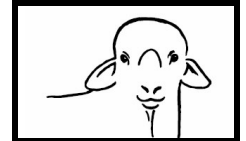




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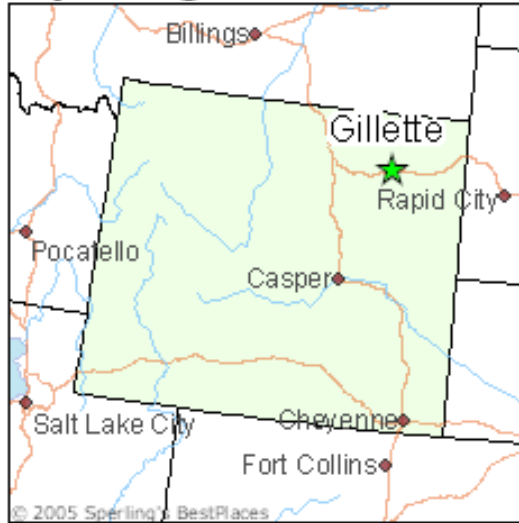
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2025 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET

SHOW & SALE

JUNE 16-21, 2025

CAM-PLEX

1635 Reata Drive

Gillette, Wyoming 82718



Room Rates are \$99/night + tax

Reservations must be made prior to 5/20/2025 for the group rate

Reference the ARSBA National Show when making reservations

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Well, March is here, and you know what that means - it's tournament time, also known as March Madness! It can mean many different things for the people. For those from Texas, it's the season for major livestock shows. For others, it's a time to fill out brackets, and some simply enjoy following their local team. As someone once told me, nothing brings people out of the woodwork like a good ball team.

As I've mentioned before, there are a lot of similarities between sports and raising livestock. Some people make sure they do everything precisely - feeding their lambs 2 lbs of feed twice a day, for example, Others take a more relaxed approach, guessing the amounts using the old "dump method" into the trough.

Sports are similar in that way. Some people eat, breathe, and live for the game. Meanwhile, their teammates might have a more casual attitude, playing just for fun and socializing to improve themselves but just like hanging out with friends. This also relates to hunting - some hunters only consider a trip successful if they shoot the Big One, while others simply enjoy the time spent with family passing down traditions.

You may be wondering - where am I going with this? Most people raise sheep for different reasons. Some prefer a dry lot system, lamb in May, and then send to pasture. Others opt for accelerated lambing. Some select for wool, while others rate of gain. Some people only keep twin ewe lambs, and others will only retain fall-born lambs. That's why attending Nationals is always exciting - it's a change to see all the different types and methods in one place.

Speaking of Nationals, this year's event will be held in Gillette, WY, from June 16th-21st at the Cam-plex Facility. I know for a fact, Allison Borchert, has dedicated an incredible amount of time to making this event a success, I strongly encourage all of you to attend.

A funny story: My sister was planning a trip to Louisiana this March. I asked her if there was a livestock show there. I joked that I thought you could only cross state lines if it was sheep-related!!

On a more serious note, there's no better way to raise kids than to raise them with livestock. Someone once told me, "We use our sheep to help us raise our kids." and I couldn't agree more.

I'm not sure if I've ever mentioned it, but the Rambouillet breed has the BEST Jr. Association out there. I encourage you to get to know kids like the Munz family from Texas or the Marshalls from South Dakota - our junior association has helped shape some of these young leaders. In fact, some junior kids have left a lasting impression on me.

So if someone asks you why you raise rambouillets, tell them the reasons that matter most to you. Maybe it's their strong will, their ability to thrive in tough conditions, or the fact that they make excellent mothers. Perhaps you appreciate their prolific nature, their high-quality wool, or their versatility in both meat and fiber productions. Whatever your reason, own it - because raising Rambouillets isn't just about the sheep, it's about the values and the qualities they represent.

See you Nationals in Gillette!!!

Darin Bauch

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 2/28/25

REGISTRATIONS : 74

TRANSFERS : 38

ASSOCIATION DUES : 19

MEMBERSHIPS : 1

Entry forms will be on the website for the National Sale, National Junior Show and Online Sale. If you need paper forms mailed to you, please let me know and I will send them to you. In addition, I will send all other pertinent information as needed.

Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! 2025 has arrived and we are off and running in a new year.

As you noticed on the front page, the show & sale will be heading to Gillette, WY in June. The event was last in Gillette in 2017. In addition to the in person event, as you can see to the right, we will also be having an online sale in early June for those that cannot make the in person event. This gives our membership two opportunities to market their sheep through an association sanctioned sale.

We want to remind all Junior Members that they must have their dues paid to exhibit in the National Junior Show as well as be a potential candidate to receive an ARSBA scholarship.

