



### **Ideal Age to Start Breeding**

As a large, relatively slow-maturing breed, Valais Blacknose ewes in Switzerland are usually not bred until they are over 12 months of age, normally lambing for the first time at 18-24 months old. They are also nonseasonal breeders, with a reproduction rate of 1.6 lambs per year, however it is recommended to breed naturally once a year. As ewes need time to recondition post lambing its vital to condition score at weaning, or at the very latest eight weeks before tugging.

