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SEASON'S GREETINGS

***WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!***

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This year has flown by while most shows are finishing up some are just getting kicked off.

I hope the ones of you that fall lamb have healthy lambs running around while the spring lambers are getting ready for the busy season. Please be watching for emails from Robbie as it is not that far away from entering the National Show and Sale . During this time of celebration let's remember the real reason for Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year.

Stay warm and Merry Christmas From Texas !

Stephen Munz

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 10/31/2025

REGISTRATIONS: 895

TRANSFERS: 312

ASSOCIATION DUES: 119

MEMBERSHIPS: 8



Thank you Parker Munz for promoting the Rambouillet breed at the State Fair of Texas

Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! Here we are at the end of another year. As time goes on, the years continue to speed by faster and faster.

We have hit the lull in the show season, as the summer and fall fairs are over, and the Texas shows are going to begin in January.

The summer and fall fairs went well as it appears we had great participation from coast to coast in the Rambouillet breed. Many show numbers were spectacular.

The 2025 North American International Livestock Exposition is in the books for another year. Our numbers were steady as compared to the last two years. I want to thank Woody & Ann Joslin as well as Tom Conner for making the trip to represent the breed and the association. It is much appreciated.

The Wyoming and Dakota Ram Tests are underway, and we have a really good set of rams on both tests. These ram tests are another integral part of this breed as many producers, both registered and commercial, utilize this data from a centralized test to capture and identify genetics that not only work to improve their genetic lines, but work for other producers and the entire industry.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your continued support and dedication. I encourage each of you to decide what is most important for your operation and it's success, find those genetics that meet your criteria, and power forward with laser focus to meet your goals and objectives. Not everyone has the same objectives and that is what makes the world work on a daily basis.

Keep promoting and producing high quality Rambouillet genetics that will not only improve the Rambouillet breed but the entire sheep industry.

2025-26 Dakota Ram Test

As of 11/20/2025

56 day weights

50 Rambouillet Rams on test

From 11 producers

Average Daily Gain: 1.03

Highest ADG: 1.35/day

2025-26 Wyoming Ram Test

As of 11/11/2024

72 Total Rams on test with

11 Rambouillet producers with
rams on test

Average Daily Gain across all
breeds is .54lbs/day

**Please see notes on page 4
concerning the WY Ram Test**

Make plans to attend the field
days at the conclusion of the
ram tests



Congratulations to
the Heeg Family on
exhibiting the Best
Fleece Rambouillet
at the North
American
International
Livestock
Exposition with
Heeg 25-1.

The 97th Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale was held at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds on Sept. 9th and once again they had another successful year.

According to a Wyoming Livestock Roundup article there were a total of 290 lots sold, for an average of \$1,234.40 per head. 97 Rambouillet yearling rams sold for an average of \$1,346.13. Three Certified Rams sold for an average of \$2,400/head.

From viewing the Frontier Live Sale Summary the top Rambouillet sales include Lot 43 consigned by Hageman Sisters at \$4100, Lots 23A & Lot 23B at \$4000, and Lots 55B, 58B, and 58C by Hageman Sisters at \$3400 as well as Lot 8 at \$3600. Erk Bros sold Lot 2 a certified Ram at \$3000 and Chapman sold Lot 3 a certified ram at \$2600. Lot 16 from Rabel Bros sold at \$3000 while Forbes, Rabel, and McGivney sold Lot 17 at \$3000.

To review the sale results visit FrontierLive at the link below.

https://auction.frontierlivesale.com/97th-Annual-Wyoming-Ram-Sale_as110656

Thank you to all of the Rambouillet consignors,
contending bidders and buyers.

Notes on the Wyoming Ram Test from Kalli Lyn Koepke

We intentionally adjusted the first phase of feeding to promote more moderate and healthier rates of gain in young rams. We are pleased to report an average ADG of 0.54 lb/day, which aligns well with our goals for this early phase.

Rams are currently being limit-fed on the ram test ration at approximately 2% of body weight, with free-choice access to high-quality meadow hay. This approach supports rumen health, stabilizes intake, and helps us evaluate natural genetic differences in gain.

Most rams gained between 0.4 and 0.8 lb/day, showing a healthy spread of performance on a forage-based diet without pushing them too aggressively.

The rams have adequate space in the bunk line to try to mitigate the selection hierarchy.

