**Center of the Nation NSIP Sheep Sale**

**July 27, 2019**

**Terms and Conditions**

Dear NSIP members,

On behalf of the Center of the Nation Sale and Seminar Committee (CNS), you are invited to consign some of your best EBV sheep to this year’s sale. This year’s sale will be managed by NSIP and Scott Courtney of Courtney Sales LLC.

***The 14th annual event will be held on Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th, 2018 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, IA,*** in the nation’s livestock heartland, and will attract purebred and commercial breeders from across the country seeking quality rams and ewes. Samms, Texels, Polypays, Suffolks, Hampshires, Targhees, Dorsets, Katahdins, Siremax and other NSIP breeds are expected to be featured. The Roadmap Study identified increased production efficiency as one of it’s implementation goals. NSIP has been the focus on how to improve the genetic merit of the U.S. flock. This is your opportunity to promote your breeding program in an area of the country with progressive sheep producers who value elite genetics and technology.

We will again offer pens of 3-5 head sold together with the choice for the first bid. We will also sell elite mature rams. Elite is defined as a proven ram that is in the top 5% for the breed on one trait. It is suggested that each consignor sell no more than one elite sire.

The Center of the Nation has become one of the most consistent seedstock sales in the country. It is one of the only sheep sales where all consignments are backed by the power of EBVs. This is your opportunity to showcase your flock’s performance to an audience that values the genetic predictability of EBVs. We invite you to bring your best EBV entries with progressive genetics to make this another successful event. To consign to this major event, we need your timely response to the following entry guidelines. **Please read carefully.**

1. Entry deadline for consignments is immediately following the ***June 15, 2019*** data run.Please fill out the enclosed forms ***completely. It is important you include your 16-digit NSIP ID number.*** All catalog information and photos must be in by this date so we are assured of prompt catalogs and effective advertising.

2. Entries are open to ***all sheep less than two years old with current EBVs from NSIP***. Sheep will sell within their respective breed/age/sex group.

3. Entry fees are ***$35.00 per head***. Check must accompany all entries, payable to NSIP.

4. Sale commission will be 10% of sale price in addition to the $35 per head entry fee. Additionally, $10 per head registration fee will be withheld for registration transfers.

5. Sale commission will be charged on all “No Sales” at the price they leave the ring.

6. Signed sale agreement must also be returned to our NSIP office to comply with P&S regulations.

A producer education program is planned again for Saturday morning. As always, the goal is to find speakers who will help increase productivity and improve the bottom line. The actual speakers, topics and times will be in the sale catalog.

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1. All sheep consigned must have Estimated Breeding Values and accounts current with NSIP.
2. All sheep must be checked into the barn before 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 26. The barn will be open on Thursday, July 25 at 9:00 a.m. for early check in.
3. No shaping or fitting of animals is allowed. Buyers should be able to put animals in the pasture immediately after the sale.
4. All sheep must arrive with an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI) in the state of origin of the animal issued within 30 days of the sale. Any sheep with signs of infectious disease will not be allowed in the barn.
5. All sheep must arrive with a USDA issued scrapie tag in at least one ear.
6. All rams that are older than 6 months by the day of the sale must provide evidence of a negative B. Ovis test performed no more than 60 days prior to the sale.
7. All entries will be guaranteed breeders between buyer and consignor. Lambs less than 7 months of age will not be guaranteed in the year of purchase.
8. All sheep must be accompanied by a registration paper from the respective association at check in. Transfer of ownership will be done by NSIP within 1 month of the sale.
9. Sheep consigned must fall into one of the following categories
	1. Ram Lambs
	2. Ewe Lambs
	3. Yearling Rams
	4. Yearling Ewes
		1. Must have evidence of being bred or having nursed a lamb
		2. Must be accompanied by at least 1 ram lamb consignment.
	5. Stud Rams (mature ram, over 18 months of age)
		1. Must have EBVs in the top 10% of the breed for at least one trait of interest
		2. Must be accompanied by at least 2 ewe lamb consignments.
10. Sale order of breeds will be based on the 2018 sale average of rams. Sale order within breed will be determined by an index value or EBV value voted on by each consignor within that breed on Friday evening. Within each breed, rams will sell, followed by ewes.
11. Entry deadline is immediately following the June 15, 2019 data run.
12. Entry fee of $35 per head must accompany the entry form. Entry fee is non-refundable in the event of a scratch or no-sale. However, substitutions can be made up until the check-in deadline at 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 26.
13. The auctioneer will be Scott Courtney, Courtney Sales LLC. The actual sale of animals through this sale is between the purchaser and consignor, sold on commission by Courtney Sales, LLC. NSIP is responsible for catalogs, sale advertising and overall sale organization.
14. Payment for animals sold will be by check, issued within 7 business days of the sale date in accordance with USDA Packers and Stockyards regulations. Checks will be distributed via U.S. Postal Service and will be postmarked within 7 business days of the sale.
15. Commission will be 10% of the selling price in addition to the $35 entry fee and $10 per head registration transfer fee. Commission applies to all sheep run through the sale ring. If a consignment is a no-sale or does not reach a sale floor, the consignor is responsible for making up the difference with the sale clerk. The difference will be based off of the last bid or the sale floor, whichever is higher.
	1. Breakdown of Commission
		1. Commission covers the actual auction, sale clerking, receiving payments, issuing payments, ring workers, advertising, sale catalogs and sale expenses as well as the state and national check-off.

Please consider being a part of this sale and being a part of “America’s Genetic Foundation for a Profitable Sheep Industry”! Join us in displaying your hard work and helping advance the U.S. Sheep Industry! Please sign the accompanying form with your consignment information and return to the NSIP office by June 15, 2019. By signing the sale agreement, you agree to all the sale terms and conditions. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact NSIP Program Director Rusty Burgett by email at info@nsip.org or by phone at 515-708-850.

Sincerely,

Rusty Burgett

**2019 Center of the Nation NSIP Sale Agreement**

By participating in this consignment sale, I agree to abide by all rules regarding the sale sponsored by the sale management (National Sheep Improvement Program Eastern NSIP Sale Committee) and the auctioneer (Scott Courtney, Courtney Auction, LLC). It is understood that Scott Courtney, Courtney Sales, LLC will be doing the sale accounting for this sale and will be collecting the sale proceeds. We understand that sale proceeds will be disbursed within a 7 business day time period. We are also aware that any claims against them must be filed, in writing, with the Packers and Stockyards Program within 60 days from the date of the transaction to which the claim is based. Compliance with these Packers & Stockyards Act and Regulations will be beneficial to everyone, as we bring buyer and seller together.

I also understand that all consignments will be charged a uniform sales commission of 10% to cover shared expenses from all consignors for advertising, catalogs, sale facilities, veterinary services, etc. I do agree that commission will be charged on any floor prices or reserve bids at the final price the lot goes out of the sale ring at, either sold or unsold and agree to pay sales expenses on that final price.

Consignors Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Consignors Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Ranch Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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