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Ebony Boy w/ Jeff Leake



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Bellestyle 686/B1 (E)
Old Parks 111/C15
Old Parks 111/G61
Old Parks 111/K66
Old Parks 111/M39 (RS) Codon: RR

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Wallholme 60/S4
Lowes Fell 50/A5
Crossrigg 606/C3
Dungoil 2303/E3
Mill House 165/F16
Gwestydd 'Goliath' 2100/H1 (E)
Morlea 1907/ K24
Jerriestown 567/C12
Castellau T 1531/D2
Morlea 1907/F19

~ Born: March 1998

~ Color: Black

~ Semen imported: 2001 arranged by: Brenda Lelli 'BEECHTREE'

~ Breeder & Owner: Jeff & Christina Leake 'Morlea'

~ In 1998 the Morlea flock was one of 13 founding flocks involved in the establishment of the UK's Sire Reference Scheme 'SRS'. The SRS group select rams based on 'Lean Index', lambs are evaluated at 8 & 21 weeks for weight, and assessment of carcass and structure at 21 weeks.

~ Ebony Boy was selected for collection for several reasons. First in that he was the highest indexing ram lamb in 1998 in the SRS (index of 170). Secondly because he was a natural colored 'black' Bluefaced Leicester, the hope was that his genetics could improve the chance of producing colored offspring in the USA flocks. Note: The UK Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders Association does not recognize or register the colored progeny produced by pedigreed white Bluefaced Leicesters. The decision was made by the founding USA producers to accept Ebony Boy as a registered, purebred Bluefaced Leicester for the purpose of fixing colored genetics into the USA gene pool.

~ There were a limited number of Ebony straws imported to the USA, as a result those genetics are not as abundant as the first three UK imports. The first shipment to Elite Genetics was damaged during import and the tank malfunctioned. The straws that remained in the UK were later secured and their import and subsequent use was arranged by one of the USA breeders. The first Ebony Boy progeny were born late March 2002.

* **highlighted text denotes a duplication of previously imported bloodlines**

