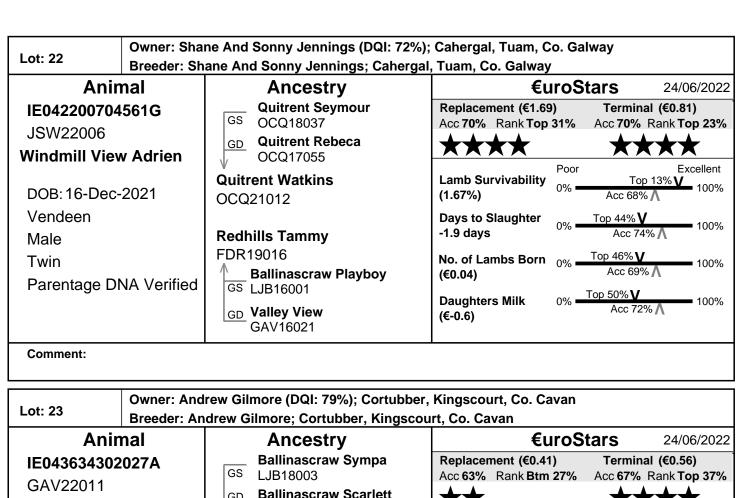


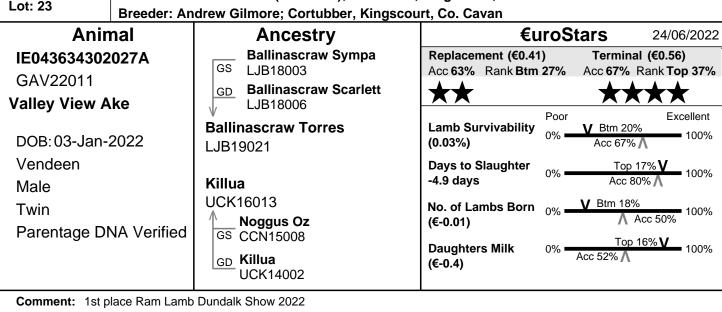


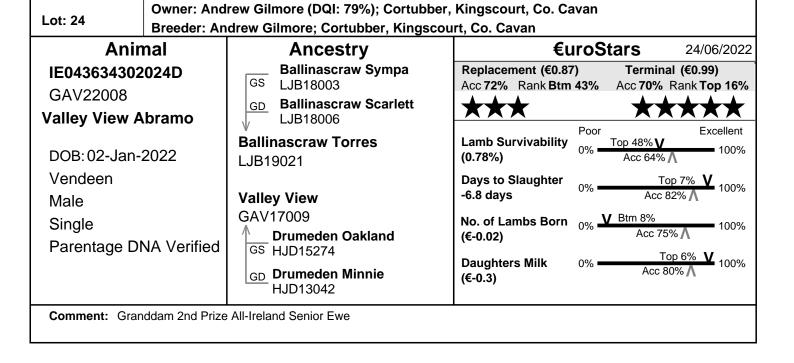


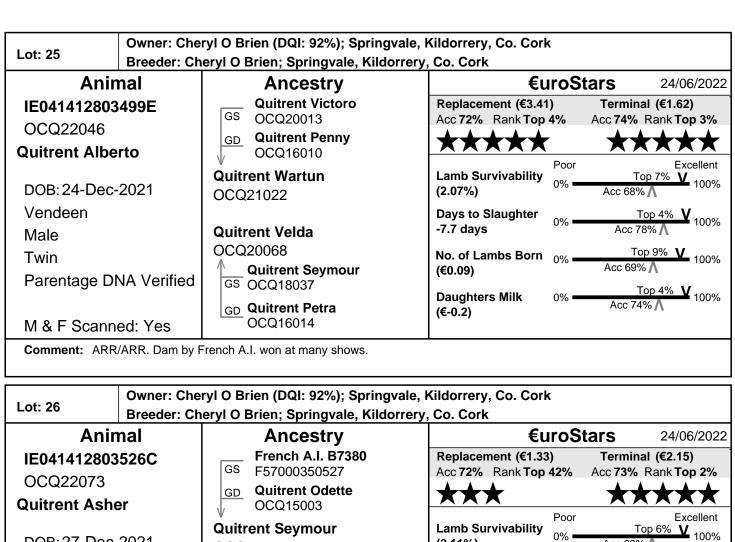


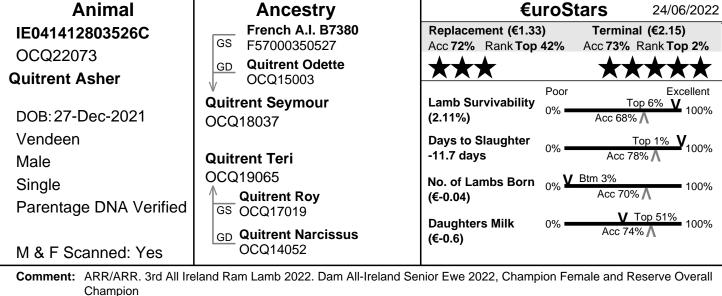


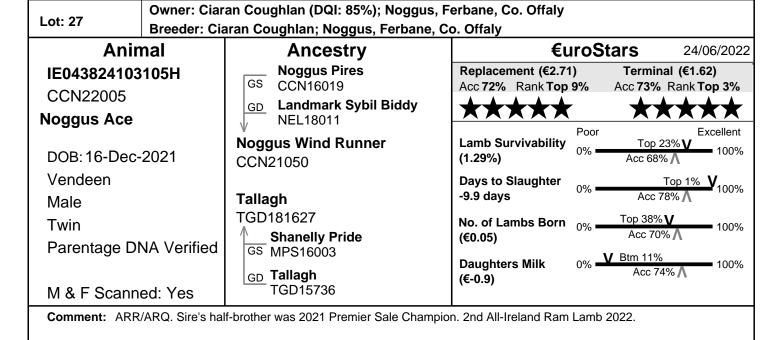


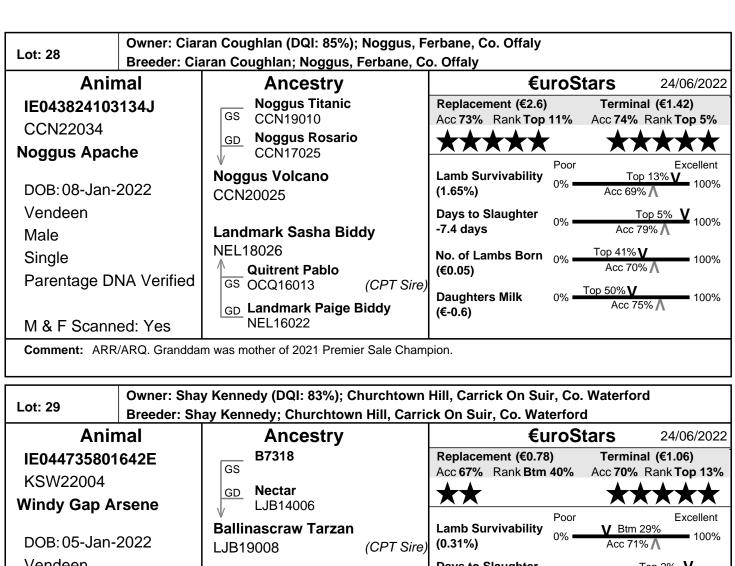




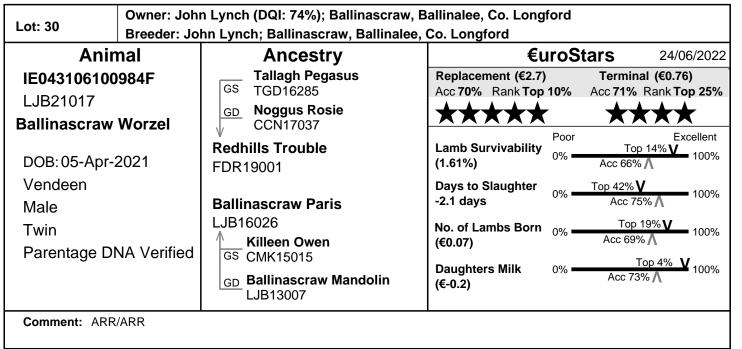


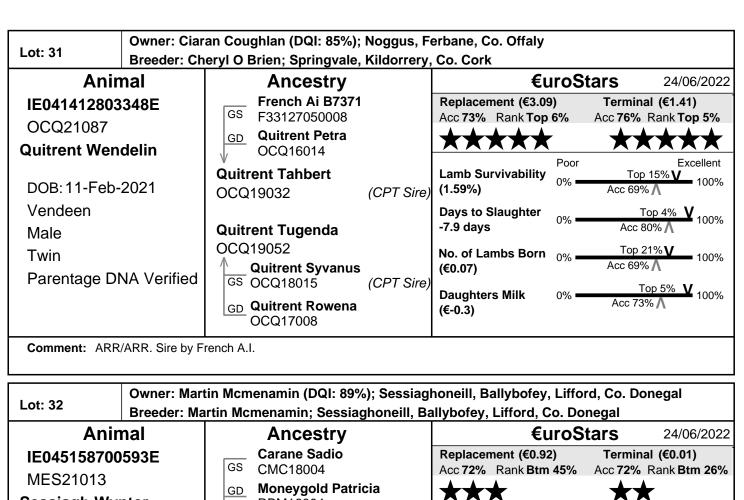


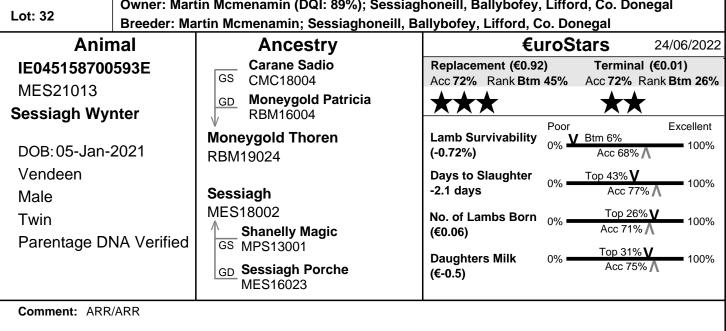


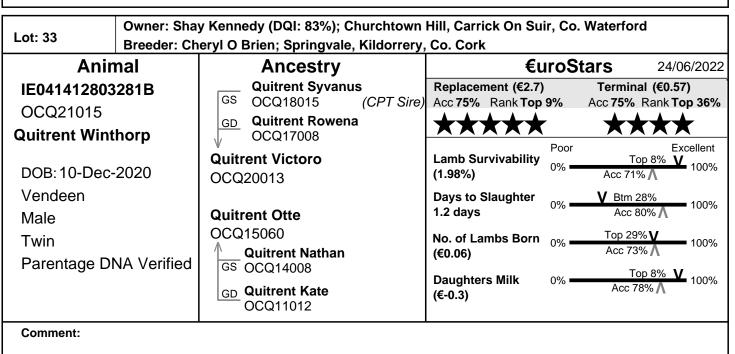


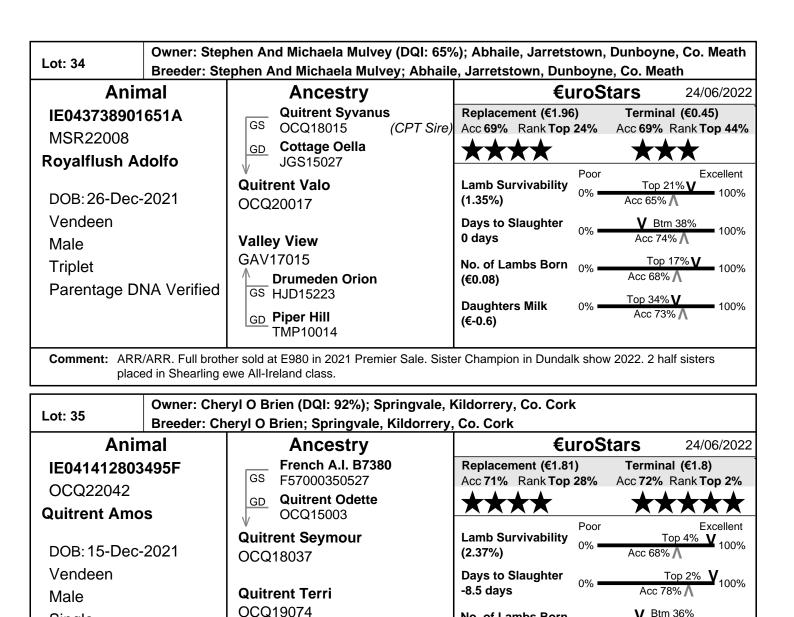
Top 2% **V** 100% Vendeen **Days to Slaughter** -8.6 days Windy Gap Male KSW17004 0% **V** Btm 15% No. of Lambs Born Twin **100%** Λ Acc 47% **Quitrent Niall** (€-0.01) Parentage DNA Verified GS OCQ14030 (CPT Sire) V Btm 26% **Daughters Milk 100%** Acc 59% **∧ GD Cottage Leckey** (€-0.8) JGS12034 Comment: ARR/ARR











