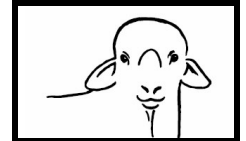




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2020 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the great State of Texas

Hope this newsletter finds all well and healthy. Unfortunately, we just wrapped the Show season up here in Texas rather prematurely. As most of you have heard the remainder of the Houston Livestock Show and the Star of Texas were forced to shut down as a result of the coronavirus scare. Fortunately, Houston was able to squeeze in the Breeding Sheep Show before shutting down. We had a lot of participation from both in state and out of state Rambouillet breeders. Thanks Duane, Scott and Kristin for making the long trip to Texas hope the experience was positive and enjoyable. The Rambouillet breed was at the forefront of the show being named Supreme Champion Ram of the Open Show and Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe of the Junior Show. Congratulations to all.

I think things are moving along with the National Show, we did find a foundry to do the bronzes for a very good price so those are in the works. Judges have been ranked and are being contacted as we read this note, and Kristan has been working hard to make our trip to Springfield a great one. She has some exciting things lined up for the Juniors also, Thanks for all your hard work.

It looks like the board is in agreement to help fund part of the shortfall in the Finewool Consortium's Genomics Project. The results in this project will put the Rambouillet Breed at the forefront of some much-needed wool EPDs and improve the accuracy of those numbers.

As we all know the Coronavirus labeled as a Pandemic outbreak and with the President calling for a National State of Emergency it is now very real. We are seeing lots of events being shut down as well as colleges and schools closing. It lends to a lot of uncertainty to our National Show and Sale, rest assured that Robbie, Myself and the host committee are monitoring the situation daily and are in contact with the facilities as well as the powers to be in Missouri on any changes in the situation. There has also been talks of alternate plans that can be put in place in the event of a forced cancellation.

Hope spring lambing went smooth for all and hope to see you in July

Your President

RUSSELL KOTT

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 2/29/20

REGISTRATIONS: 225

TRANSFERS: 40

ASSOCIATION DUES: 25

MEMBERSHIPS: 2

**IF YOU SELL SHEEP PRIVATE
TREATY OR THROUGH A SALE,
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
YOUR REGISTRATION PAPERS
DONE AND IN ORDER AND
TAKE CARE OF GETTING
THOSE PAPERS TO THE SALE
MANAGER AND/OR BUYERS**

Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! 2020 is here and speeding right along.

As you can see from the front page, we will spend our week together this summer in Springfield, Missouri.

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

One change for the 2020 National Junior Show is that it will include a bred and owned Yearling Ewe Class. The ewe must be out of a ewe owned by the junior exhibitor at the time of conception and must be **REGISTERED IN THEIR NAME.**

In order for you to have your entries in the 2020 National Show & Sale catalog, they must be in my hands by May 10, 2020. NOT POST-MARKED BUT IN MY HANDS VIA TRADITIONAL MAIL! NO EXCEPTIONS! As time goes on people have been getting more tardy in getting those entries in, and we need to get those catalogs done and out to our prospective buyers, and that date is what works best to meet our goals. Now a note from Kristin Jenkins!

Greetings from Missouri:

Things are running smoothly getting ready for the Nationals. We have made a couple of trips already to scope things out to make it easier for everyone. The Chamber is putting together a nice welcome packet for everyone that will include coupons to various eateries and venues. There is so much to see and do in Springfield if you choose to make this a vacation. Branson and Silver Dollar City are 45 minutes away as well. Springfield is the home of many caves to tour. If any of you have heard of Lamberts Café, it originated in Springfield. It is the home of the thrown rolls. The atmosphere is neat and well worth the wait. Possibly one of the biggest

highlights is the original Bass Pro and Wonders of Wildlife Museum which we have secured for our juniors to see.

There is plenty of shopping, including on of the biggest western stores in the U.S.; PFI, as well as the historic Battlefield Mall. All of these places are within a few minutes of the fairgrounds.

Our host hotel, Holiday Inn Express is brand new and very nice. It includes a fairly sizable buffet breakfast. They need everyone to book by May 25th.

