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# 2015 NATIONAL SHOW & SALE JULY 6-11, 2015 PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA



Pipestone is a city in Pipestone County, Minnesota, United States. The population was 4,317 at the 2010 census. It is the county seat and the site of the Pipestone National Monument. For more information on Pipestone and the surrounding areas visit:

[pipestoneminnesota.com](http://pipestoneminnesota.com)

**RAMBOUILLET — THE DUAL PURPOSE BREED**

# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

School is out and we experienced record May rainfall in Texas. I hope all of you are also getting plenty of moisture. The sheep market remains strong and I hope each of you have a good crop of lambs to sell this year. It is a little more than a month away from our 2015 National Show and Sale in Pipestone, Minnesota. Robbie has done a good job advertising and organizing things for the July sale. We are looking forward to going back to Pipestone after they hosted a strong show and sale in 2011. Please encourage people you know to come and buy sheep at the sale. It is an excellent opportunity to purchase sheep from many breeders from different parts of the country. There are sheep suited for everyone and every environment available at the sale. Our National Sale is a great opportunity to purchase stud rams, ewes to show or start a flock if you are just getting into the Rambouillet business. If you need information on the sale or need to place phone bids, contact me or Robbie and we can give you a hand. We can also help you line up transportation if you need a ride home for your sheep. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in July and hope you a having a great start to the summer.

*Sam*

**NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE  
AS OF 5/31/15**

**REGISTRATIONS: 804**

**TRANSFERS: 247**

**ASSOCIATION DUES: 77**

**MEMBERSHIPS: 12**

**PLEASE CHECK ALL HEALTH  
REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE 2015 NATIONAL  
RAMBOUILLET SHOW AND SALE  
AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
AT A MOMENTS NOTICE.**

## Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! Believe it or not, it actually can rain in West Texas! Yes, that has kind of been a surprise to me to. :) Sure nice to see some green for a change!

Time is flying by and the 2015 National Show & Sale is just days away. Entries are looking good, and we hope that all of you will be a part of a great week of activities in Pipestone, Minnesota.

We anticipate another outstanding National Junior Show, which is a key to our continued success as a breed. It is essential that we build a base of new, young members who are excited about putting together a flock of Registered Rambouillet sheep.

These young people are the start of the foundation for the future, and they are some of our biggest advocates in the promotion of our great breed. In addition, this group is also one of the single most important factors in keeping the American Sheep Industry moving forward and helping to grow the finewool sheep segment of the industry over the next decade.

On Friday, July 10, we will be having our committee meetings. These meetings are the other crucial aspect of our great organization. As I have stated before, we can't move forward without a goal and vision in mind. These meetings are essential in helping determine where we are at and where we want to be. The industry is changing, and we want to make sure we are the leaders. In order to do that, knowledge, information, and strategies are key focal points. The main component however is **TEAMWORK!** We have to work together as a cohesive unit in order to maximize our opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Pipestone and I encourage all of you to work hard in continuing to promote and produce **REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET SHEEP!**

## WWSheep/Fried Sheep

Lyle & Pat Warner/ Clayton & Kaylena Fried

## Dispersion Sale

June 28, 2015

Morton County Fair Grounds New Salem, ND

10:00 CST Sheep Equipment Sales

12:00 CST Lunch

1:00 CST Sheep Sale

(Live and **DV Auction**) please  
preregister [www.dvauction.com](http://www.dvauction.com) to  
bid

Approximately 70 females (all ages) will sell.  
Everything goes, there will be no presales.

