

# WSSP Ram and Ewe Sale

## The WSSP Ram and Ewe Sale and Show

Moses Lake, July 17, 2010

This sale features Rams and Ewes consigned by some of the Pacific Northwest's best sheep producers. There are many sheep related activities during the weekend at the fairground. The Show and Sale is held in conjunction with the Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition. A delicious lamb feed is held between the Show and Sale at 11:30 a.m. Sale weekend is always a great chance to see other sheep producers from across the state.

See you at the Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition and the WSSP Ram & Ewe Sale.

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### ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **RAMS 6 MONTHS OR OLDER MUST BE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR B.OVIS (G.R. #7)**
- **TAG NUMBER ON B. OVIS TEST RESULTS PAPERS MUST MATCH SCRAPIE TAG NUMBER.**
- **RESERVE BIDS MUST BE IN WRITING AND TURNED IN BY 1:00 P.M. SALE DAY TO THE SALE SECRETARY(G.R.# 6)**
  - **FLOOR PRICES: YEARLING RAMS \$300; RAM LAMBS \$225;  
SHOW YEARLING EWES \$225; SHOW EWE LAMBS \$150 (G.R.#12)**
- **WSDA REQUIRES ALL BLACK FACE RAMS COMING FROM OUT OF STATE MUST BE CODON 171 TESTED AND BE EITHER QR OR RR.**
- **ENTRY FORMS DUE MAY 24, 2010. LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$25 PER CONSIGNOR IS DUE WITH THE ENTRY FORM AFTER THIS DATE AND NO LATER THAN JUNE 4, 2010. LATE ENTRIES NOT GUARANTEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CATALOG.**

**2010 RULES AND TERMS**  
**WSSP RAM AND EWE SALE**  
**GENERAL RULES AND TERMS**

1. The Washington State Ram & Ewe Sale will be conducted and managed by the Washington State Sheep Producers.
2. All consignors must be members in good standing of WSSP. Regular membership dues are \$50 per year, or \$25 for Junior memberships. All entry rules and terms apply equally to all members, whether junior or regular.
3. The 2010 Ram Sale will be held Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010, at the Grant County Fairgrounds, in Moses Lake.
4. Entries with payment of entry fees and state association dues must be returned to the sale secretary by **MAY 24, 2010**. An additional \$25 entry fee per consignor will be charged on any entries received after this date. Late entries will be accepted with this additional fee until June 4. Late entries may be listed in an insert in the back of the catalog if received by the June 4 deadline. Entries received after June 4 will not be included in the catalog. If fees and dues are unpaid or NSF at this date the consignment will not be allowed in the sale or the catalog.
5. New consignors can enter any division they desire, but are limited to a total of two rams and/or two ewes per breed with a limit of four rams or show ewes total, and/or a total of ten (10) commercial ewes. The average price received by a consignor in comparison with other consignors of the same breed and class will determine future allotments, within the discretion of the RS Committee. In the event a consignor is unable to consign at the WSSP Ram and Ewe sale for one year, the consignment level remains the same as it would have been from the performance of the consignment at the last sale in which they participated. Missing a second year causes the consignor to be allowed the consignment of a new consignor.
6. Selling fees will be either 12% of the selling price or the entry fee whichever is greater. Entry fees paid on animals sold will be credited to the selling price. Entry fees will be forfeited on sheep entered and sifted or not sold. If the consignor places a reserve bid on the animal and the reserve level is not reached, the 12% fee will be charged on the reserve level. **Reserve bids need to be in writing with lot number delineated, signed by consignor, and turned in to the Sale Clerk/Executive Secretary at least one hour prior to start of the sale. A form will be provided for this purpose.**
7. **Rams 6 months or older must be tested negative for B. Ovis within 30 days of the sale.** Health certificates for out-of-state movement will be provided, upon request, by the WSSP Ram & Ewe Sale. All rams and ewes coming from out-of-state must have a health certificate. The show veterinarian is Jill Swannack, DVM. **All sheep must have Scrapie identification from state of origin which matches the B. Ovis test and health certificate.**
8. Terms of sale shall be cash - US Funds.
9. All payments shall be made to Washington State Sheep Producers (WSSP). Animals shall not be released until the Sale slip is presented to the gate tender. Sheep must be loaded on the east side of the building, at the chutes.
10. All sheep on the grounds will be held at the owner's risk, and ownership is passed to the buyer when the animal is pronounced sold by the auctioneer. All animals must be removed from the sale grounds by 8:00 pm the day of the sale.
11. The sale order shall be determined as follows:
  - White face animals will sell ahead of Black face animals.
  - Champion and Reserve Champion Rams

