

MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE - RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION **items in red are NEW for 2019**

Entry Processing & Fees: **Entry fees are \$30 per head.** *Entry fee increase is due to rising cost in fairground rental and bond insurance.*

Entry fees are non-refundable including for animals sifted from the sale, scratched from the sale, or that for other reasons fail to go through the sale.

Entries Due APRIL 20th: In an effort to produce the sale catalog in a timely manner, this deadline is final. We will accept entries after deadline, but they may not be included in the printed catalog. Entries will be accepted on an "Information Sale Day" basis, but we encourage you to include as much information as possible for cataloged entries. Late entries will continue to be accepted until 24 hours prior to respective show.

Commission & Charges: Sale commission is 10% of the full sale price of each animal, including any "no sales". There will be an additional 1% surcharge deducted from your sale settlement for the Missouri Sheep Producers, the sponsors of this sale. Breeds with a National Sale or Event designation will have an additional 1% (some have 2%) deducted for their National Associations. Ohio sheep entries also have a ½% deduction for the Ohio Sheep Commission. Some breeds also have us deduct for futurity nomination fees.

Settlement Checks: Settlement checks will be mailed to consignors in early August on all sheep paid for by that time. Collections from "bad buyers" of necessity must be a shared responsibility. No consignor has ever failed to be paid for sheep sold through this sale, but unfortunately, there have been some delays from time to time due to circumstances beyond our control. Settlements may be held for missing registration papers, see below registration paper rule.

Substitutions: Substitutions (within or out of class/breed) will be allowed in the interest of improved quality. Please make sure to have correct paperwork (health and registration papers) on your entries.

Registration Papers: If consigning registered animals, make sure to have your registration papers for entries to turn in at Check-in. If registration papers are not provided by close of sale, **a fee of \$20.00 per original registration will be billed or deducted** and your consignor check will be held until papers are provided. **If registration papers are not received by July 10th, an additional fee of \$50 per original registration will be billed or deducted.** All consignors with registered animals will have transfer fees deducted on sheep sold. Sale Management will transfer the registration papers to the new owners.

Health Papers: Standard interstate health paper (or copy of paper) is required for each animal, and will be turned in to sale management at 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 are subject to random vet checks.** All entries must have scrapie tags!

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.

Penning: Chart will be made prior to the sale and all consignors must use the assigned pens. Any special penning request must accompany your sale entries! We will honor these requests whenever possible. **Pens will not be available for any non-sale Junior Show entries. Those sheep must stay on trailers or in transit pens available in Horse Barns.**

Barn/Tack Pens: Tack areas should be kept clean and orderly. ABSOLUTELY no refrigerator or microwave units can be plugged into barn electrical outlets. Units plugged into generators will be allowed.

Consignor Responsibility: As a consignor you are responsible for the cost incurred in the preparation and transportation of your animals to the sale, plus the feed and bedding at the sale. Hay and straw will be available on the fairgrounds at local prevailing prices.

All sheep in the sale must be offered with Full Interest Selling! All sheep must be guaranteed as breeders, if properly handled. Half-interest sales are permitted, but only at the option of the buyer(s). Consignors must offer the full interest through the sale.

Semen Collection Rule: No semen right may be imposed by consignors subsequent to the sale of a ram. Consignors may collect and retain rights to semen on rams sold, but only on semen collected prior to the sale. Rams that have been previously collected will be branded with a "C" merely as a means of letting the prospective buyers know that consignor is holding semen and retaining rights to that semen. Please notify the sale staff when checking in the animal so that a "C" can be included on the paint branding card. The "C" designation will appear on the sale order by that entry.

Artificial Coloring: Any artificial coloring of the head and legs, or of wool for the purpose of camouflaging black fiber is prohibited.

Lambs Teeth: All lambs should hold their lamb's teeth to 12 months of age.

Show Placing and Sifting: A class list can be found on the back of the entry blank. **Classes with over 30 entries will be split by age or weight.**

- In breeding stock classes, splits will be made by odd and even lot numbers.

- In wether sire/dam classes, yearling and fall classes will not split, all lamb classes (December- April) will split by weight.

Classes with 15 or more entries have the potential to be partially random drawn. Any unsound, inferior or unacceptable entries in the opinion of the Judge or Sale Classifier or Sifting Designee will be sifted. All decisions by the listed designees are final.

Weighing Procedures for Wether Sire and Dam (lambs only): **All wether sire and dam lambs entered in December through April classes will be required to weigh at designated scale locations and times. Animals must be weighed by the day prior to their breed show.** Classes will be split in groups of no more than 30 head by weight for show. Sale order will be set by show results, but will include a column for birth month. **Procedure for paperwork and weighing is as follows:** 1) Check all paperwork in the FFA Building and receive your paint-brand and showing card. 2) Animals must be paint branded and must have all blankets removed before going through scale. 3) Bring both cards to weigh-in station. Staff will verify paint brand, scrapie tag, ear tag, and record animal weight. 4) Show ring card will be returned to you with weight recorded. 5) Class breaks will be posted before show.

Lamb Muzzles Prohibited: Any consignor using muzzles on animals will be asked to remove them. If muzzles are seen on the animals again, these animals will be automatically dismissed from the sale.

