

June 1, 2018



**Sedalia, Missouri**  
always the last full week of June

Dear Midwest Sale Consignor:

Sedalia is less than a month away and the catalogs have been mailed!

A pdf of the full catalog is available at [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com) along with on-line and searchable versions. Pen assignments are not included in the catalog, but will be available at [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com) prior to the sale and posted in each barn. All pens will be tagged as well.

Again we will be streaming all the updated animal information and comments during the live broadcast of sales on [www.dvauction.com](http://www.dvauction.com).

Included with this letter is an **Animal Check-in Planning Sheet**. Please check your entries carefully, and make any needed changes. It is important that this information is accurate and complete! Extra entries are also welcome, and regular entry fees will be charged.

**ANIMAL CHECK-IN WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 9 AM IN THE FFA BUILDING.**

**All entries should be on grounds and checked in at 3pm on the day prior to respective show.**

**(CHECK THE SCHEDULE FOR OTHER OPEN & CLOSE TIMES OF THE FFA BUILDING)**

• **Registration Papers:** Make sure to have original registration papers for entries to turn in at Check-in. **A fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each registration paper not turned in by close of sale** and your consignor check will be held until papers are provided. If you need to register animals less than 10 days before the sale, we suggest you have your secretary/registrar send them by express mail to Best Western- Attn: Midwest Sale- 3120 S Limit, Sedalia, MO 65301 as your secretary may not arrive in time for check-in. All consignors with registered animals will have transfer fees deducted on sheep sold as we pay for transfers.

• **Health Papers:** Standard interstate health paper (or copy of paper) is required for each animal, and must be turned in to sale management at check-in. We request that you write the lot number of each entry on the upper right-hand corner of each registration and health paper prior to check-in. Obtain health papers and any tests on June 5th or later to allow traveling time for the new owners after the sale. All entries must have scrapie tags! Below is the language we need to have your vet include on the health papers:

*"I have examined these entries and this flock of origin and they are free of any apparent evidence of any infections or communicable diseases, including foot rot, epididymitis, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, scabies, and there has been no evidence of scrapie within the past 60 months."*

• **Required Testing:** All Yearling Rams and Fall Ram Lambs (born before January 1st of this year) must have ELISA test for B. Ovis within 30 days of the sale. Only rams with negative B. Ovis results will be allowed to sell. A positive result suggests epididymitis which can render rams sterile.

• **DNA Test Information:** Those breeders wanting to list Codon test results (171 or 136, spider, etc.) on sale orders should include that with entries, and also bring a copy of the test results with your registration and health papers to Check-in. Codon provided by consignor will be included on the sale orders, but is not guaranteed by the Midwest Sale.

• **Hay, Shavings and Straw** will be available on the fairgrounds. They have asked that consignors pre-order bedding prior to arrival if possible. Below is the information on ordering:



**Pre-order ASAP to ensure adequate supplies! Ashbury Farms Bedding**  
**Nick Asbury, (660) 619-3994 or [Asbury.farms@yahoo.com](mailto:Asbury.farms@yahoo.com)**

When placing order include: Farm/Consignor Name, Contact Phone, Your arrival date, Sheep Barn or Swine Barn, General area of Barn, Pens (if chart is published), Items Needed/Quantity of Each  
**Cash or Check payment at time of delivery/pickup, No Credit Cards**

Once check-in paperwork is turned in, you will be issued a two part card with each animal's information and lot number included. One card you will keep to bring to the show ring with the animal, the other card will be collected by the paint crew when they paint brand your animals & verify scrapie tag numbers.

• **Arrival Time and Paint Numbering:** **All entries should be on grounds and checked in at 3pm on the day prior to respective show.** Please contact us if you are canceling your entire consignment. We can utilize your pens if we are notified that you are not coming.

**PAINT NUMBERING WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 11 AM IN THE SHEEP BARN.**

Your cooperation in having paint branding cards ready and blankets off sheep for our branding crews will save them a great deal of time and will be appreciated. We prefer that our crews number all animals so to keep consistent in placements, etc. *(more information on back side)*

**Midwest Stud Ram Sale**  
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**(515) 442-0950 - [info@midwestsale.com](mailto:info@midwestsale.com)**

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**Heartland**  
LIVESTOCK SERVICES, LLC  
**[www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com)**  
Midwest Stud Ram Sale on Facebook

• **CONSIGNOR CHECK-OUT:**

After all your animals have gone through the sale block, please come to the FFA Building to get a printout of animals sold with the names of buyers. At that time, you can confirm sale prices and note if you have any collect directs, purchases, or no sales. If you have no sales, please pick up their registration papers at that time. You can also pick up health papers for any animals you are hauling.

