

Growth characteristics of lambs of the new synthetic WROBER line – a prolific meat line

Summary

The study compares the growth parameters of WROBER lambs kept in two herds and in different housing systems. The herd at the Agricultural Experimental Station (RZD) in Werbkowice was kept in an extensive system with pasture, while the herd at RZD Żelazna was housed indoors. At RZD Werbkowice, F3 generation lambs attained higher body weight than F2 generation lambs. At RZD Żelazna, a higher body weight and higher growth rate were recorded for lambs from the F1 generation than for the F2 generation. Body weights were higher in lambs kept indoors at RZD Żelazna than in those reared extensively at RZD Werbkowice.

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