

Role: Breeding Technician

Band: C

Function: Technical Directorate, Research Division

Banding Descriptor: Specialist team members with experience of specific fields, amending and constructing processes to particular criteria. These roles will be technically knowledgeable in a defined field. May have some supervisory/team leader responsibilities.

Contribution to Corporate Business Plan: Collaborating and providing technical knowledge

Role purpose:

To assist Signet Breeding Services provide genetic evaluations to performance recording beef and sheep livestock farmers to help them identify cattle and sheep with superior breeding potential.

Key Responsibilities:

- Contact scanning clients and make appointments
- Issue client contracts at scanning (beef breeder and sheep breeder)
- Ensure scanning is carried out accurately
- Scanning data to bureau before predetermined deadlines
- Assist R&D trials
- Promotion and education regarding scanning, recording and EBV's through demonstrations and shows
- Trained in shear force sample preparation
- Responsible for own on farm bio security

Delegated Authority:

- None

Person specification - Knowledge/Skills/Experience:

- Driving Licence
- Experience and knowledge of the UK beef and sheep industry would be an advantage
- Understanding of Beefbreeder and Sheepbreeder to intermediate level (training will be given)
- Ultrasound scanning for muscle depth and fat depth (training will be given)
- IT skills including Outlook
- Physical ability to move and load equipment in vehicle provided, when working alone.
- Ability to work in extreme conditions (on farms in hot and cold weather and in cold stores in abattoirs)
- Ability to work on own and organize workloads in an efficient manner within a defined area and with guidance from line manager
- Good inter-personal skills, including ability to effectively work on own and as part of a team
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- BSc (Hons) Agriculture or equivalent (preferable)
- Extensive experience working in the livestock industry, handling cattle and sheep
- Basic Food Hygiene Certificate
- Organisational skills

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