We will transition the lambs to the Vytelle system in January, returning them to the standard ram test diet as we move into the next phase of evaluation.

We are working on the beginning micron samples taken upon intake.

MONTANA RAM SALE

MILES CITY, MONTANA

47 Rambouillet Rams averaged
\$1605/head

Top selling rams include Lots
46A & 46B consigned by Helle at
\$3100 as well as Lot 68 at \$2600
and Lot 55A at \$2500. Lehfeldt
sold Lot 47 at \$2400.

https://auction.frontierlivesale.com/100th-Annual-Montana-Ram-Ewe-Sale_as110654



**Champion Rambouillet Ram and
Supreme Champion Ram**

**Lot 33 consigned by Chapman
Rambouillets, Bison, SD sold to Ryle
Millar of Sturgis, SD at \$3800**

<https://www.dvauction.com/events/241511-newell-ram-80th-annual-newell-ram-9-19-25/lots>

Newell Ram Sale

170 head of rams and ewes sold to
buyers. The sale averaged \$548 for ewes
and \$938 for rams.

Top selling lot was an entry from
Chapman Rambouillets, Lot 33 a
yearling stud ram for \$3800.

9 Rambouillet Ewes averaged \$766.67

14 Rambouillet Stud Rams averaged
\$1435.71.

37 Rambouillet Range Rams averaged
an impressive \$1043.24

Erk Brothers consigned the Champion
Pen of Rams

Schalesky Livestock exhibited the
Reserve Supreme Champion Fleece

Rabel Bros of Buffalo, WY exhibited the
Youth Champion Fleece



**Reserve Supreme Champion Rambouillet
Ewe**

**Consigned by Jessica Steimntez, Hot Springs,
SD**



**Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ewe
consigned by Chapman Rambouillets,
Bison, SD**



**Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ram
consigned by Chapman
Rambouillets, Bison, SD**

The 2025 National Ram Sale

The 2025 National Ram Sale recently wrapped up in Heber City, Utah at the Wasatch Events Center which is the permanent home to this annual grand event. As always, the Maneotis lamb dinners were a major attraction with 350+ attending on Friday to listen to Saddle Strings and enjoy the ewe sale and 400 enjoyed the Saturday meal prior to the ram sale. Big Tom Perkins and Dr. Camren Maierle attended the sale doing their Grazing Sheep podcast from the sale and interviewing consignors and buyers. The sale was a great success and they look forward to 2026!

The National Ram Sale Highlights

A group of 10 Commercial Rambouillet Ewes from Blonquist Bros
sold at \$400 per head

High Selling Stud Rams

Jim Forbes sold two Rambouillet rams at \$4,200 & \$3,100

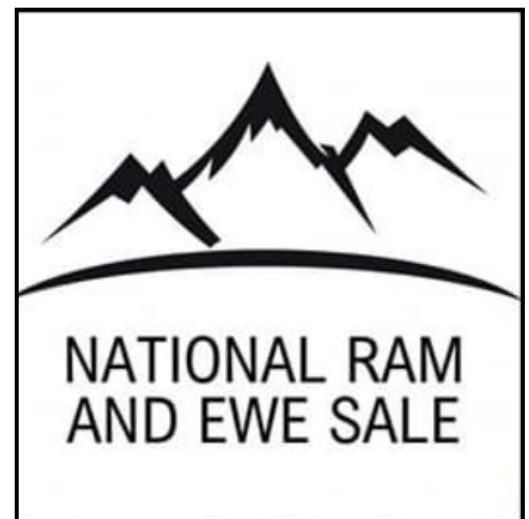
Beau Chapman consigned a nice polled stud that brought \$3,000

Legacy Rambouillet sold a stud ram at \$2,800

High Selling Pens of Rambouillet Rams

Legacy Rambouillet had the high selling pen of Rambouillet rams at
\$2,100 per head

Thank you to Tom Boyer for these sale highlights





THANK YOU

TO ALL OF OUR
EXHIBITORS AT THE
2025 NORTH
AMERICAN
INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITION

FOR AN
OUTSTANDING SHOW

Watch for these genetics
at the 2026 National
Rambouillet Sale and
2026 ARSBA Online
Sales



There has been interest over the past few years of creating an option for the ARSBA to allow purebred Rambouillet sheep to go through a process to allow for potential registry in the association.

Thus, a committee was put together to work on and study the details to create some type of systematic approach to this type of program.