Comment: ARR/ARR. All Ireland Ram Lamb. Sire Quitrent Seymour All Ireland Shearling Ram 2019.

Quitrent Roy

GD Quitrent Rachel

OCQ17061

GS OCQ17019

Single

Parentage DNA Verified

M & F Scanned: Yes

Owner: Cheryl O Brien (DQI: 92%); Springvale, Kildorrery, Co. Cork Lot: 36 Breeder: Cheryl O Brien; Springvale, Kildorrery, Co. Cork Animal Ancestry €uroStars 24/06/2022 Replacement (€2.88) **Quitrent Victoro** Terminal (€1.14) IE041412803490E Acc 73% Rank Top 7% OCQ20013 Acc 74% Rank Top 11% OCQ22037 **Quitrent Penny** GD Quitrent Alberic OCQ16010 Poor **Quitrent Wartun** Lamb Survivability 0% = DOB: 14-Dec-2021 (1.31%)Acc 68% **∧** OCQ21022 Vendeen **Days to Slaughter** 0% • 100% -5.5 days **Quitrent Regina** Male OCQ17053 Top 13% V No. of Lambs Born Single 0% = **1**00% French A.I. B7262 (€0.08) Parentage DNA Verified GS F57000406167 V Btm 48% 100% **Daughters Milk** 0% • Acc 76% **∧ GD** Quitrent Lavina (€-0.7) OCQ12017 M & F Scanned: Yes Comment: ARR/ARR. Dam by French A.I.

✓ Btm 36%

Acc 70% **∧**

Acc 74% ****

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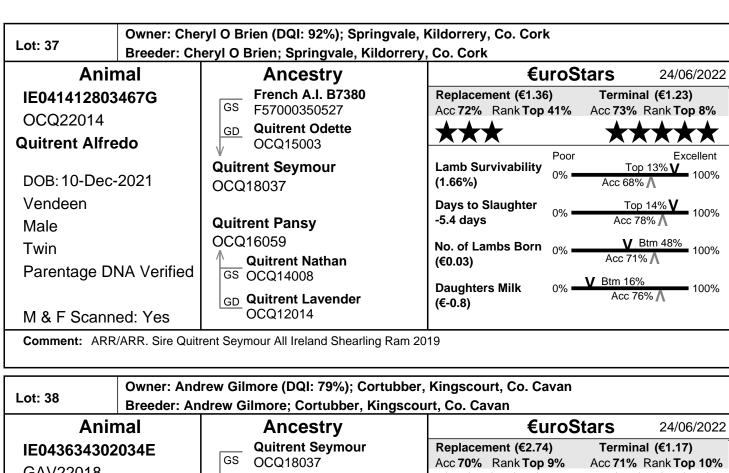
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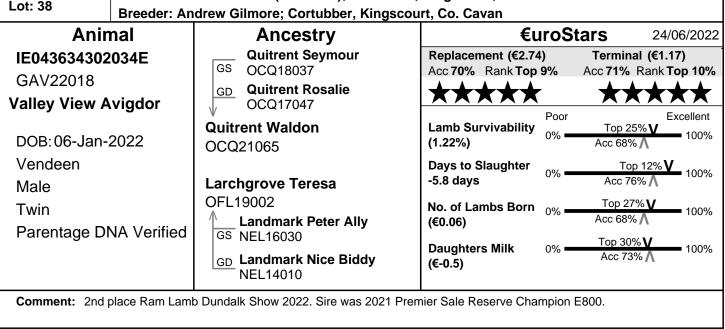
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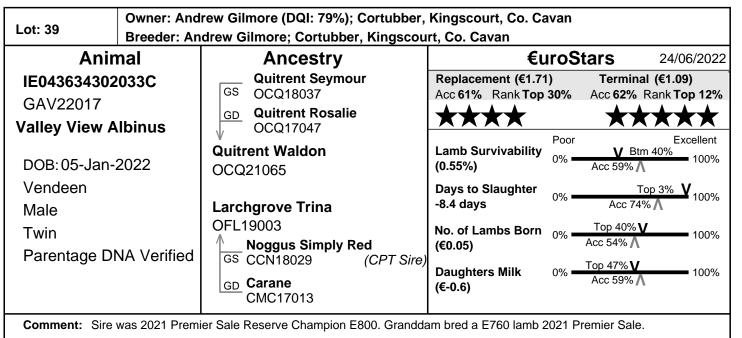
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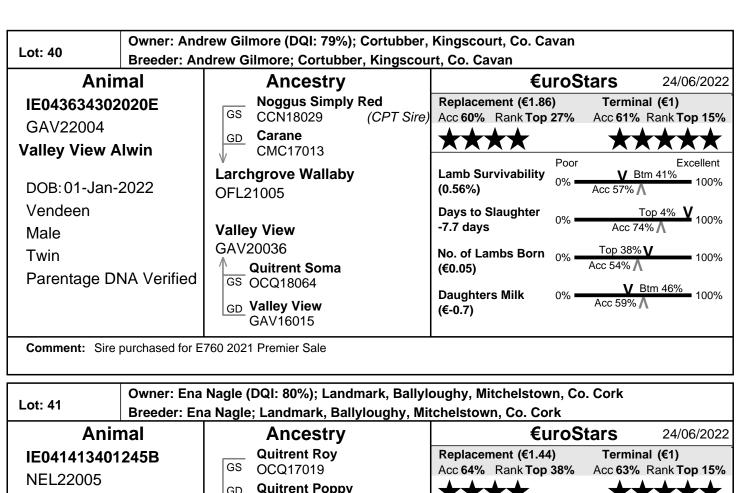
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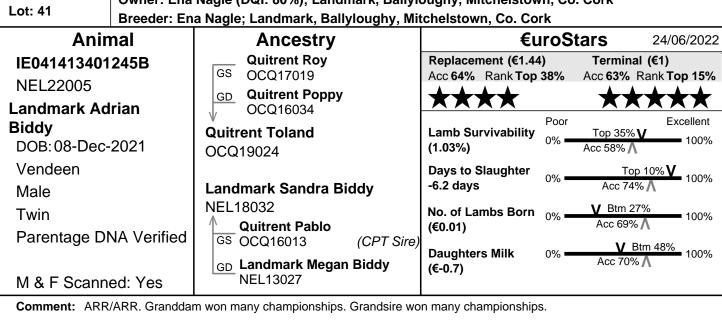
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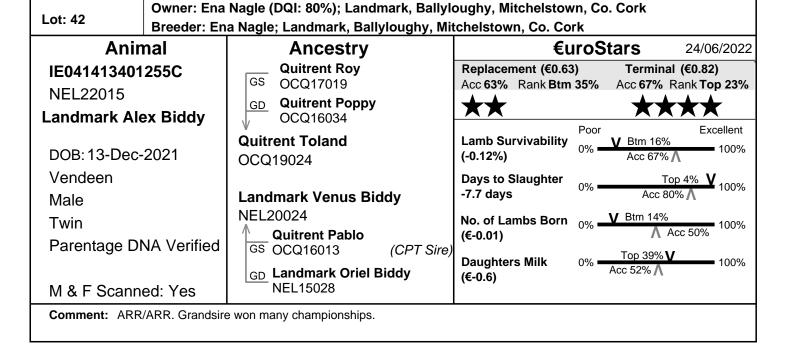


