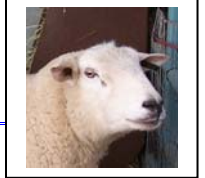




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Scrapie Rules for 2010 National Show and Sale Correction

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

Maryland Snowplow



With all of the snow in Maryland this winter, this guy was only slowed down slightly.

Beth Cobleigh, of Dayton, Maryland shared this picture with us. Beth had several Grand Champion 4-H market lambs during her younger days, and when her son Matthew decided he wanted sheep they discovered Texels. They bought a ewe and her twin ewe lambs in 2007, and had six lambs from all of them the next year. They believe the Texel breed is one of the best, and hope to see the popularity of Texels grow.

Nominations Needed

Elections for two TSBS board positions will be in May, and nominations are needed by April 21, 2010, and preferably by April 15. Ballots and resumes will be sent to members by May 21, 2010. Please send your name and a short resume of your sheep activities to Niki Fisher if you are interested in a board position. Nominees must be over 18, and dues paying members. The board usually meets every other month with a conference call. We would like to have several candidates this year, so get your nominations in early.

Ram Tests

There are at least two ram performance tests coming up this summer. If you enter Texels in either of them, we would like to know in order to announce the results. Last year a Texel ram blew out the competition at the Western Illinois University test on feed conversion. Two of the tests we know about are:
Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, 32nd Annual Performance Ram Test.
Nominations encouraged by March 15. Call 814-238-2527 for more information.

Western Illinois University Performance Ram Test

See <http://www.wiu.edu/ag/research/research.php> for more information.

Breeder Advertising

Most of you probably have seen the ½ page ads that we ran for the National Show and Sale in *Sheep* and *Shepherd*. We would like to run something similar in July, and August so any Texel breeder could participate . We could make it 1/3 or 1/2 page, depending on how much interest we have.

We would probably charge a flat rate for each participant, since it gets to be a real hassle to pro-rate depending on how many join. If the TSBS makes money on the ad, that would be used for future ads.

We have been emphasizing terminal sires in our advertising since the board has adopted the motto of becoming the no. one efficient terminal sire in the United States.

Please send an email to Walt if you think you would like to appear on the next ad. Let him know how much you would like to spend, and how many times you would like the ad to appear.

This is the ad we could use, expanded to 1/3 or 1/2 page and with breeders names at the bottom.



Why Use a Texel Ram?

- Better Feed Conversion
- Larger Loin Eyes
- Higher Dressing Percentage
- = More Profitable Lambs



Go to www.usatexels.org for a sire near you

Website Changes

In our continuing effort to make the TSBS website easier to use for both our members, and other users, we have decided to change the members directory to an Adobe format. The pdf format will allow more frequent changes, as reflected in the motion passed by the TSBS Board on March 22, 2010.

“Membership dues not paid by March 1st will result in the delinquent member being dropped from the membership list on the web site. The delinquent member will be added back to the membership list within 30 days of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society being notified that the delinquent member has become current with membership dues.”