Show Class Yearling Rams  
Commercial Class Yearling Rams  
Show Class Ram Lambs  
Commercial Class Ram Lambs  
Show Ewes  
Pen of 3 to 5 Registered Ewes  
Commercial ewes - pens of 3 to 5 or 10 only

Each consignor's commercial ram allotments will be divided equally between each of the rounds up to a maximum of up to 3 rams per round.

12. Floor price for yearling rams shall be **\$300**, and the floor price for ram lambs shall be **\$225**. Yearling Show Ewes shall be floored at **\$225** and Ewe Show lambs at **\$150**, with floor for pens of 3 to 5 registered ewes or commercial ewes at **\$150** for yearlings and **\$125** for lambs. **Floor prices will be adjusted annually to reflect market prices.**

Consignors shall have the option of placing a reserve bid on each lot, subject to the consent of the sale manager. A 12% commission will be charged on reserved bids in the event of no sale. Consignors are advised against placing any reserve bids, but if such is done, the bid shall be given to the sale secretary by 1:00 p.m. date of sale. If the reserve price is not quickly reached, it will be announced, and unless bid at once, the lot will be returned to the pens. No by-bidding by or for sellers on their own consignments will be permitted.

13. Misunderstandings or disputes as to the bids will be settled by the auctioneer.

14. All yearling rams or ewes are guaranteed to be breeders for the fall breeding season. Any claims of non-breeders must be made by the buyer before the first of April following the sale. The seller has the right to have any such ram or ewe (claimed to be a non-breeder) returned to him and if he cannot prove the ram to be a breeder, he shall refund the purchase price to the purchaser or make replacement of equal quality. If the consignor's claim is disallowed, he agrees to pay the expenses of judgment. The buyer agrees, if his claim is disallowed, to pay the expenses of the investigation. If the animal is shown by the buyer at any fair or show of any kind, the fertility guarantee by the breeder is waived.

15. The management reserves the right to announce any defects as found by the sifting committee before the entry is sold. The management assumes no liability for the safety of the entries.

16. Standards for health and soundness are determined by the WSSP RS Committee, for the benefit of both buyer and seller. It is the responsibility of the buyer to select those animals that best fit his/her needs and economic situation. The purpose of the sifting committee is to assure buyers that all rams and ewes having defects that might interfere with their breeding usefulness have been eliminated from the sale.

17. Minimum weight requirements

Yearling Rams:

225 lb. - Suffolk, Hampshire, Columbia

200 lb. - Romney, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Targhee

175 lb. - Dorset, Polypay, Oxford, Merino, Southdown, North Country Cheviot, Texel

Ram Lambs:

130 lb. - Suffolk, Hampshire, Columbia

110 lb. - Romney, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Targhee

100 lb. - Dorset, Polypay, Oxford, Merino, Southdown, North Country Cheviot, Texel

Cross Bred Rams:

- Must meet the weight requirements for the age and breed of the sire

18. Minimal scrotum circumference for all breeds of ram lambs shall be 25 cm and for yearling rams 30 cm.

19. The Sifting committee is specifically instructed to eliminate all rams and ewes having any of the following conditions:

- **M**alformation of the eyelids.
- **A**ctive infection of the eye, some irritation from shipping is permissible.
- **I**ncisor teeth must be in contact with the dental pad. Severely "over-shot" or "undershot" jaws will be rejected. Registered rams and ewes must have correct occlusion.
- **A**ctive Boils.
- **H**orns not permitted on registered rams, Dorset and Rambouillet excepted.
- **I**nfections of the sheath, damaged penises, or pizzle rot.
- **M**oving lameness, Foot rot, other infections or obvious deformities of the feet and legs.
- **T**he testicles should be of normal size and consistency and free of palpable swellings that indicate damage or infection.
- **E**wes must have sound udders.
- **C**ontagious diseases or disorders.