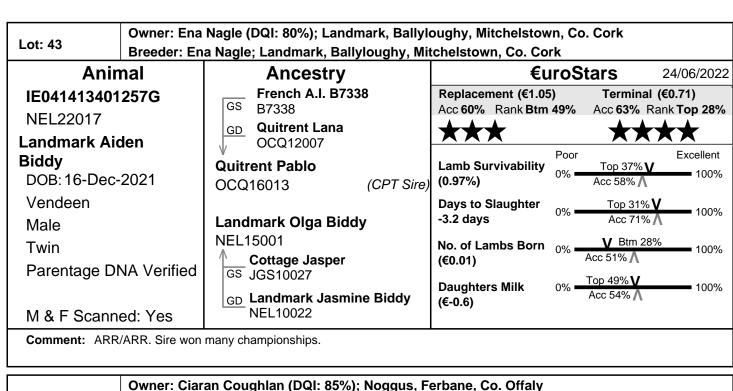


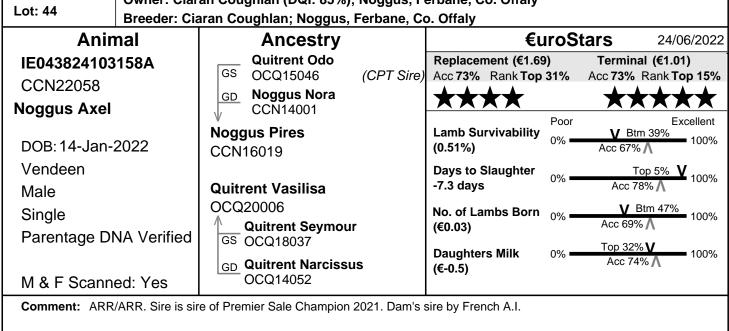


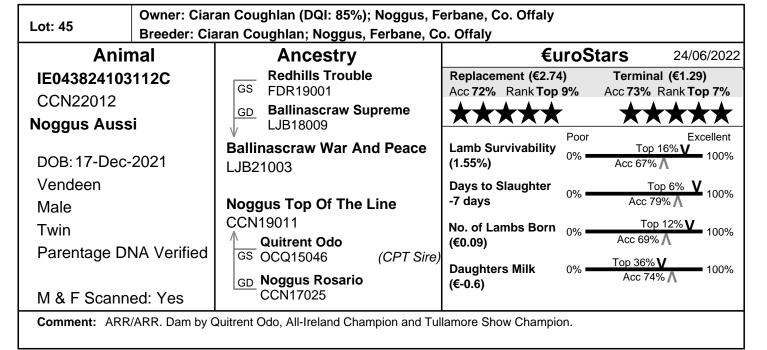


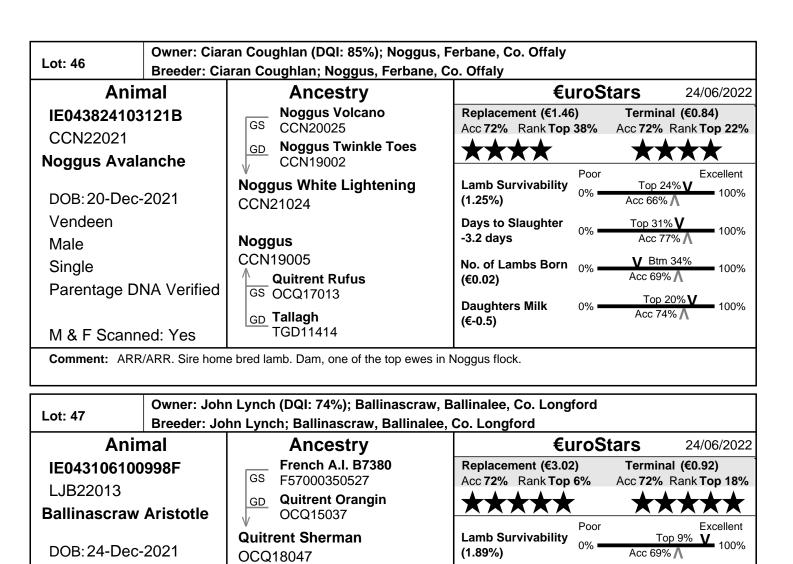












Days to Slaughter

No. of Lambs Born

Daughters Milk

-2.3 days

(€0.12)