Blankets: Blankets are to remain off animals once shown, except for late night protection.

Shearing Rules: All Southdowns, Texels, Shropshires, Dorpers, Wether Sires & Dams, plus Club Lambs show and sell slick-shorn... with No Butt Wool! The Suffolk, Hampshire, Montadale and Dorset Show & Sales will have special slick-sheared classes, but otherwise should have no more than one inch of wool on any part of the body. Corriedales, Natural Colored, Polypays, Columbias and Rambouillets are exempted, but should not be presented in overly long fleeces.

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PROCEDURE ON TRANSIT ANIMALS IN THE DESIGNATED TRANSIT BARNs: 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.

Display Dogs Prohibited: No display dogs will be allowed in the barns.

Parking: No trailers or trucks are to be parked adjacent to the barns as these are fire lanes.

SPECIAL BREED RULES All special breed rules are enforced by the breed association, not by the Midwest Sale staff.

Corriedale:

"Natural" classes are offered with the following requirements: Fleeces may be tipped or fuzzed off, but not blocked or fitted. Fleeces must be the same length. No coloring or painting of the animal. Leg-washing optional. Hand trimming of tags around legs and dung balls in dock area permitted. 1st and 2nd place animals qualify to show in appropriate championship drives.

Dorper:

(1) Fullblood and Purebred entries will be combined into single classes. (2) All rams should be High Type 3 or better. (3) Consignors are allowed 2 ram entries, any additional rams must have 2 ewes for each ram entered. (4) All entries must be slick sheared within one week of the show unless the animal has completely shed at the time of the show. No carding or blocking will be permitted.

Katahdin:

(1) Only 100% Registered (Yellow Papered) Katahdins are eligible. (2) Consignors must be KHSI or CKSI members. (3) All entries must be shown to determine their sale order. (4) Consignors should enter "A" coat yearlings or lambs that have shed their lamb coats. It is recognized that such shedding may not be possible for younger spring lambs, particularly any spring lamb entries born in March or April. (5) As Katahdins are Hair Sheep, no shearing, trimming or clipping will be permitted. Consignors should present their entries in as attractive manner as possible. Washing and brushing are encouraged. (6) No tail docked animals allowed. (7) Rams that have had horns removed will be noted on sale order with an "H".

Montadales:

All entries MUST be codon tested and lab reports MUST accompany registration papers at check-in.

Any animals without codon reports turned in by 12 Noon day previous to Montadale show will not be allowed to show or sell.

Shropshires:

All entries are to be slick shorn with in 5 days of the show from the hock and knees up and the poll back.

Wool should be left on the lower legs below the hock and knee joints and on the poll. There should be no wool left above the hock or knee joints.

Southdowns:

(1) HEREDITARY CHONDRODYSPLASIA, ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIA, and CODON 171 SALE WARRANTY: At all sales sponsored by this association the seller warrants to the buyer that sheep sold are free of Hereditary Chondrodysplasia (spider), Ectodermal Dysplasia (hairy lamb) and contain a minimum of one R at codon 171. Any claimed violation of this warranty shall be settled between the buyer and seller. This guarantee shall constitute a contract between the buyer and the seller only. No other parties, including but not limited to the American Southdown Breeders' Association, Sale Management and sponsoring organizations, shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise, express or implied. Any seller failing to in good faith comply with this rule shall be denied the right to register and transfer with the Association and will be automatically barred from selling any sheep for five years or until resolved to this sale or any sale sponsored or sanctioned by the American Southdown Breeders' Association. (2) DNA TESTING: Designate Gene Check as official lab for ASBA Show and Sale work. (Summer 2009).

Suffolk:

Suffolk consignors are required to certify the genotype of each of their entries with regards to spider syndrome and scrapie susceptibility (codon 171) at the time of check-in. Only NN rams and ewes will be allowed to sell. Scrapie genotypes (RR, QR, and QQ) will be allowed to sell. The genotype information will be printed on the sale order. The buyer may choose to have the animal DNA tested, at the buyer's expense to confirm the genotype.

If the animal is found to be less than declared by the seller, the animal is to be returned to the seller. The seller shall refund the full purchase price to the buyer promptly with all fees levied against the animal retained by the sale. This guarantee shall constitute an agreement between the buyer and seller only. No other parties, including but not limited to the USSA and sale management, shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise, express or implied. Sellers who refuse to comply with the spirit of these provisions may be subject to being banned from future USSA sanctioned sales.

Texels:

(1) The Texel Sheep Breeders society has determined that only sheep that have been tested negative to Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP) within 30 days prior to the National Texel Show and Sale will be allowed to be penned and participate. All sheep must be accompanied by a negative OPP AGID or ELISA test regardless of age. Animal identification must match test result identification. (2) The tail docks of all entered Texel sheep must be liftable.

The annual Midwest Stud Ram Sale, which takes place in Sedalia, Missouri each June, is North America's premier sheep show and sale. Heartland Livestock Services and members of the Midwest Sale management have an expectation of ethical behavior from consignors at this event. Behavior should reflect the national status of this show and sale. Should questions arise regarding a consignor's behavior, or their consignment, we reserve the right to investigate to our satisfaction.