The outer road on which the hotel sits leads right to the entrance of the fairgrounds. It is not really walkable, but is definitely a short drive. The golf course is also right next to the hotel.

Another perk of this hotel is a huge liquor store, Macadoodles, that is also a Springfield original. It shares the parking lot. They have offered to do a free tasting for our group one night. I have included a couple of other hotels close by to fit everyone's budget. I do want to point out thought that there are two Holiday Inn Hotels right across from each other. WE got confused the first time. Ours in the EXPRESS on the NORTH side of I-44. We hope to see all in July and are very excited to be your host for 2020!

Kristin

Lampighter Inn

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I-44 and Glenstone

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**Don't Miss
the Rambouillet
Excitement!**

SEDALIA

MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Tuesday, June 23 ~

RAMBOUILLET SHOW

Judge: Alex Wolf

Thursday, June 25 ~

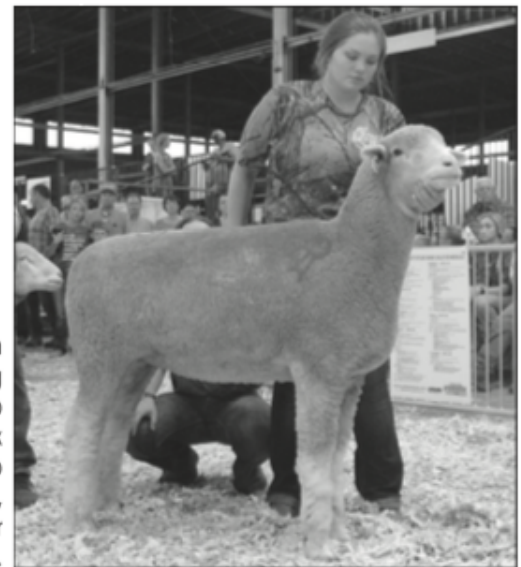
RAMBOUILLET SALE



*Pictured are the
2019 Champions!*

Grand Champion
Rambouillet Fall
Ram Lamb from Dew
Drop Farm, New York
Mills, MN. Sold to
Leldon Teeter, Paris,
TX, for \$1,000.

Grand Champion
Rambouillet Yearling
Ewe from Dew Drop
Farm, New York
Mills, MN. Sold to
Frey Rambouillets,
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2020 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE

2020 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW

JULY 6-11, 2020

OZARK EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Monday, July 6	Begin arrival
Tuesday, July 7	8:00 AM: Begin check in of all National Jr. Show and National Sale Sheep 6:00 PM: ALL JR. SHOW SHEEP MUST BE IN PLACE AND CHECKED IN
Wednesday, July 8	8:00 AM: Continuation of check in of National Sale Sheep NOON: ALL NATIONAL SALE SHEEP MUST BE IN PLACE AND CHECKED IN 1:00 PM: Paint Branding to start and be completed by end of day 3:00 PM: 2020 National Jr. Rambouillet Show with Jr. Pizza Party immediately afterwards
Thursday, July 9	8:00 AM: Association Meetings site TBD 9:00 AM: Junior Activity Day at the Wonders of Wildlife 1:00 PM: Tentative Micron Testing
Friday, July 10	8:00 AM: 2020 National Rambouillet Show 6:30 PM: 2020 General Meeting of the Association, Banquet, and Awards Presentation
Saturday, July 11	9:00 AM: 2020 National Rambouillet Sale

As a reminder, there will be a non show class for each age division in the National Sale. A motion was passed at the meetings at Levelland to eliminate the no paint rule at the National for all sale sheep and Junior Show sheep.

Tips for Wool Quality

A way to enhance wool quality is proper harvesting techniques on shearing day. The goal is to provide your processor with the most uniform product possible. When preparing for shearing day, at a minimum, consider the following first three steps below to optimize effectiveness and financial return.

With a fine, whiteface wool operation, the last two steps should additionally be considered.