(€-0.6)

Top 40% **V**

Top 37% **V**

Acc 74% **∧**

0% -

= 100%

100%

Top 5% **V** 100%

RBM17007 M & F Scanned: Yes Comment: Owner: John Lynch (DQI: 74%); Ballinascraw, Ballinalee, Co. Longford Lot: 48 Breeder: John Lynch; Ballinascraw, Ballinalee, Co. Longford Animal Ancestry €uroStars 24/06/2022 Sessiagh Rolando Replacement (€3.56) Terminal (€0.63) IE043106100988E Acc 72% Rank Top 3% MES17046 Acc 73% Rank Top 32% LJB22003 Sessiagh Olba GD **Ballinascraw Aramis** MES15018 Poor Excellent Top 6% **V** 100% Sessiagh Thangbrand Lamb Survivability 0% = DOB: 22-Dec-2021 (2.15%)Acc 69% /\ MES19021 Vendeen **Days to Slaughter V** Btm 34% 0% = **100%** 0.5 days Acc 78% **∧ Ballinascraw Vienetta** Male Top 14% **V** 100% LJB20018 No. of Lambs Born **Triplet** 0% = **Redhills Trouble** (€0.08) Parentage DNA Verified GS FDR19001 Top 2% **V**100% Daughters Milk 0% = Acc 75% **∧ GD Ballinascraw Princess** (€0) LJB16002 M & F Scanned: Yes

Ballinascraw Royal Prince

Moneygold

RBM18023

GS LJB17033

GD Moneygold

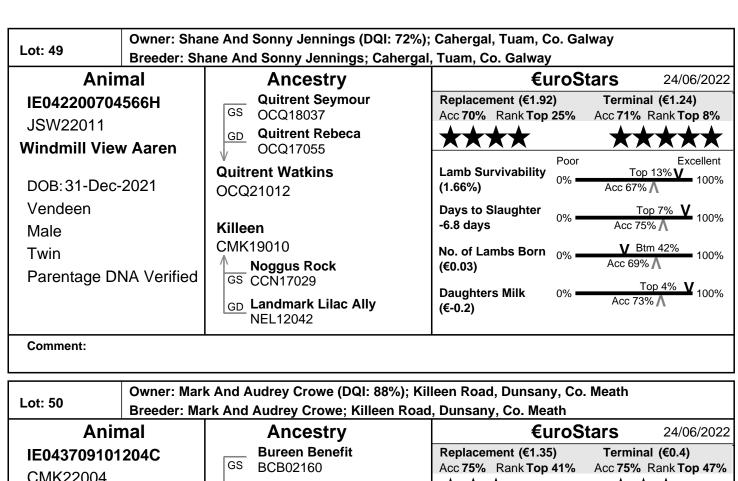
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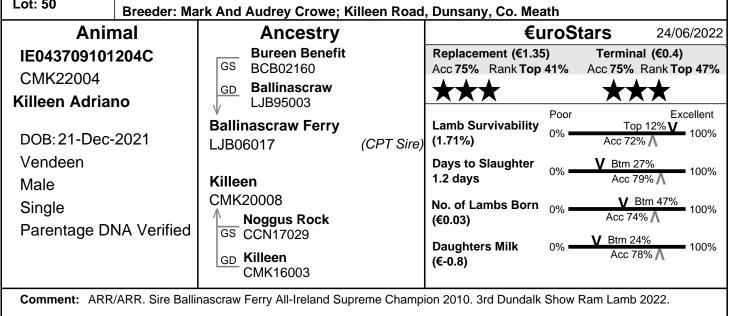
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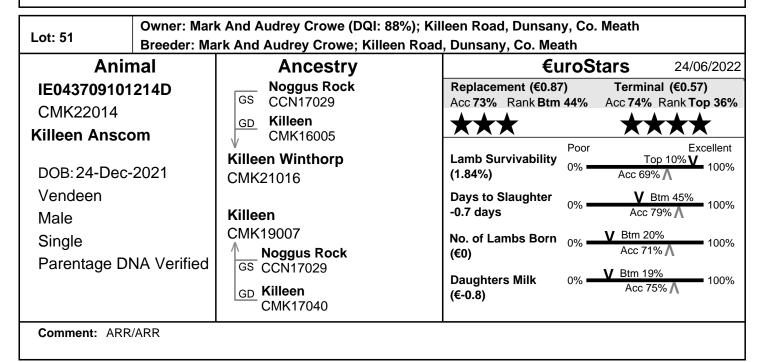
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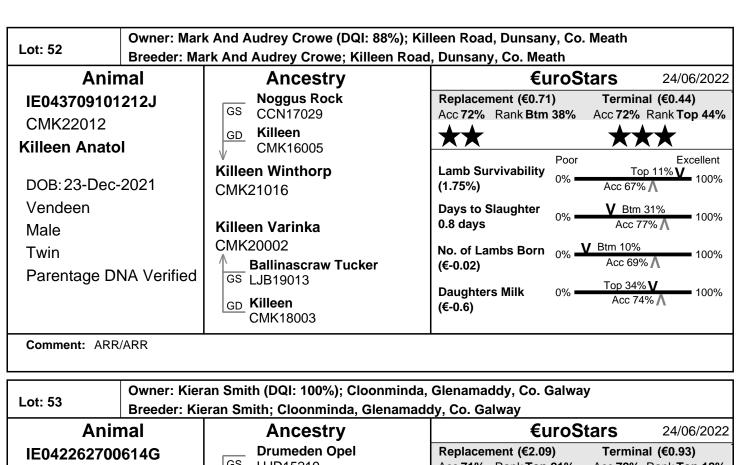
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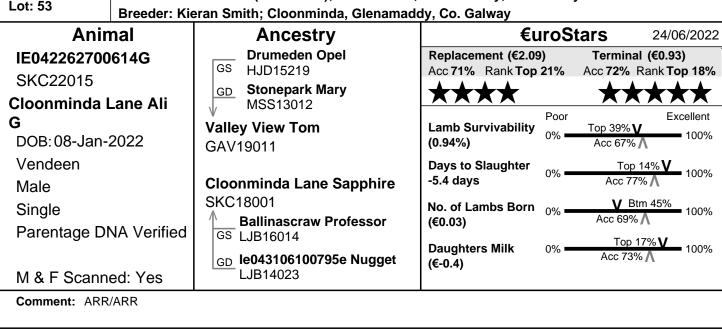
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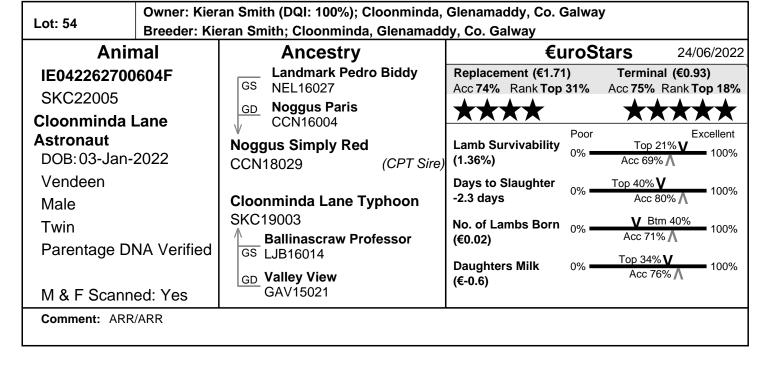