As a reminder, in order for you to have your entries in the 2025 National Show & Sale catalog, they must be in my hands by May 1, 2025. NOT POSTMARKED BUT IN MY HANDS VIA TRADITIONAL MAIL! In addition, entries will not be accepted until entry fees are paid in full.

The same structure on entries will be applicable to the online sale entries as the in person show and sale. Those entries will be due on May 1, 2025 with the same age sheep being allowed to sell in the online sale. Separate entry forms will be up on the website in the coming days for both events.

One main note is I will not be in attendance in Gillette. With our change in family dynamic the past 3 years with Mom and Dad's passing as well as Amy's folks needing additional assistance, it is not possible for me to get that far away from home in 2025. I am working with the board for a plan moving forward and will notify you if changes will occur in the second half of 2025. My apologies in advance for this situation.

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR THE ONLINE SALE and NATIONAL SALE AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL JR. SHOW
IS MAY 1, 2025

We need junior entry numbers by May 1st so we can get shirts ordered for all junior participants.

Sale entry information and photos/videos for the online sale need to be to me by May 1st to get the sale items up on the online platform.

National Sale Entries need to be to me so I can get the sale catalog out to perspective buyers.

2025 ARSBA ONLINE SALE

JUNE 3, 2025

**ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$20/HEAD and
10% COMMISSION ON ALL SALE
SHEEP AS WELL AS CONSIGNOR
FLOOR PRICE ON PO SHEEP PER THE
DECISION OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS IN 2024**

**SAME AGE SHEEP AS THE NATIONAL
SALE**

**LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU HAVE AN
INTEREST IN CONSIGNING**

2024-25 NATIONAL JR. ARSBA OFFICERS

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Congratulations to Avery Walton of Eastland FFA Champion Rambouillet Ewe at San Antonio and recipient of a \$10,000 Scholarship!

There has been interest over the past 3 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 in the September newsletter. If you need to be refreshed on how it would work, you may visit the website for the packet of information.

It was decided in Stephenville in June that a vote would be taken in Gillette in June 2025 with the membership making the decision by their vote if this is something the ARSBA will proceed forward with.

<https://www.countrylovin.com/ARSBA/>

The packet is on the homepage of the website.

2025 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE & NATIONAL JR SHOW

JUNE 16-21, 2025

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GILLETTE, WYOMING

3/5/2025 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Monday, June 16	Begin arrival
Tuesday, June 17	8:00 AM: Begin check in of all National Jr. Show and National Sale Sheep
Wednesday, June 18	8:00 AM: Continuation of check in of National Sale Sheep & National Junior Show sheep NOON: ALL NATIONAL SALE SHEEP and NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW SHEEP MUST BE IN PLACE AND CHECKED IN 1:00 PM: Micron Testing of all sale entries with Educational Seminar to follow in addition to the Sheep Skillathon
Thursday, June 19	8:00 AM: 2025 National Rambouillet Show 2025 National Junior Show <u>WILL OCCUR</u> ONE HOUR AFTER COMPLETION OF NATIONAL SHOW OR 1:00 PM Afternoon: 2025 National Fleece Show
Friday, June 20	8:00 AM: Association Meetings Noon: Junior Activity Day 5:00 PM: Begin voting on the proposal described on the previous Page. 6:00 PM: 2025 General Meeting of the Association, Awards Presentation and Junior Auction Judging of Poster/Shadowbox Contest during the meal
Saturday, June 21	9:00 AM: 2025 National Rambouillet Sale

**WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OR SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS IN THE
COMING WEEKS.**

REGISTER OF MERIT STATUS RAMS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Recently, two Rambouillet Rams from South Dakota reached the Registered of Merit Status in the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association. To achieve this goal a ram must compete in an approved ram test. The ram must be in the top 10% of the rams on test. He must have a four inch staple length, gain.60 pounds per day, have a wool micron finer than 23.7 and have nine pounds of clean fleece. He then must sire five rams that meet these requirements. The last time this was accomplished was in 2003.

The first ram is Erk Bros B1510-997995R raised by Erk Bros, Newell SD. They run a range flock of 900 head and a registered flock of 300 head of Rambouillet Ewes. Breeding stock is sold at the Newell Ram Sale, Wyoming Ram Sale in Douglas, WY and private treaty off the ranch.

The second ram is Cook Sisters 5931-999443R bred by Cook Sisters, Glad Valley, SD. They run a Rambouillet flock of 200 head of ewes. Breeding stock is sold at the Newell Ram Sale, the SD Sheep Growers Ewe Sale in Huron, SD and also sell private treaty off the ranch. This ram is now owned by by Forbes, McGivney and Rabel of Kaycee, WY. They run a flock of 300 Registered Rambouillet Ewes. They sell at Newell Ram Sale, Wyoming Ram Sale at Douglas, WY and the National Ram sale in Utah and private treaty off the ranch.