The program proposal was sent out last year in the newsletters to the membership with a vote taken in Gillette in June. **The proposal did not pass.**

Thank you to those on the committee that worked on this proposal for the ARSBA.

DON'T FORGET....

The Associated Registry has moved:

New Address:

P.O. Box 27

Sedalia, Missouri 65302

660-851-0101

2026 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE AND NATIONAL JR SHOW

JUNE 16-20, 2026

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Show and Sale will be live via Breedersworld.com

2026 ARSBA ONLINE SALES

LATE APRIL 2026

EARLY JUNE 2026

2025 North American International Livestock Exposition Results

2 Head — Yearling Ram: 1) Myka Heeg, Jordan, MT, Marshall WM 3-94 2) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC, Lazy 5 8218

4 Head — Senior Ram Lamb: 1) Inobdy Brothes, Jenera, OH, Inbody F2461 2) Duane Bauck, New York Mills, MN, DDF 24-94

3 Head — Junior Ram Lamb: 1) Jared Conner, South Bloomfield, OH, Ewe & I 0886 2) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH, Inbody 2502

2 Pair — Pair ram Lambs: 1) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH 2) Vivian Stephenson, Mt. Ulla, NC

Champion Ram: Inbody Brothers, Inbody F2461; Res Ch Ram: Duane Bauck, DDF 24-94

8 Head — Yearling Ewe: 1) Duane Bauck, New York Mills, MN, DDF 24-45 2) Jared Conner, South Bloomfield, OH, Ewe & I 0778

3 Pair — Pair Yearling Ewes: 1) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC 2) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH

10 Head — Senior Ewe Lamb: 1) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC, Lazy 5 8258 2) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH, Inbody F2465

4 Head — Early Junior Ewe Lamb; 1) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC, lazy 5 8263 2) Myka Heeg, Jordan, MT, Heeg 25-1

4 Head — Late Junior Ewe Lamb: 1) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH, Inobdy 2529 2) Jared Conner, South Bloomfield, OH, Ewe & I 0885

4 Pair — Pair Ewe Lambs: 1) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC 2) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH

Champion Ewe: Duane Bauck, New York Mills, MN, DDF 24-45; Res Ch Ewe: Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC, Lazy 5 8263

Best Fleece Rambouillet: Heegs Crazy H Club Lambs, Jordan, MT, Heeg 25-1

3 Flocks — Flock: 1) Vivian Stephenson, Mt Ulla, NC 2) Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH

Premier Exhibitor: Inbody Brothers, Jenera, OH



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Memberships (January 1 to December 31)

Senior Membership Dues: \$40.00

Junior Dues (21 & under): \$15.00

Membership Reinstatement: \$10.00

**Juniors must be a member to qualify for
scholarships or to exhibit in the National Junior
Show.**

Registration Fees:

All animals 12 months of age and younger: \$7.00

All animals over 12 months of age: \$14.00

Transfers under 60 days from date of sale: \$6.00

Transfers after 60 days from date of sale: \$12.00

Rush orders and Non-Members: **DOUBLE FEES**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Sheep
Shearing School**

Feb 12-14, 2026

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center- San Angelo

**Intermediate/Advanced
Sheep Shearing School**

**Beginners will be accepted as
space allows*

TX Residents - \$300
Nonresidents - \$600



Scan here to apply
OR click the link in
the post

All skill levels are welcome to
apply, however priority will be
given to those who have
previously attended the course or
are actively shearing as a service



Contact: Jake Thorne, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist
Phone: 325-657-7320
Email: jake.thorne@ag.tamu.edu



Lot 74

Chapman E-049 TW

DOB: 4/02/2022

Sire: Legacy 1999-19 TW RR

Dam: Chapman D-449 SG

Service Sire: Borchert 23-194 TW
RR

Ultrasounded Pregnant-TW 68

Days on 10/13/25



51st North Star Bred Ewe Sale

October 25, 2025

Chapman E-049 sold at \$1150

<https://www.dvauction.com/events/245664-north-star-bred-ewe-51st-annual-10-25-25/lots>

2025 Utah Ram Sale

**Lot 115 Consigned by Ryan McNeil sold at
\$2750**

**Lot 117 Consigned by Allred Sheep Co. at
\$1900**

**Lot 104 Pen of Rambouillet Rams sold at
\$1200/head**

<https://www.liveauctions.tv/auction/4833/detail>