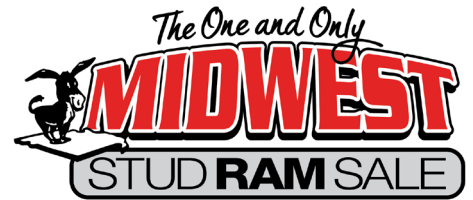


June 1, 2019



Dear Midwest Sale Consignor: ***changes for 2019 marked in yellow**

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 along with on-line and searchable versions. Pen assignments are not included in the catalog, but will be available at 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.

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 24th at 9am in the FFA Building. See schedule for all FFA building and paint crew times. *Please contact us if you are canceling your entire consignment. We can utilize your pens if we are notified that you are not coming.* **All entries should be on grounds and checked in at 3pm on the day prior to respective show.**

• **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! See additional info on the **Take to your Vet card**.

• **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. See additional info on the **Take to your Vet card**.

• **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.



Pre-order ASAP to ensure adequate supplies! Ashbury Farms Bedding
Nick Asbury, (660) 619-3994 or 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

• **Procedures for Prior to Show:** Once paperwork is checked-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. 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 animals so to keep consistent in placements, etc.

• **Show Placing and Sifting:** **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.

If you have a custom fitter, make sure to share this letter and give them your Animal Check-in Planning Sheet.

(more information on back side)

Midwest Stud Ram Sale

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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.

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.

• **If you have any HEALTH ISSUES with animals in swine, sheep, transit barns or on trailers Sale Management MUST be notified!**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS...

• See the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Rules, which can be found in the the catalog or on-line at 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

• **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 to check out results. Also encourage everyone who can't attend to watch the live streamed shows and sales on 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:

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If you have a B.Ovis free flock, vet must record "B. Ovis free flock" on health paper and GIVE FLOCK CERTIFICATION NUMBER.

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

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

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**