Email: [wwsheep@bektel.com](mailto:wwsheep@bektel.com) or cell 701-220-1203

## *With Deepest Sympathies*

*The life of Sycily Jeannette Roberts Lattimore, dedicated community advocate, educator, and matriarch of the James P. Lattimore, Sr. family, was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Sundown Room at South Plains College. Mrs. Lattimore, 94, died peacefully on Monday, May 11, 2015 at her home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the South Plains College Foundation James Lattimore Family Scholarship, 1401 S. College Ave, Levelland, TX 79336, or the Levelland Area Endowment, an affiliate of the Lubbock Area Foundation, P.O. Box 1115, Levelland, TX 79336.*

*Mrs. Lattimore was born February 28, 1921 in Vegreville in the state of Alberta, Canada and was the daughter of Burk Burnett Roberts and Cora Jeannette McNaughton. Her family moved to Hockley County in 1931. She earned her BA in 1941 in History from the University of Texas at Austin. During World War II, she worked for Brown and Root Construction in personnel management. She became a wonderful example of the commitment of American women during wartime, and patriotism was always very much a part of her community engagement. When James Padley Lattimore, Sr. returned from Southeast Asia after being imprisoned for three and one half years in Burma, the couple were married on June 6, 1946. Mrs. Lattimore provided accounting audits and consulting to area for profit and nonprofit organizations and raised the couple's four children, providing strong support for James in his farming and ranching operations. She eventually accepted a teaching position in marketing and management at South Plains College and also served as coordinator and trainer for Continuing Education at the Reese Air Force Base campus. Her honors and accomplishments are many and varied. She received the Lubbock Area Foundation Philanthropist Recognition on Philanthropy Day (2014); Levelland Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award (1997); Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction Award (1996); Levelland Senior Volunteer of the Year (1991); a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow (1987); and the Mason's Community Builder Award (1994). In her 80's she became one of the strongest voices for senior services in the county, making it known to all that she was there to help older adults. Only recently did she step down from her appointed position on the Levelland Airport Advisory, where she served for 12 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and her brother, Burk Burnett Roberts. Survivors include here four children, James P. Lattimore, Jr. of Ft. Worth; Carroll Burk Lattimore, Sycily Ann Gregory, and Sarah Jeannette Thompson, all of Levelland; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.*

Thanks to our Minnesota and South Dakota Breeders for all the hard work, time, and dedication in putting together all the details for the 2015 National Show & Sale.

**Please remember that as of January 1, 2015 the fee schedule for memberships, registrations, and transfers has changed.**

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR THE NEW FEE STRUCTURE**

## **AgriLife ram test sale average is highest in more than three decades**

### ***Most rams left Texas***

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SAN ANGELO – The top indexing ram of the 2014-2015 Texas A&M Ram Performance Test traveled back home, a test official said. “The high indexing ram was a commercial animal owned by JP Family Limited Partnership, headquartered at Fort McKavett,” said Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas A&M AgriLife Research geneticist and the test’s coordinator at San Angelo. The high selling ram was TAES 9065, an AgriLife Research-bred ram from the agency’s Sonora research station. The ram sold to the J.L. Glass Ranch at Big Spring for \$2,400. The ranch bought a second animal for \$1,800, making the purchaser the sale’s greatest total value buyer.

The March 18 sale totaled \$16,650. The average price of \$1,387.50 per head for the 12 head sold through the auction at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo was the highest per head average recorded since 1981, Waldron said.

This year’s average price substantially topped last year’s \$911.53 per head for near the same number of animals offered, Waldron said. “The test’s main purpose is to identify and document superior rams to be used for flock improvement, so some breeders retain their animals rather than offering them for sale,” he said.

Other buyers purchasing three head each were Jock Sheehan, Dixon, Wyoming, and the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. Tracy Stamatakis of Magna, Utah, purchaser of last year’s top indexing/selling animal, also bought two rams. “The majority of the rams went to buyers outside Texas,” Waldron said. “These out-of-state sheep producers see the Texas ram test as a way to obtain the benefits of generations of selection for finer wool, the key trait they were seeking. There are very few flocks that have the wool quality available at this sale. There are even fewer flocks that have documentation of that wool quality.” The ram test has been conducted by AgriLife Research since 1948, Waldron said. The high indexing ram completed the test weighing 274 pounds and produced 13.1 pounds of clean wool that measured 20.8 microns, according to test results.

Robbie Eckhoff, executive secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association from Hawley, presented Bill Karnes of Sonora, the breeder of the test’s top indexing registered ram, with a certificate of merit to recognize the animal met all the association’s performance requirements during the test and had a superior index value among all the registered rams.