- Minimize wool contamination.
- Sort sheep before shearing and package different types of wool separately.
- Remove belly wool and tags during shearing and package separately.
- Some wools benefit from table skirting to remove inferior wool.
- Class wool in like groups for commercial marketing purposes.

FOR YOU GOLFERS ATTENDING THE NATIONAL BILL & PAYNE STEWART GOLF COURSE

Opened in 1947, this outstanding course is our most established and was planned by renowned designer Perry Maxwell.

Named for 2 Ozarks golfers, the course rises to the standard that it's name implies. Springfield pays tribute to Missouri Amateur Winner, Bill Stewart, and his son Payne Stewart, who won on tour 11 times, including 2 U.S. Opens and 1 PGA Championship.

FEATURES

The course is a 6,162 yard par 70, with design that requires accurate iron play and places a premium on good putting-making it a fun yet challenging layout.

- You'll find 2 practice greens, a driving range, fully stocked Pro Shop, and snack bar.
- PGA Professionals are available for private lessons.
- Located in northeast Springfield at 1825 E Norton Road (I-44 and Glenstone Avenue, Exit 80-B).

Michigan Steering Committee
27th All American Junior Show
 July 2-5, 2020
 Michigan State University



Dear Breed Association Leader,

On behalf of the Michigan Planning Committee of the All-American Junior Sheep Show (AAJSS), we are writing to you with the hope you would share a marketing opportunity with your members. As you are probably aware the AAJSS is much more than a sheep show. Youth can participate in many activities, including a sheep skill-a-thon, judging contest, promotional contests, showmanship classes, scholarship program, and social activities for the whole family.

To help raise funds for this year's AAJSS, the Michigan Planning Committee is developing a breed directory booklet for each youth member to receive in their Welcome Bag. We are anticipating approximately 500 exhibitors and their families from across the United States to attend this year's event. What better way for a breeder to promote their farm?

What is the cost of advertising in the breed directory book...just \$75 for a business card ad.

Below is a suggested message to share with members of your breed association. We encourage you to send this in an email and/or newsletter.

Dear Sheep Producer,

The 27th Annual All-American Junior Sheep Show is being held in Michigan July 2-5, 2020. The Michigan Planning Committee has a great opportunity for you to advertise your farm. For \$75 you can have your farm business card put in a breed directory which each exhibitor will receive in their Welcome Bag.

The AAJSS will attract approximately 500 exhibitors and their families from across the United States to this year's event. This is an excellent opportunity to promote your farm to every family through a professionally printed breed directory.

Hosting an event of this size is not possible without your contribution. Please consider making a \$75 contribution and share your business card with the Michigan Planning Committee. Your advertisement will help ensure the 27th AAJSS is a success.

Please email your business card (size at 3.5 x 2 inch) in a high resolution PDF or JPEG to Lisa Reiff at michiganfairs@gmail.com. If you need assistance with creating a business card Lisa is willing to create one for you. **The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2020.**

A check for \$75 made out to the Michigan Sheep Producers Association and mailed to:

Lisa Reiff
 15394 West Austin Rd
 Manchester, MI 48158

Thank you for considering this great marketing opportunity.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in helping showcase some of the best and brightest youth in Agriculture. If you have any questions please feel free to contact James Averill via phone at 517-927-6399 or email at wcfdorpers@gmail.com

Cordially,

James Averill, DVM, PhD
 Co-Chair

Karen Scovill
 Co-Chair



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Johnny Morris, Founder/CEO of Bass Pro Shops

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This is an exciting and great opportunity for our youth. Kristin did a wonderful job getting us an outstanding deal for our kids and their Junior Activity Day!

To learn more visit them at: www.wondersofwildlife.org



GREAT TWO DAYS IN HOUSTON FOR THE RAMBOUILLET BREED

SUPREME CHAMPION RAM — OPEN SHOW owned by Henry Hampton, NC and **RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION EWE — JUNIOR SHOW** owned by Ragan Levien, TX



Reid's Ram-blings: February 2020

February 4, 2020 by Dr. Reid Redden, Associate Professor, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, San Angelo, Texas

Attract Youth to Livestock Production

In Texas, we don't even have time to break our New Year's resolutions before stock show season gets into full swing. My 10-year-old son is in his second year of showing lambs and we just finished up our county show. Although, baseball is still his number one priority, he has grown to appreciate his livestock projects. And I am growing to appreciate what his livestock project are doing for him.