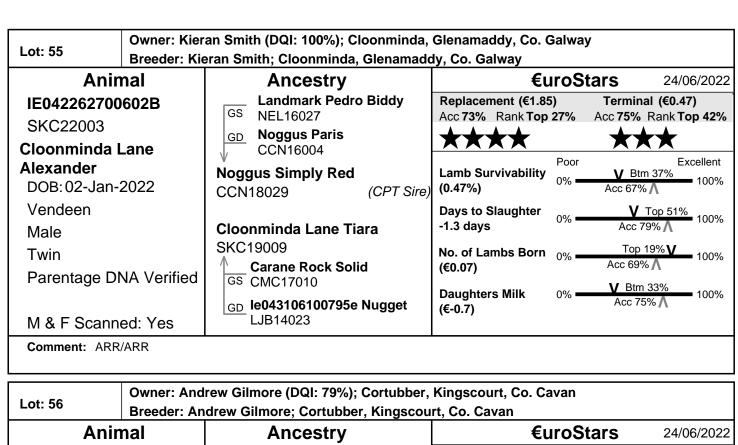


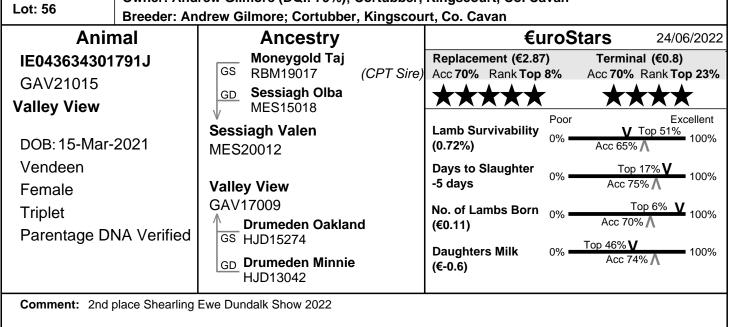


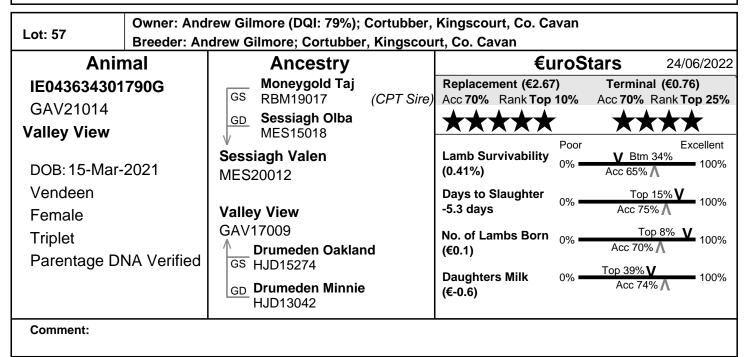


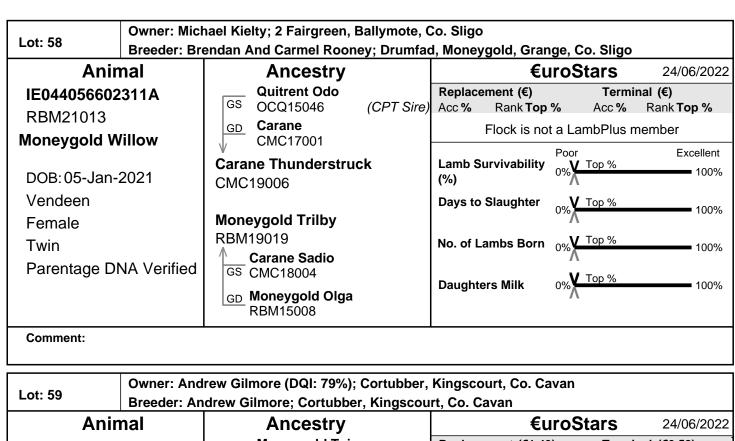




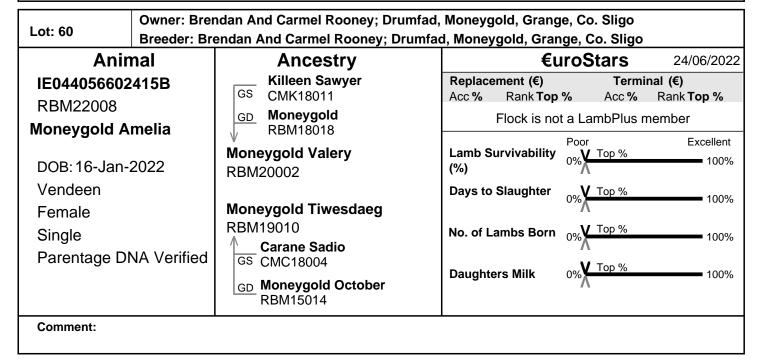


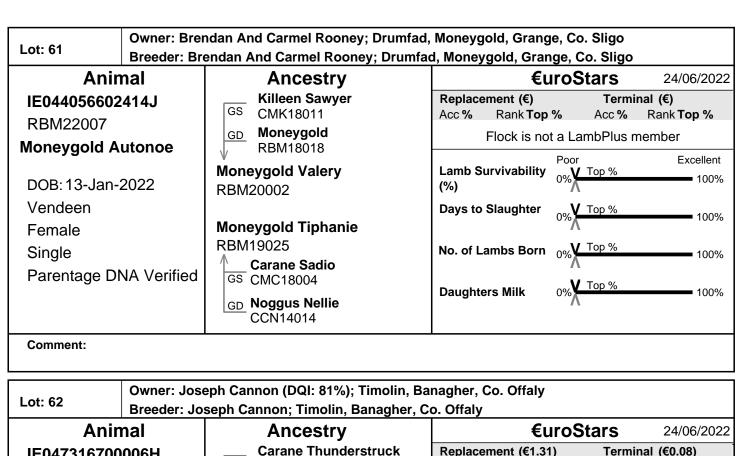




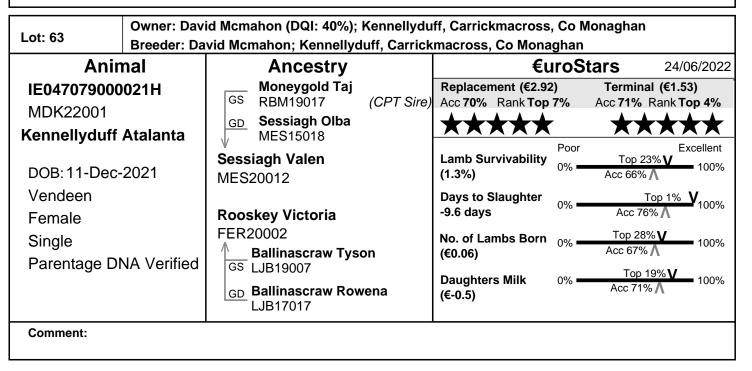


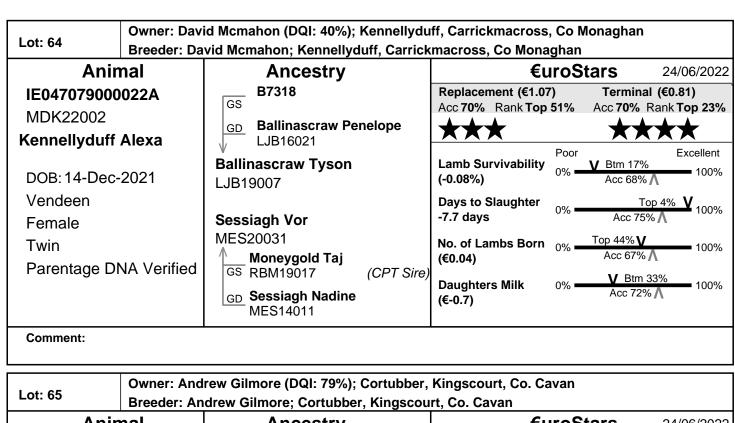


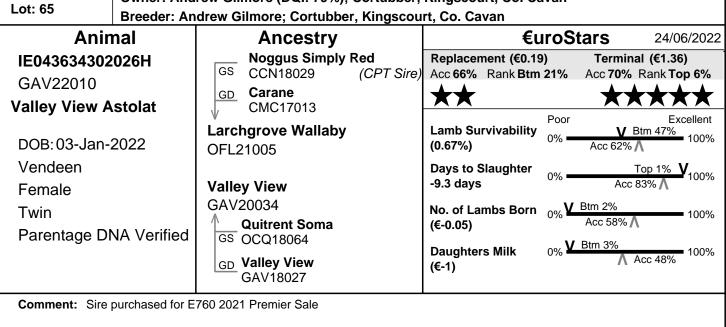


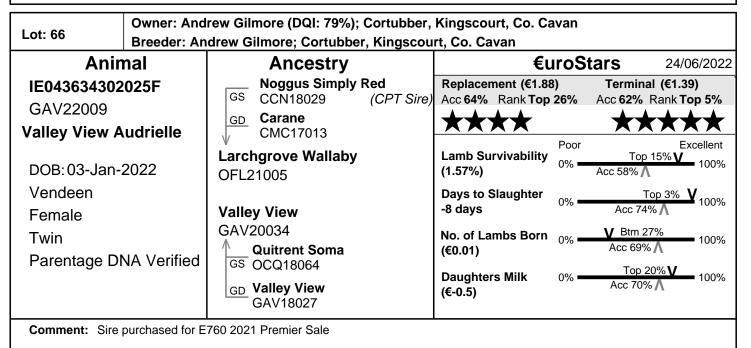


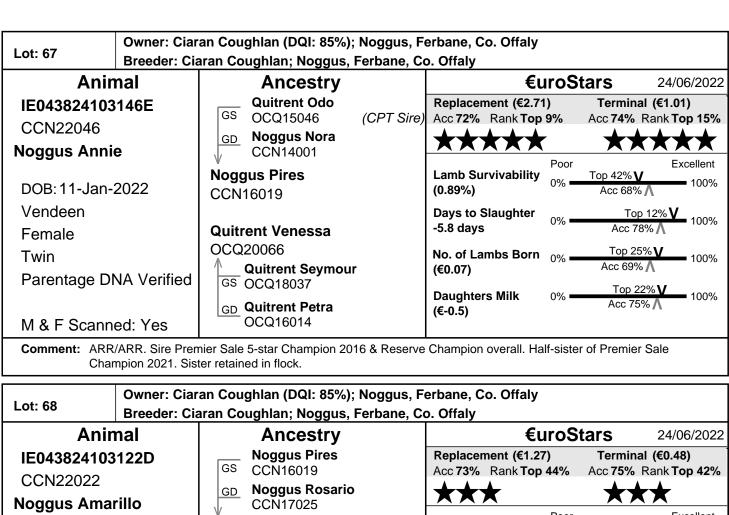




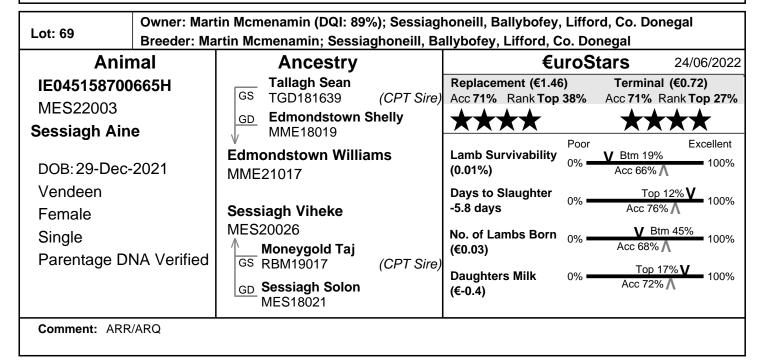


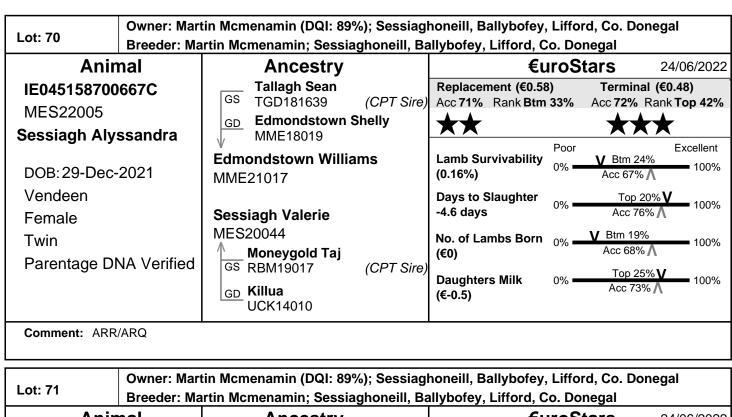


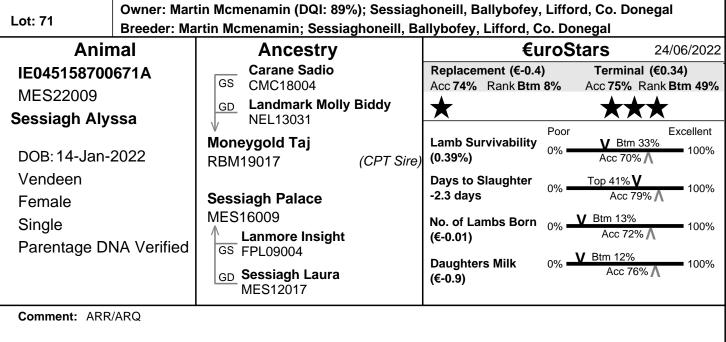


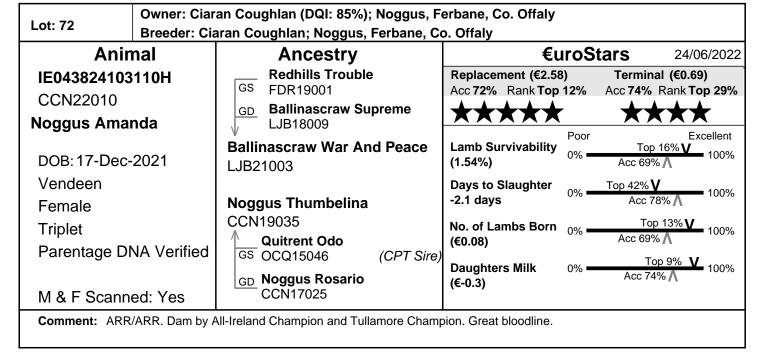