**Any animal sifted must be removed immediately after sifting from the barns/facilities and be placed in an isolated vehicle for the duration of the show and sale.**

20. Each consignor will be responsible for getting his/her consignment into the sale ring. In the event that the consignor is not there with his/her consignment, he/she will move to the end of that breed.

21. Hay will be available for **sale at local feed stores**. Straw will be provided by the RS Committee. A bedding and cleaning fee of \$2.00 per head will be charged for each animal at the sale.

22. All animals sold at the WSSP Ram and Ewe Sale will be enrolled either in the mandatory Scrapie program and/or will have PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION AND/OR MEET STATE/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF ORIGIN by the sale in the year 2010, as pursuant to current RCW and Federal regulations concerning Scrapie.

## **SHOW DIVISION RULES AND TERMS**

### **RAMS AND EWES**

1. Rams and Ewes will be entered by breed and age in the following four classes: Yearling, Fall Lambs (Dec. 31), January Lambs (January 1 – January 31), Spring Lambs born after January 31.

2. Each show consignor is limited to 4 rams per breed with no more than 2 per class, and may consign up to 4 ewes with a maximum of 2 ewes in any class (except first year consignors - see general rule #5).

3. All sheep in this division will meet the requirements for health and soundness in the general rules and terms.

4. All sheep must be registered purebreds. Registration papers, flock and association tags (if applicable) must be with the sheep **before or at sifting time** or prior to the show. Rams and ewes are not considered registered unless registration papers are available at the sale grounds for inspection when sheep are weighed. Registration papers are to be endorsed ready for transfer with lot numbers assigned under the consignor's name. Registered animals will not be allowed to be exhibited in the show class unless the Sale Secretary has the registration papers. These animals can only be sold in the commercial division and the WSSP will not be responsible for registration papers.

5. All sheep will be washed and in show condition, per breed standard for that breed. Not more than one (1) inch of wool on non-wool breeds, and not more than 2 and 1/2 inches on wool breeds shall be allowed.
6. All sheep will be placed by the sale judge and this placing will determine the order of the sale.
7. Entry fees for this division are \$20.00 per head for rams and \$15.00 for ewes plus \$2.00/head for bedding and cleaning. Entry fees will be forfeited on animals entered and sifted or not sold in the sale. **If a "no sale" or sifted animal is sold after the sale, the transaction must be recorded in the sale books and the required commission paid.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification of participation in the next year's sale.
8. Ewes entered as commercial cannot be sold as registered ewes.

## **COMMERCIAL DIVISION RULES AND TERMS**

### **RAMS**

1. Rams shall be entered in classes by breed and age. **Rams entered as commercial cannot be sold as registered.**
2. Entry Fees are \$12.00 per head on all commercial rams plus \$2.00/head for bedding and cleaning. Entry fees will be forfeited on animals entered and sifted or not sold in the sale.
3. All commercial rams entered may be purebred yearlings or lambs, or crossbred rams. Lambs must have lamb teeth (mouth). Yearlings showing 2 year old mouths can be sold after the auctioneer announces the animal is showing a 2-year-old mouth.
4. Commercial Down (meat) breed rams must have been spring slick shorn with no block shearing allowed. These breeds may have a uniform wool length of no more than 1" over body. Wool breeds may have a wool length of no more than 2 1/2".