There are a few things that have changed quite a bit compared to 20 years ago when I was showing lambs. Lambs and goats are much bigger, and judges tend to like them a full body condition heavier than before. The quality and depth of competition is much stronger, which makes it more difficult to place very high at any of the major stock shows. The costs of purchasing and feeding competitive lambs and goats has also gone up. I never thought I'd see the day where I referred to a lamb as "only costing \$500."

Thankfully, the real benefits of these projects have remained the same. My son is learning important life lessons such as responsibility, general livestock care, and the value of hard work. During this process, I have had flashbacks of the time that I spent with my father and lessons that he taught me through showing lambs. I wouldn't trade those moments for any monetary value.

My experiences in showing lambs created a passion for raising sheep and allowed me to build a bond with those who shared my interest, which forged a path that created who I am today. This is true of many youth who are involved in these livestock projects. I'd be willing to bet that a large percent of adults who have a career in agriculture, also showed animals in grade school.

But this does not mean that youth have to be involved in 4H or FFA livestock projects to develop a passion for animal agriculture. These projects require an enormous amount of time and energy that could be channeled into other efforts related to ranching.

As time has passed and the level of competition has increased, breeding of livestock show projects has taken some traits to an extreme. For the commercial producer, show lambs and goats (and most all show animals) have been bred too much for a specific look on a particular day, and not enough about performance under limited management indicative of larger scale production.

For instance, show herds may not be able to maintain adequate body condition common to Texas without a high level of supplementation. They may not rear an adequate number of lambs/kids compared to commercial genetics. These animals have not been bred for a high level of parasite resistance or resilience. Show sheep tend to not produce the best fleeces. To be honest, there is no perfect animal that can do it all. Animals bred to be superior for different traits are equally good in their own right.

Nonetheless, I feel that we now have two different industries. Show animals are bred to result in a particular appearance that the majority of judges will find pleasing to the eye. Granted these animals can have exceptionally good carcass value, but they may not be the most profitable genetics for commercial operations.

I bring this up because I personally struggled with this for years. When animals are evaluated in the showring, they are commented on their genetic superiority with terminology that is centered around livestock production. I took this to heart and for years, I could not see the value in commercial breeding animals that were good for their purpose but did not look like a show animal.

If we want to help our youth make the transition from success in the show ring to success in commercial ranching, we need to make sure that they understand that the best animals for different purposes are likely to not look the same. We also need to make sure that we are respectful to others that have animals that don't look like ours.

Ultimately, we are all raising food and fiber (and children). We are fortunate to have a customer for most all the products that we produce and a platform for teaching our kids about livestock and life. There is no need to talk negatively about another livestock producer because they don't raise the type of animals you do.

There is a bright future for sheep and goat production in Texas, regardless of the type of animals each of us raise. Let's keep developing young people that will continue the tradition of ranching to feed the world, protect rural communities, and care for the land.

To provide feedback on this article or request topics for future articles, contact me at reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu or 325-657-7324.

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For those of you that were in attendance at the 2019 National Rambouillet Show and Sale in Pipestone, you saw and Alix and her crew shooting footage for a project they were working on. I know many of you saw the finished project on Facebook and they received numerous positive comments. Their work allowed them to receive these awards! Thank you to Alix and Paulsen Ag for putting Rambouillets into the spotlight!

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Click on the booking link below and select the desired dates to reserve a room.

[American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association](#)

If a guest attempts to book a room for a date outside of the block with either of the online options, it will not work. The booking link takes you to a page that looks just like the IHG page, however this page is specific to your group block. Only the room types that were agreed upon, as well as your specific discounted rate will populate on this page.

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