

# 2009 KATAHDIN HAIR SHEEP INTERNATIONAL EXPO

## SALE INFORMATION:

### Explanations & Regulations



We are excited about your interest in the **Katahdin 2009 Expo Sale** planned for September 12, 2009 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon. It is important that all animals entered be healthy, demonstrate excellence in breed type, structure, maternal and individual performance. Please read this page carefully to be sure you understand what is needed to participate.

**Entries** for the sale are **due by August 15, 2009** and should be **sent to KHSI Operations, P.O. Box 778, Fayetteville, AR 72702** with accompanying documents and **\$20 nonrefundable entry fee** for each animal entered. Entries received by the due date will be included in the catalog that will be available August 20th from the KHSI Operations Office, "Calendar" & "Forms" page at [www.Katahdins.org](http://www.Katahdins.org) and at [www.countrylovin.com/sheepsales](http://www.countrylovin.com/sheepsales). The class categories are listed by birth date range on the front page of the entry form: yearling, fall-born, and three 2009 lamb classes for rams and ewes. 2009-born 87.5% recorded ewe lambs may be entered if they are expected to be registerable upon yearling inspection. **Substitutions** will be allowed.

**Changes in 2008 and continued in 2009.** These changes were made to increase both the quality of the sale for our buyers and increase sales for consignors. In particular, the KHSI Sale Committee is changing the order that rams sell. In the past, if rams wanted by several buyers were young and sold near the end of the sale, unsuccessful bidders went home without a ram since their second or third choice already went through the ring. Changing the order will help the consignors sell their rams and help the buyers successfully bid on rams they want. Changes from 2008 that will be continued in 2009 include: 1) One ewe must be consigned for each ram. 2) No limit on the number of animals per class or number of animals consigned per flock. 3) Sale floor of \$200. 4) Sale order of rams. Each consignor will vote for their preference for sale order for the first one-third of the rams to sell. The Sale-Order committee will take the results of the consignors' vote and use it to help establish sale order. The remainder of the rams and all of the ewes will sell in order by age.

**Sale animals must arrive at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon between Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 5 PM and Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.** Animals will be penned in the order in which entries were received at KHSI Operations, with those animals enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program separated from those not enrolled. All animals in the sale will need to have a tag generated by either the voluntary or mandatory scrapie program. Sale staff will check animals for health condition and review interstate health papers. Documentation will be collected to keep on file for each animal: original registration certificate, codon testing verification, and a **copy of the interstate health paper for each animal consigned. All rams must be tested for *B. ovis* no earlier than 8/14/09. Only sheep consigned to the Expo sale will be penned.** Animals will **not** be penned that have these characteristics: health problems, no flock ID, no scrapie tag, tail docked, C coats, are inconsistent with their entry application, or females that are within a month of lambing. On Thursday, each animal will be body condition scored and males will have a scrotal circumference measured. (Recommended minimum scrotal circumference is 28 cm for 6 month-old rams and 32 cm for yearlings.) Large pen cards will be printed for each animal and will display the entry form information, measurements, and pedigree.

**All sale animals will be handled humanely and with respect.** If the KHSI Expo Sale committee determines that consignors have abused or not handled their sheep with respect, they will not be allowed to consign animals in the next KHSI Expo Sale.

Animals will be exhibited by age/sex class in an arena the morning of the sale so potential buyers can evaluate them side-by-side. They may be led by hand or by halter but all animals must be well-controlled. Preparing animals for exhibit and sale should include washing them at home and hoof trimming, but no alterations, clipping, or shearing are allowed. Consignors are expected to be available to talk about animals at their pens as much as possible.

Animals will be sold via auction on Saturday afternoon, September 12<sup>th</sup>. A sale commission of 10% for KHSI will be deducted from the final sale price of each animal. A \$200 floor price has been established for this sale. Consignors may choose to set a higher floor for their animals by communicating with the sale manager, but if the bids do not reach that floor the consignor must pay KHSI 10% of the difference between that price and \$200.

This is strictly a sale between buyers and sellers facilitated by KHSI. All sheep will be guaranteed by the seller to be breeders if handled properly; consignors agree to replace non-breeding animals with an animal of equal value. Notification of non-breeder rams must be made prior to February 1, 2010. Notification of non-breeder ewes must be made prior to May 15, 2010 following the sale for 2008 born ewes. Notification of 2009 born ewes not breeding during the Fall 2010 breeding season must be made prior to May 15, 2011. All sheep at the site are held at the consignor's risk until ownership changes when the auctioneer calls "sold". Animals are held at the purchaser's risk from that point on. KHSI and its directors assume no liability due to fire, flood, wind, theft, accidents, or any other cause of damage.

Consignors are responsible for bringing their own supply of bedding and feed as well as water buckets and feeders.

**Entry form items** that may need explanation:

**Birthweight:** as measured within 2 days of birth; recommended but not required

**60-day non-adjusted weight:** raw weight preferably taken between 45 and 75 days

**Date of 60-day weight:** actual date above weight was measured

**120-day non-adjusted weight:** raw weight preferably taken between 90 and 150 days of age; recommended but not required

**Date of 120-day weight:** actual date above weight was measured; do not submit 120-day weight if date is not certain

**Codon 171/136 genotype:** recommended; results must be documented by USDA-approved lab and copy sent with entry

**Flock enrolled in SFCP?:** The Scrapie Flock Certification Program is a voluntary program administered by USDA-APHIS that requires specific tags, annual flock inspections, and acquisition/disposition recordkeeping. If you don't know whether you are enrolled, you probably are not. Current status can be checked at <http://scrapietag.aphis.usda.gov/reports/sisbreed.php>