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2016 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE JULY 4-9, 2016 PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Well, I hope everyone had a great winter of lambing. Spring is coming and it's been a long winter. Snow is not as much fun the older I get. A big thank you to Lori for keeping me going!!! National Show & Sale is coming up and I am going to be hitting the phones for award sponsors. We are giving out Shepherds Crooks wrapped in Leather for Class Winners. A very nice thank you to Barb Uhrig for doing those for us. The sun is shining so better get back to work. Thank you all.

Scott

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 2/29/16

REGISTRATIONS: 136

TRANSFERS: 64

ASSOCIATION DUES: 21

MEMBERSHIPS: 3

ATTENTION KIDS!

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST
AT THE NATIONAL SHOW & SALE**

BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR DESIGN TODAY!

INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE?

WITH POSTAGE RATES INCREASING AT A RAPID RATE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL MANNER POSSIBLE.

ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL IS TO ALLOW US TO EMAIL YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER IN PDF FORMAT TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER IN HIGH QUALITY COLOR PDF FORMAT. IF THIS IS AN OPTION THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE EMAIL ROBBIE TO GET ON THE ARSBA EMAIL LIST
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Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! 2016 is well underway, with spring hopefully knocking on the door. The last few weeks here have been relatively mild, with some very nice rainfall in the area.

The Texas shows are now in the books for another year, and for those of you who sold ewe lambs to kids in this part of the country, I think you will be extremely excited to see how these ewes fed out and grew. The classes have been outstanding. I once again worked both the San Angelo and Houston Shows. It is really encouraging and fun to be working the ring and overhear the comments from breeders and exhibitors of other breeds of sheep on how good the Rambouillet Show was or how impressive a class was. That all goes back to you, the producer, and the quality of sheep that you are producing for the show ring. It's a good feeling when the judge comments on a class of 10 or 15 that he could take any of these ewes home, and they would make a great addition to his or any other flock.

We are in the final stages of getting everything lined up for the 2016 version of the National Rambouillet Show & Sale in Pipestone, Minnesota. We have July 4-9, 2016 on the calendar for our event, and we expect it to be a great week in Minnesota. Scott and his group are

working hard on putting together an outstanding week for you and your family. The host hotel for this year's event is the Crossings by Grandstay Inn & Suites. Their number is 507-562-1100 and you must make your reservations by May 1st in order to get the Rambouillet Rate. Please mention when making your reservation that you are a member of our group. The address and more information concerning the hotel can be found on the website and in this newsletter.

The three ram tests are finishing up and the respective field days and sales are in progress as of this correspondence. I will have more information concerning that data and information in the June newsletter.

In the coming weeks, you will find the entry forms as well as other pertinent information concerning this year's show and sale on the website. If you need additional information, always feel free to give me a call or send me an email, and we will work diligently to answer all of your questions.

I would like to say thank you for another good year for the breed. However, I want to continue to challenge you to work very hard to create a superior product that is beneficial for the entire sheep industry. Remember, as a seedstock producer, you are in the customer service industry. Let's keep our customers satisfied and happy in the product we are selling to them.

That finishes up my ramblings for this issue I believe. Thank you for all that you are doing as members and producers to make our breed as strong as possible. I encourage all of you to work hard in continuing to promote and produce **REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET SHEEP!**

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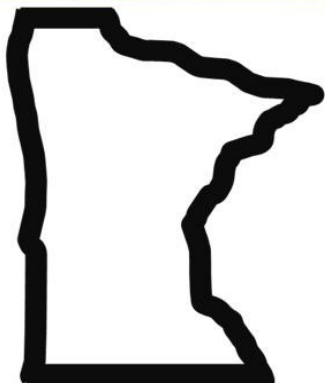
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2016 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE

PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday July 4, 2016 -- 9:00 AM Begin Arrival

Tuesday July 5, 2016 -- 9:00 AM Begin check in of registration and health papers, both Junior and National Sale Sheep.

Wednesday July 6, 2016 -- 10:00 AM ALL National Junior Show AND

National Sale sheep must be in the barn.

NOON All National Show and National Junior Show Sheep must be checked in.