All three breeders use the Performance Ram Tests at Hettinger, ND and the Wyoming Test at Douglas, WY.

There has been a lag in the postal service forwarding your work to the new Missouri office. If you have not received paperwork sent to the old Kansas office, please contact the new office in Sedalia, Missouri immediately.



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2025 RAM TEST FIELD DAY

APRIL 5, 2025 | 470 HWY 230 LARAMIE WY 82070

Event Schedule

11:00 AM - Welcome

Ram Test Overview, Fleece Characteristics, Program Updates - **Dylan Laverell**
SSWS Plan Considerations - **Dr. Rose Digianantonio**
Lamb Taste Panel - **Dr. Cody Gifford**

12:30 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Silent Auction & Ram Viewing

1:30 PM - Brand Inspections & Health Papers

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: KKOEPKE@UWYO.EDU OR DLAVEREL@UWYO.EDU



2025 National Show & Sale

June 16-21, 2025

CAM-PLEX, GILLETTE, WY

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR: \$1000+

Large banner with logo in show ring & booth space
4 banquet tickets for Friday evening
Logo in Sale Catalog & social media

SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR: \$500+

Medium banner with logo in show ring & booth space
3 banquet tickets for Friday evening
Logo in Sale Catalog & social media

BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR: \$350+

Small banner with logo in show ring & booth space
2 banquet tickets for Friday evening
Logo in Sale Catalog & social media

AWARD SPONSORS: \$75+

Each class winner award sponsorship is \$75
Please see the attached class sheet for details.

Sponsor Name/Business: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Any inquiries, questions or concerns can be directed to Alison Crane (205)743-8704 or Beau Chapman (605) 430-5811. Please make checks payable to 'American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association' and mail to P.O. Box 214, Hawley, TX 79525 with the below information included.

Class Awards will be the same as past years with the exception of additional classes listed on the next page.—>

ADDITIONAL CLASSES 2025 NATIONAL SHOW

PAIR OF EWE LAMBS

PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

COMMERCIAL RAMBOUILLET RAM FLEECE

COMMERCIAL RAMBOUILLET EWE FLEECE

OVERALL BEST COMMERCIAL RAMBOUILLET FLEECE

OVERALL CHAMPION FLEECE

WYOMING FLEECE AWARD

BEST FLEECE ON A LIVE ANIMAL

ADDITIONAL CLASSES 2025 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW

THE TOP TWO BRED AND OWNED ANIMALS IN EACH CLASS WILL BE RECOGNIZED

THOSE TWO WILL COME BACK FOR A SEPARATE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION BRED AND OWNED IN THE JUNIOR SHOW

WITH THESE ADDITIONAL CLASSES, ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS FOR CLASS AWARDS WILL BE NEEDED.

AWARD SPONSORSHIPS ARE \$75. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR CONTACT ALISON, BEAU, OR MYSELF IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ANY CLASS AWARD IN THE NATIONAL SHOW.

Please get logos to me or Alison in a viable format to be used in the sale catalog.

NDSU RAM TEST

By the time this newsletter goes to press, all results for the 2024-25 NDSU Ram Test should be available online.

As of the 112 day wts.

Highest ADG: 1.25

Average ADG: .95

Wyoming Ram Test results will be out prior to the Field Day Scheduled for April 5, 2025

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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**

WATCH THE WEBSITE IN THE COMING DAYS FOR ALL NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE INFORMATION

RULES AND GUIDELINES

ENTRY FORMS

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

JUNIOR SHOW INFORMATION

Be thinking about your junior auction items! All proceeds benefit the ARSBA Junior Program and the Burk & Bernie Lattimore Scholarship Program and National Junior Membership!

Please Remember to send all registry work to the address in Sedalia, Missouri.

Also, they are now sending your checks to me to deposit at the end of the month, thus, it may be 4-6 weeks before your checks clear your financial institution.

2025 Sheep
Dress-up/Poster/Shadowbox
Theme for the National Junior
Show is.....

***WYld and Wooly in
Wyoming***

**PLEASE ALLOW THE REGISTRY
OFFICE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET
YOUR REGISTRY WORK
COMPLETED AND BACK TO YOU.
WE MUST HAVE ALL NATIONAL
SALE ENTRY REGISTRATION
PAPERS IN HAND AT GILLETTE AS
WELL AS FOR THE ONLINE SALE.**