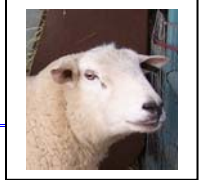




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Scrapie Rules for 2010 National Show and Sale

The Texel Sheep Breeders Society board of directors has determined that only sheep that have been tested negative to Ovine Progressive Pneumonia within 30 days prior to the National Texel Show and Sale will be allowed to be penned and participate in the National Texel Show and Sale. All sheep 6 months of age and older must have a negative OPP test. Lambs less than 6 months of age need not be tested but must be accompanied by a negative OPP test result of their dam within the last 30 days.

Exhibitors must show a copy of the negative test results to the sale chair. Animal identification must match test result identification. Make certain that your veterinarian correctly identifies your sale animals on the paperwork. The animals must be identified in one or more of the following ways in order to participate:

1. Mandatory Scrapie Identification tags
2. Scrapie Flock Certification Program tags
3. Ear tattoos that conform to the Scrapie Flock Certification

Program and are recognized as such by the State of flock origin and the Federal government.

If you do not have a regular lab that you use for OPP, the University of Minnesota does a nice job. Ask for **OPP AGID**.

Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

University of Minnesota

1333 Gortner Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55108

800-605-8787

Jerry Hess

Jerome, "Jerry" Hess, Eldorado, Kansas, passed away on February 4, 2010, following heart surgery.

Jerry loved livestock and raised purebred Spotted Poland hogs before converting his hog facilities to a sheep operation. He raised Montadales before he started raising Texels. He was a charter member of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society. In later years he sold his Texel flock to JT and Julie Korkow and started an upgrade flock of Dorpers. He participated in the National shows, both at Sedalia and Springfield, and also at the Top of the Rockies. The Hess bloodlines can still be found in many of the present day registration papers. At the National Shows he would always bring a very good set of yearling ewes, always in demand and selling for top prices.

He loved being a part of the Butler Community College livestock judging program. The junior college was close by and 2-3 students would live in a house on his and Lila's farm, and help with the work for their rent. BBC always has one of the top junior college judging teams in the United State, winning at the North American, Denver, American Royal, Houston and many other large events. Jerry enjoyed being a part of the program and some of the top livestock people, in the United States, went through the program and many of them lived in Jerry and Lila's farm house. In recent years he was honored for his work with the BBC team. The BBC Livestock Judging team was the casket bearers at his funeral.

Jerry had a sense of humor, enjoyed going to the casinos, being with his friends and family. For several years, after he sold his Texel flock, he and Lila would still go to Sedalia to watch the show and visit with their friends.

From Bob Adams

TSBS Board Positions

We have two nominees for the two open board positions. Bev Pearsall, and Kerry Richardson are retiring after having served two terms on the board. Thanks to both for all of their hard work and dedication to the Texel breed.

David Green, and William Woods have submitted their resumes, and have agreed to stand for election for the open positions. Their resumes follow.

David H. Green

Please accept my application to serve as a Director for the Texel Sheep Breeder's Society. Enclosed you will find my resume, detailing my education, experience and background working with sheep and the livestock industry.

At present, I am serving as an animal science instructor at Norfolk County Agricultural High School, in Walpole, MA, where I have been for over 23 years. I work with youth in and out of the classroom, and serve as the Norfolk Chapter's FFA Livestock Judging coach, as well as advisor to the school's Animal Science Club (with over 250 student members).

As part of the Animal Science Club's activities, we routinely raise funds to take students on trips to experience agriculture in other parts of the country and the world. One of our trips with 38 students took us on a tour of farms in Scotland in 1990, where our students were first exposed to Texel sheep. We were so impressed by the producer's enthusiasm for the breed's outstanding qualities, that we immediately began researching the breed in the United States.

As a regional agricultural center, we routinely receive phone calls that would have been routed to the Extension Service in the past (Our state's current budget for Extension has resulted in no more agents being available to answer questions for producers in this area). A local land owner asked us to provide help in setting up a sheep grazing operation on her newly purchased farm, and after months of helping her, she surprised us with a donation to the school to fund the purchase of our first Texels.

I have spent my career developing a network of contacts in the agricultural community in Massachusetts and the New England region, and travel with students to events to broaden their knowledge of the industry. My recent dealings over the past five years with a number of respected Texel breeders throughout the country have provided further evidence of this organization's commitment to helping new members and supporting youth. Through these experiences, as well as working with our own Texel flock, I have become a solid advocate for the breed, and view this opportunity for a position on the Board as a potential chance for me to continue in this role.

Education:

BS in Animal Science, Univ. of Ct., Storrs

Experience:

Animal Science Instructor, Norfolk County Agricultural High School, 1987-present
Farm manager, Norfolk Co. Ag. High School (365 acre farm with sheep, beef cattle, and crops) 1990-present

Herdsmen—Windward Farm, 1983-1987

Herdsmen—Willow Creek Farm, 1982-1983

Livestock Educator—Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
1981-82

Served as local livestock judge for FFA, and 4-H shows.

William Woods

My name is William Woods and would like to express my interest in serving as a board member for the Texel Sheep Breeders Society. I am interested in the opportunity to promote the Texel breed for its superior carcass quality and to help it become more known throughout the United States.

My family raised sheep while I was growing up, from which I developed my interest. My wife, children and I have been raising Texel for over 10 years, in which, we have been involved in 4-H showing/marketing to commercial breeders, and selling purebred breeding stock. Through these experiences, I have gained a strong knowledge of the breed, as well as the species in general, including reproduction, preventing infectious diseases, and maintaining a healthy flock.

I look forward to the opportunity to share my experience, knowledge, and personal interest in promoting the Texel breed and serving as a director.

National Shows and Sale

The Junior show is Monday, June 21st at 9:30 a.m. The National Show will be at noon on the 21st.

Anyone interested can view the sale live, at www.DVAuction.com on Wednesday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Phone bids will be taken, and numbers and contacts should be available at the address above.