• **PROCEDURE ON TRANSIT ANIMALS IN THE DESIGNATED TRANSIT BARN:**

***Animals not consigned to the Midwest Sale, including junior show sheep, are not allowed to be housed in the Sheep and Swine barns.***

Instead, they are considered transit animals and should be held in the horse barn stalls. Stalls for transit animals will be accounted for by Midwest Sale staff. All stalls will be locked prior to sale week and can then be rented by consignors/non-consignors through sale staff in the FFA Building. Stall rent will cost \$5.00 per pen per day for consignors, and \$15 per pen per day for non-consignors. All rentals must be paid up front and will pay rent through Sunday following the sale. If renter chooses to empty the pen prior to Sunday, they may return to the FFA Building for a refund of days not used, allowing the pen to again be locked by sale staff. Refunds will be allowed for the day staff is informed of the empty pen through Sunday. Renters wishing to lock their transit pens will be required to furnish their own locks for this purpose.

Otherwise transit animals are to be held in personal trailers, at no responsibility to the Midwest Sale or its staff. ALL TRANSIT ANIMALS MUST ALSO HAVE HEALTH PAPERS available for inspection in accordance with Missouri health standards and rules and federal law. Please put transit animals on separate health papers from sale entries.

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS...**

• See the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Rules, which can be found in the back of the catalog or on-line at [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com), for reminders on items such as **NO Lamb Muzzles, NO Artificial Coloring, Lambs Teeth, and Shearing.** Also blankets are to remain off animals once shown so buyers have a chance to see and inspect entries.

• **Show and Sale Times:** The first show or sale each day will have a designated start time. Breeds will sell in the order listed on that day's schedule with only a 5 minute break between breeds. Find the full schedule in the front of the catalog or on-line at [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com)

• **Special Events:** There are again lots of special events for you in addition to the shows and sales. Many are hosted by your breed associations. See the full schedule for a list of all events. Wednesday evening is the Larry Mead Supreme Champion Event, in his honor with the Lamb Dinner & Performance Recognition sponsored by PURINA. Also the Supreme Champion Wether Sire and Dam Show follows the day shows on Thursday evening.

The Midwest Stud Ram Sale is the most competitive sale in America, so "polish" your entries and promote them! Give last minute phone calls to your best customers... invite them to the show and sale and send people to [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com) to check out results. Also encourage everyone who can't attend to watch the live streamed shows and sales on [www.dvauction.com](http://www.dvauction.com) as well as follow along with up to the minute coverage on the Midwest Stud Ram Sale facebook page!

Thanks for consigning to the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and we look forward to seeing you there in a few short weeks.

Sincerely,  
Heartland Livestock Services Partners

**Obtaining ELISA Test for B. Ovis:**

Be sure to have your test results along with your health papers for any Yearling Rams and Fall Ram Lambs.

Testing for B. Ovis is a simple procedure requiring the drawing of a blood sample on any ram six months of age or older, proper preparation of the same, and shipping the sample to a laboratory so it arrives during the working week. To draw a blood sample, the ram should be restrained in its normal standing posture. A tourniquet placed tightly about the base of the neck will aid in distending the jugular vein. The red tip vacutainer is the only tube that should be used for sample collection. The bangs tubes for sampling cattle (which some vets might want to use) usually contain a trace of detergent which interferes with the B. Ovis ELISA test. Following collection, the tube should be laid flat and allowed to clot at room temperature. After a solid clot has developed (four to six hours), the clots should be removed, leaving the clear serum. The clear serum can be shipped to the lab of your choice (we suggest using one of the "next day" courier services) without refrigeration.

The test is not expensive (about \$10) and results can usually be obtained within a day or two. Labs will fax results later afternoon that same day, upon request. Sheep being tested for sales must have the test conducted within 30 days of the sale, although as a practical matter, running such test within 25 to 20 days of the sale would be better so as to allow travel time following the sale as may be required.

Portions taken from article written by  
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**Addresses for some test labs are as follows:**

*(you can find other test labs if you so choose)  
(contact labs directly for more detailed information and specific instructions on test at that location)*

CSU Western Slope Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory  
425 29th Rd - Grand Junction, CO 81504  
Phone: 870/243-0673  
Fax: 870/242-0003  
[vdل\\_western\\_slope@colostate.edu](mailto:vdل_western_slope@colostate.edu)

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory  
1523 Centennial Blvd, 174 Van Es Hall Department 7691  
Fargo, ND 58102  
Phone: 701/231-8306  
Fax: 701/231-7514

SDSU Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Lab  
2175 N Campus Dr - Brookings, SD 57007  
Phone: 605/688-5171  
Fax: 605/688-6003

**Express mail registration papers during sale week, send to: Best Western - Attn: Midwest Sale - 3120 S Limit, Sedalia, MO 65301**

**Email health papers during sale week, send to: [midweststudramsale@gmail.com](mailto:midweststudramsale@gmail.com)**

**Fax health papers during sale week, send to: (888) 371-3363**

**Enclosed is your Midwest Sale Animal Check-in Planning Sheet**

**Find updated Schedule, Sale Rules and other needed information at [www.midwestsale.com](http://www.midwestsale.com)**