

Center of the Nation NSIP Sheep Sale July 29, 2023

Terms and Conditions

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 Willoughby Livestock.

The 17th annual event will be held on Friday, July 28th and Saturday, July 29th, 2023 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 its 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 **July 1, 2023**. All catalog information and photos must be in by this date so we are assured of prompt catalogs and effective advertising.

1. 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. Sheep older than 2 years of age must meet the stud ram requirements below.
2. Entry fees are **\$35.00 per head**. Payment will be made to NSIP by July 1, 2023.
3. Sale commission will be 10% of sale price in addition to the \$35 per head entry fee.
4. Sale commission will be charged on all "No Sales" at the price they leave the ring.

A producer education program is planned again for Friday afternoon. 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 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 28 The barn will be open on Thursday, July 27 after 5:00 p.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 an official USDA 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 30 days prior to the sale.
7. All black-faced sheep must have a scrapie codon test with at least 1 R at codon 171. Test results must be provided at sale check in. Pedigrees alone will not be sufficient.
8. 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.
9. All sheep must be accompanied by a registration paper from the respective association at check in. Transfer of ownership will be between buyer and seller.
10. Sheep consigned must fall into one of the following categories
 - a. Ram Lambs
 - b. Ewe Lambs
 - c. Yearling Rams
 - d. Yearling Ewes
 - i. Must have evidence of being bred or having nursed a lamb
 - ii. Must be accompanied by at least 1 ram lamb consignment.
 - e. Stud Rams (mature ram, over 18 months of age)
 - iii. Must have EBVs in the top 10% of the breed for at least one trait of interest
 - iv. Must be accompanied by at least 2 ewe lamb consignments.
11. Sale order of breeds will be based on the 2022 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.
12. Entry deadline is July 1, 2023
13. 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 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 28.
14. The auctioneer will be Al Conover. The actual sale of animals through this sale is between the purchaser and consignor, sold on commission by Production Livestock Auctions.
15. Payment for animals sold will be by check, issued within 30 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 30 business days of the sale.

15. Commission will be 10% of the selling price in addition to the \$35 entry 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.

a. Breakdown of Commission

i. Commission covers the actual auction, sale clerking, receiving payments, issuing payments, ring workers, advertising, sale catalogs and sale expenses.

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! 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.