

MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE - RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Fees: \$30 per head. All entry fees are non-refundable including animals sifted and/or scratched.

Entries Due : MAY 1st for catalog roll-out. A simplified version of the “catalog” will be mailed in late May. It will include the usual colorful covers, sale information, pictures, ads and consignor listing with the EXCEPTION of the individual animal entries which will now ONLY be available in the on-line catalog at midwestsale.com.

We will accept entries after deadline, and they will appear in the on-line catalog. These entries will have lot numbers in the 4000's. Late entries will be accepted at sale check-in, until 24 hours prior to respective show. These entries will have lot numbers in the 6000's.

Copies of the on-line catalog by breed can be printed at home, or requested from Heartland and mailed to potential buyers at any time. Send request to info@midwestsale.com or (515) 442-0950. At check-in, consignors may request printed copies of their entries from the on-line catalog to have on hand for potential buyers.

Age Range for Classes: Lamb classes include all lambs born September 1 of 2021 and after. Check individual breeds for lamb class breaks. **All lambs should hold their lamb teeth to 12 months of age.** Yearling classes include all sheep born September 1 of 2020 thru August 31 of 2021.

Brood Ewe: You must enter a minimum of 3 head ages 2 up to 4. Ewes must be closely shorn, not fitted. Must be in adequate body condition. Ewes must have a sound udder. Ewes will be displayed, not shown, and will sell at the end of each breed. Brood ewes will be inspected by committee and if determined that they don't meet the standards to sell, they will be moved from the barn that the rest of the consignment is in to the transit barn at no expense to the consignor. Entry fees and commission are the same as all other entries. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required.

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 mid-late July 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 in classes requiring registration papers, make sure to have all papers 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 1, an additional fee of \$50 per original registration will be billed or deducted.** **Consignors who fail to provide registration papers by July 1, must provide registration papers at Check-in the following year or will only be allowed to enter the Crossbred classes.** All consignors with registered animals will have transfer fees deducted on sheep sold. Sale Management will transfer papers.

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 May 24 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! **SAME RULES APPLY TO ALL JUNIOR SHOW SHEEP.**

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 may not be available for any non-sale Junior Show entries. Those sheep will most likely 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.

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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.

Show Classes and Sifting: A class list can be found on the second page of the printable entry blank.

- Classes with 12 or more entries have the potential to be partially random drawn.
- In breeding stock classes: **Classes with over 18 entries will split.** Splits will be made by odd and even lot numbers.
- In wether sire/dam classes: **Lamb classes (Dec-April) will split by weight, and will break roughly in 15 pound increments. They will show heavy to light.** Yearling and fall classes will not split.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.