Poor Excellent **Noggus Wizard** Lamb Survivability Top 50% **V** 0% = **1**00% DOB: 20-Dec-2021 (0.74%)Acc 70% **∧** CCN21027 Vendeen **Days to Slaughter** Top 44% **V 100%** -1.9 days Acc 79% **∧ Noggus Twinkle Toes Female** CCN19002 No. of Lambs Born **Triplet** 0% • **1**00% Acc 70% **∧** Cottage Macbeth (€0.02) Parentage DNA Verified GS JGS13069 Top 17% **V Daughters Milk** 0% • **1**00% Acc 75% **∧ GD Noggus Polly** (€-0.4) CCN16032 M & F Scanned: Yes Comment: ARR/ARR. Sire is full brother of 2021 Premier Sale Champion.









Irish Vendéen Sheep Society Premier Show and Sale - Show prizes

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Class 1 Shearling rams						
Class 2a Ram lambs						
Production 5* Terminal						
AND 5* Maternal traits						
Class 2b Other ram						
lambs (Less than 10*)						
Class 2c Ram exhibited						
by a novice breeder (first						
membership of the						
society commenced after						
1 st Jan 2019)						
Class 3 Shearling ewes						
Class 4a Ewe lambs						
Production 5* Terminal						
AND 5* Maternal traits						
Class 4b Other Ewe						
lambs (Less than 10*)						

Champions:

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Champion (Harry Browne Memorial Cup)	
Champion of 5* production classes (Lamb	
performance cup sponsored by Pat Oliver)	
Reserve Champion (Growvite Shield)	