

Rules and Regulations
2022 Virginia Ewe Lamb Sale

Saturday, August 27, 2022 (in conjunction with Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale)

Location: Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station
Shenandoah Valley Research and Extension Center
Raphine, Virginia

Sponsor: Virginia Sheep Producers Association (VSPA)
VSPA Seedstock Council

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I. Sale Purpose

- 1) To provide sheep producers a source of quality replacement ewes with documented genetics, management, and health status.
- 2) To provide an opportunity for VSPA members to market breeding stock.
- 3) To serve as an educational tool in sheep production and management.

II. Administration and Management

The sale will be held in conjunction with the Virginia Performance Ram Lamb Test Sale. VSPA and Virginia Cooperative Extension are responsible for consignments, correspondence, and general coordination/oversight of the sale. The sale will be held at the Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station which owned by the Virginia Sheep Producers Association and the VSPA Seedstock Council is responsible for decisions regarding its use and upkeep. All finances of the program will be handled through VSPA. Faculty from the VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine will serve as consulting veterinarians for the program. A Sale Committee appointed by VSPA is responsible for development of rules/regulations and policies pertaining to the sale.

IV. Eligibility of Consignors

1. Open to Virginia breeders and consignors from Virginia border states.
2. Consignors must be members of, and in good standing with, the Virginia Sheep Producers Association (\$15 annual dues) and the VSPA Seedstock Council (\$15 annual dues).

V. Schedule

	<u>2022 Date</u>
Entry Deadline	July 30
Ewe Delivery	Evening August 26 & Morning August 27
Sale	August 27

VI. Entry and Delivery Requirements

1. Breed: Sale open to crossbred and registered ewe lambs. Breed composition must be known and documented. Registered ewes will be sold with registration papers which must be furnished to sale coordinator prior to the sale.
2. Age: Ewe lambs born September 1, 2021 through April 15, 2022.
3. Number: A maximum of 40 ewe lambs will be accepted for the sale. A maximum of 10 ewe lambs will be accepted per consignor. The Sale Committee may use their discretion in making adjustments. Should consignments exceed 40 ewe lambs, preference will be given to consignments received first. Should consignment numbers need to be limited, this will be done on an equitable basis. Due to limited facility space, total number of ewe lambs for the sale is restricted to 40 ewe lambs.
4. Health, Soundness, and Management:
 - a) Ewes must be accompanied at delivery to sale by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health paper). The following statement must be included on the CVI: **“The flock is free of clinical signs of infectious disease and has not been exposed to scrapie in the last 42 months.”** (this statement is needed to issue out of state health papers to buyers at the sale)
 - b) Ewes must carry appropriate Federal Scrapie Program identification tag at delivery and scrapie identification must be listed on health paper.
 - c) Ewe lambs must be sheared just prior to sale (hair sheep and wool breeds exempt).
 - d) Feet must be trimmed on all ewes just prior to sale.
 - e) Ewe lambs should be properly managed prior to the sale. This includes proper nutrition and health program so that ewes achieve an appropriate weight for their age and are in acceptable body condition. As target, 4-6 month old ewe lambs should have achieved a weight per day of age of at least 0.60 pounds per day ($WDA = \text{weight} \div \text{age in days}$).
 - f) On arrival at the sale, ewe lambs will be evaluated for type, soundness, health (including any foot problems), and management (body condition and weight) by a committee and veterinarian. Ewes not qualifying under any of the above conditions will not be allowed to sell.

VII. Sale Requirements and Policies

1. Sale: Sale will be held in conjunction with the Virginia Performance Ram Lamb Test Sale. Ewes will sell immediately following the rams.
2. Pregnancy Status: Ewes must be sold guaranteed open.
3. Health, Type and Structural Soundness: On arrival at the sale, ewe lambs will be evaluated for type, soundness (feet and legs, mouth), health (including any foot problems), and management (body condition and weight) by a committee and veterinarian. Only those ewes of desirable type and quality will be sold. The decisions of the committee shall be final. Ewes may also be withheld from the sale for health issues as determined by the attending veterinarian and committee.
4. Sale Order: Ewes will be sold in consignor groups of 1-3 ewe lambs. Ewes will be grouped and sold based on genetics, age, type, etc. as determined by the committee and consignor. Consignor groups will be distributed equitably throughout the sale.
5. Catalog Information: All pertinent information on the ewes will be published in the sale catalog. This will include ewe lamb breed composition/pedigree information, birth date, birth type, and other information as available (codon 171 genotype).
6. Registration Certificates: The sale coordinator must have the endorsed registration certificates on registered ewes by sale day or they are subject to losing sale eligibility or selling as commercial ewes.
7. Floor Price: A floor price on all ewe lambs will be established by the Sale Committee in consultation with consignors. Ewes not selling for failing to receive a bid at the floor price will be subject to sale expenses.

8. Sale Guarantee: All consignors agree to abide by the guarantee published on sale ewes.

VIII. Costs

1. Consignment and Sale Fees: Cost for consignment and sales fees will be \$20 for individual lots, and \$35 for group lots of two or more ewes. These fees will cover all sale expenses (advertising, catalog, mailing, auctioneer, etc.). Sale expenses will be shared with the rams selling in the Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale. A portion of the consignment/sale fee shall be retained by VSPA for upkeep of the sheep evaluation facility (\$5). The \$5 due at the time of nomination shall be applied towards total consignment and sales fees owed at settlement. If a breeder fails to deliver a consigned ewe, the nomination fee will be forfeited. Ewes turned down prior to or at delivery will receive a refund. Ewes failing to bring the floor price will be obligated to pay full sale expense. Ewes "bought back" will also be charged sale expenses.
2. Settlement: Fees owed shall be deducted from the sale proceeds for consignors with ewes in the sale. An additional settlement charge may be applied to registered ewes to cover the expense of registration transfers.

IX. General Rules

1. Settlement Report: Consignors will receive a sale report which details the sale results, buyer list, and detailed settlement sheet following the sale.
2. Other Procedures: Consignors agree to allow their ewes to be used in any educational program which may be conducted in conjunction with the sale. Such activities will have prior approval from the Sale Committee, and will not jeopardize or disrupt the normal process of the sale.
3. Rules Infractions: The Sale Committee may act at their discretion and may make, or have necessary investigations made, and may act to eliminate ewes from the program and sale which, in their opinion, have been misrepresented or which may be a discredit to the sale.

X. Liability

The owner assumes full risk and liability for animals during the sale. Virginia Tech, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Sheep Producers Association, the program management, and the Sale Committee assume no responsibility whatsoever for loss of animal, personal injury, or property damage.