“These rams come from some of the world’s best flocks in terms of rate-of-gain and desirable-fleece characteristics,” Waldron said. The 140-day test is traditionally followed by an educational field day and sale conducted in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

During the educational meeting, Dr. Reid Redden, the incoming AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, presented his vision for the future in a talk titled Genetic Improvement for the 21st Century Sheep Industry. Redden is scheduled to be in place at the center on June 1.

Other speakers included Dr. John Walker, the San Angelo center’s AgriLife Research director of research and Dr. Ronald Pope, AgriLife Research scientist and head of the center’s Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Lab. They presented information about, and demonstrated the FibreLux, a small commercially available wool measuring unit developed in South Africa. They said the device may make measuring raw wool for average fiber diameter more affordable and convenient for breeders to evaluate wool quality on the ranch.

For more information on the Annual Ram Performance Test, pictures of the top indexing and selling animals and a complete listing of test and sale results, go to: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu> and click on the “performance tests” link.



High Indexing on the Dakota Ram Test. Consigned by Jim & Rosemary Forbes of Kaycee, Wyoming. Test Number 35. This ram came off of test with an index score of 141.7. He was a twin, RR ram, with a fleece that was 20.8 microns, and a .95 Average Daily Gain. For more information on the Dakota Ram Test and to see all the results please visit:

<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/HettingerREC/ram-test>



Congratulations to Jarell Ketterling of Wyoming on his success this year in the State of Wyoming 4-H Wool Judging Contests.



High Indexing on the Wyoming Ram Test. Consigned by Jim & Teena Lynn, Edgemont, SD. Test Number 35. Ram came off test with an Index Score of 138.05 and had an Average Daily Gain of .96. He was a single, RR ram, with a fleece that was 22.7 microns. For more information about the Wyoming Ram Test visit:

<http://wyowool.com/Ram%20Sire%20Test/2014WFTes/1415WFRTINDEXFinal.pdf>

# 2015 National Show and Sale Schedule

## Pipestone, MN

Monday - July 6, 2015	9:00 AM Begin Arrival 1:00 PM Begin check in of registration and health papers
Tuesday – July 7, 2015	9:00 AM Continue check in of registration and health Papers, both Jr. and National Sale Sheep
Wednesday – July 8, 2015	10:00 AM <u>All</u> National Junior Show and National Sale Sheep must have registration and health papers checked in and all sheep must be in place. 10:00 AM Veterinary/health inspection of entries and paint branding. You must be present at your pens. 3:00 PM 2015 National Junior Rambouillet Show
Thursday – July 9, 2015	9:00 AM 2015 National Rambouillet Show. Comeback Futurity Show between Ram & Ewe Show Evening meal at the fairgrounds sponsored by the hosts of the 2015 National Show & Sale
Friday – July 10, 2015	8:00 AM Association Meetings at Pipestone Vet Clinic. 6:00 PM General Meeting, Awards Banquet, and Silent & Live Auction Benefiting the Junior Association
Saturday - July 11, 2015	9:00 AM 2015 National Rambouillet Sale
Open Show Judge – Mike Caskey	Junior Show Judge – Vince Marshall

Please visit the association website at [www.rambouilletsheep.org](http://www.rambouilletsheep.org) frequently for any last minute updates and changes. You may also check the association Facebook page as well as follow the association on Twitter for any information concerning the week's activities.

Straw may be used for bedding and will be available for purchase upon arrival.

**Please review all health requirements and regulations prior to traveling into the State of Minnesota as those are subject to change at a moments notice. Have your veterinarian confirm and verify all health requirements and health statements for health papers.**

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High Selling Ram, Texas A&M Central Ram Performance Test. Test #19, ADG of .95/lb. Micron of 21.6 with a staple of 5.4 inches. Index score of 133.7.

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**Memberships (January 1 to December 31)**

Senior Membership Dues: \$40.00

Junior 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 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**



Congratulations to Blake Ketterling on his success this year in the State of Wyoming 4-H Wool Judging Contests.

**Kids!!!!**

**Don't forget to bring your posters for the poster contest!**