## **PEN OF 3 TO 5 REGISTERED EWES DIVISION RULES AND TERMS**

1. Registration papers must be presented at sifting or prior to the sale.
2. Pen of 3 to 5 Registered Ewes will undergo the same sifting process as other animals in the sale.
3. Pen of 3 to 5 Registered Ewes shall enter the sale ring in lots of 3 or 5, choicing shall be allowed. Smaller lots will be allowed to enter the sale ring only if a portion of the lot has been sifted.
4. Pen of 3 to 5 Registered Ewes shall be in proper body condition for the sale. No fitting or washing will be permitted, except to clean up the dock area or hooves. "Washing and show fitting" of entries will be subject to disqualification from the sale.
5. Pens will consist of lambs or yearlings only. Older aged sheep will not be allowed. In an effort to keep the pens as even as possible in quality, mixing of yearlings, and lambs will not be permitted within the pen.
6. Sale order will be consistent with WSSP RS policy.
7. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per head, plus \$2.00/head for bedding and cleaning. Commission will be charged at 12% (see general rule #6 on Page 1). Entry fees will be forfeited on animals entered and sifted, or not sold in the sale. Floor prices for pen lots of registered ewes are \$150 for yearlings and \$125 for lambs.

8. Pen of 3 to 5 Registered Down (meat) Breed ewes must have been spring slick shorn with no block shearing allowed. These breeds may have a uniform wool length of no more than 1" over body. Wool breeds may have a wool length of no more than 2 1/2".

## **COMMERCIAL DIVISION RULES AND TERMS**

### **EWES**

1. Commercial ewes are defined as ewes that are acceptable to the commercial producer here in the Northwest. They may be white face, black face, or brockleface. Commercial ewes shall be entered in classes by age and breed.
2. Commercial ewes will undergo the same sifting process as other animals in the sale.
3. Commercial ewes shall enter the sale ring in lots of 3 to 5 and 10, choicing shall be allowed. Smaller lots will be allowed to enter the sale ring only if a portion of the lot has been sifted.
4. Commercial ewes shall be in proper body condition for the sale. No fitting or washing will be permitted, except to clean up the dock area or hooves. "Washing and show fitting" of commercial entries will be subject to disqualification from the sale.
5. Pens will consist of lambs or yearlings only. Older aged sheep will not be allowed. In an effort to keep the pens as even as possible in quality, mixing of yearlings, and lambs will not be permitted within the pen.
6. Sale order will be consistent with WSSP RS policy.
7. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per ewe plus \$2.00/head for bedding and cleaning. Commission will be charged at 12% (see general rule #6 on Page 1). Entry fees will be forfeited on animals entered and sifted, or not sold in the sale. Floor prices for commercial ewes are \$150 for yearlings and \$125 for lambs.
8. Commercial Down (meat) Breed ewes must have been spring slick with no block shearing allowed. These breeds may have a uniform wool length of no more than 1" over body. Wool breeds may have a wool length of no more than 2 1/2".

## Summary of Floor Prices

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>FLOOR PRICE</b>
SHOW	YEARLING RAMS	\$300.00
SHOW	RAM LAMBS	\$225.00
SHOW	YEARLING EWES	\$225.00
SHOW	EWE LAMBS	\$150.00
COMMERCIAL	YEARLING RAMS	\$300.00
COMMERCIAL	RAM LAMBS	\$225.00
Pen of Commercial	YEARLING EWES	\$150.00
Pen of Commercial	EWE LAMBS	\$125.00

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>BEDDING FEE</b>	<b>% COMMISSION</b>	<b>FLOOR PRICE</b>
SHOW	YEARLING RAMS	\$20.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$300.00
SHOW	RAM LAMBS	\$20.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$225.00
SHOW	YEARLING EWES	\$15.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$225.00
SHOW	EWE LAMBS	\$15.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$150.00
COMMERCIAL	YEARLING RAMS	\$12.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$300.00
COMMERCIAL	RAM LAMBS	\$12.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$225.00
PEN OF REG.	EWES (ALL)	\$10.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$150.00
COMMERCIAL	EWES (ALL)	\$ 10.00 / hd	\$ 2.00/hd	12%	\$125.00

**ALL ANIMALS MUST BE PENNED AT  
THE FAIRGROUNDS BY 5:00 PM ON  
JULY 16, 2010 WITH SIFTING  
STARTING PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M.**