4:00 PM Paint Branding and Health Inspection

Thursday July 7, 2016 -- 9:00 AM 2016 National Junior Rambouillet Show

30 Minutes after the conclusion of the National Jr. Show will be the Association Meetings.

Friday July 8, 2016 -- 8:00 AM 2016 National Rambouillet Show

6:00 PM 2016 National Show & Sale Banquet,
General Meeting, Awards Ceremony, and
Junior Auction

Saturday, July 9, 2016 -- 9:00 AM 2016 National Rambouillet Sale

Other events or meals may be added as we get closer to show and sale time. The Junior Members will need to have their meeting on Thursday after the National Junior Show. Also, please remember that do to the fact that the National Show will be on Friday, the Junior members and their parents will be responsible for the Junior Live Auction as well as Silent Auction at the banquet. We ask everyone to remember to bring a special or unique auction item in order to benefit our Junior Association and scholarship program.

Benz Rambouillet Supreme at the Houston Stock Show!



Caleb Kott with his Supreme Champion Ewe at the Houston Stock Show. Purchased at the 2014 National.

Ewes bred by us or sired by a Benz ram were Champion at these 2016 Texas Jr. Majors

- ⇒ Dallas
- ⇒ Fort Worth
- ⇒ San Antonio
- ⇒ Houston

We will consign ewes and rams like these to Sedalia and the National Rambouillet Show and Sale. We also have a nice selection of fall rams for sale at the place.



Caleb with his undefeated ram on the Texas show circuit. Purchased at the 2015 National Sale



Josh Crumley with his Reserve ewe at the Houston Stock Show open show. Purchased at the 2015 National Sale



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SEDALIA

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Tuesday Afternoon -

RAMBOUILLET SHOW

Thursday Afternoon -

RAMBOUILLET SALE



(Left) Grand Champion Rambouillet Fall Ewe Lamb at the 2015 Midwest Sale. Consigned by Dew Drop Farm of Minnesota and sold to Lynsey Frey of North Dakota.



(Right) Grand Champion Rambouillet Yearling Ram at the 2015 Midwest Sale. Consigned by Crawford Rambouillets of Minnesota and sold to Andrew Macanezie, also of Minnesota.

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NEWS, NOTES, AND THOUGHTS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A
HOST LOCATION FOR THE
2017 NATIONAL
RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN SUBMITTING A BID,
PLEASE CONTACT ROBBIE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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ATTENTION JUNIORS!!!

***BE MAKING PLANS FOR ACTIVITIES TO DO
WHILE YOU ARE IN PIPESTONE!***

NATIONAL SHOW & SALE ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ENTRY FORMS, RULES, AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE AFTER APRIL 1, 2015
- AWARD SPONSORSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE NATIONAL JUNIOR AND NATIONAL OPEN SHOWS. JUNIOR AWARDS ARE \$100 AND OPEN AWARDS ARE \$75. THE BRONZE RAM & EWE AWARD SPONSORSHIPS ARE \$300 PER AWARD. PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY TO SPONSOR AN AWARD.
- WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL SHOW & SALE. THEY ARE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB GETTING EVERYTHING READY TO GO FOR AN EXCITING WEEK.
- A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO KETCHUM EQUIPMENT FOR SPONSORING OUR JUNIOR SHOW SHIRTS.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 15, 2016 IN ORDER TO BE
IN THE SALE CATALOG

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS WILL BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES
AFTER THE NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW ON THURSDAY, JULY 7th

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN AWARD PLEASE CONTACT
ROBBIE @ 409-256-3687 or eckhoff5@aol.com

THE 2016 WOOL SHOW WILL BE A TRADITIONAL FLEECE SHOW & NOT A
LIVE FLEECE SHOW — SAVE THOSE GREAT FLEECES WHEN YOU
SHEAR

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Some of our Junior Rambouillet Association Members promoting the Rambouillet breed. Nothing like Rambouillets in a Homecoming Parade!

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Memberships (January 1 to December 31)

Senior Membership Dues: \$40.00

Junior Membership Dues (19 & 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 and Transfer fees as of 1/1/2015:

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: **DOUBLE FEES**

Non-Members: **DOUBLE FEES**

**MORE 2016 NATIONAL SHOW & SALE
DETAILS COMING AS WE GET CLOSER
TO JULY!**

**KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION!**

******ATTENTION******

**DUE TO CHANGES IN THE SHIPPING RATES
BY THE MAJOR POSTAL CARRIERS THERE
HAS BEEN SOME CHANGES IN THE POSTAGE
RATES FOR NEXT DAY AND RUSH ORDER
POSTAGE.**

**PLEASE SEE THE NEW WORK ORDER ON THE
WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST FEES.**