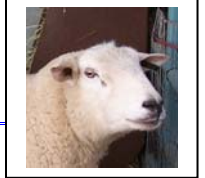




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## TSBS Board News

Gary Onan has agreed to do the scanning for the National Show and Sale in Sedalia, Mo this year. Gary has several years of experience.

A new Texel Advertisement was approved by the board and will be running soon in *Sheep* and *Shepherd* magazines.

A *Judge's Scorecard* was approved by the board, and it has been posted on the Texel website. It is also attached at the end of this newsletter. Many thanks to Bob Adams and Karin Watson for their hard work on this committee.

## Scrapie Rules for the National Show and Sale 2010

The following language was approved at the January 21, 2010 board meeting pertaining to the scrapie rules adopted by the board in 2009.

**"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. Lambs less than 7 months of age must be accompanied by a negative test result to OPP on their dam as well as their own negative test result.**

**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."**

## List of Motels in the Sedalia Area

The Texel National Show and Sale will be in Sedalia, Missouri on June 21-23, 2010. The TSBS has reserved a block of ten rooms at the Best Western. Reservations need to be made early, because there are a lot of shepherds in town that week.

[American Inn](#) · (660) 826-2488

[Best Western](#) (800) 842-7438

[Clarion Collection Hotel Bothwell](#) (660) 826-5588

[Comfort Inn Sedalia](#) (660) 829-5050

[Holiday Inn Express-Sedalia](#) (660) 826-4000

[Ramada Inn](#) (660) 826-8400

[Stardust Motor Inn](#) (660) 826-8662

[Sunset Motel](#) (660) 826-1446

[Super 8](#) (660) 827-5890

## Texel Pictures Needed

We still need quality Texel pictures to put up on our website photo gallery. Our preference would be for pictures of rams, ewes and lambs on pasture, gathered round the feeder, lambs goofing off, etc. Send jpg files to [walt@shawneeelink.net](mailto:walt@shawneeelink.net).

## UK News

The Texel Sheep Society boast over 2000 members, and have seen sale prices at the Scottish National Sale greatly increase since 1992. In 2009 357 ram lambs sold for an average price of \$2256.

## Electronic *Texel Times*

Several of you have asked to have the *Texel Times* sent to you electronically. This will be the first issue sent electronically to many of our members. Hopefully more of you will ask for the *Times* in that format in the future. The TSBS will use the money saved to advertise our product. Just let Walt know if you would like to save us some money.

# Texel Sheep Breeders Society

## Judge's Scorecard

Adopted by TSBS board action January 21, 2010

	Scorecard value
<b>General appearance:</b>	
Medium sized, well muscled with an overall balance	15
Yearling rams should normally not exceed 34" at the shoulder in height Yearling rams 200-250 lbs.	
Yearling ewes should normally not exceed 30" in height at the shoulder Yearling ewes 170-200 lbs.	
<b>Head:</b>	10
No white wool on head, only short white hair	
Wide, correct mouth	
Black wide nose	
Ears horizontal, somewhat thick, some black spots tolerated, but not desirable	
Black eyes lids and tear ducts	
<b>Neck:</b>	5
Fairly short wide thick neck that blends well into shoulders (Ewe will have a more refined neck than ram)	
Slight wrinkling on neck tolerated	
<b>Shoulders and Chest:</b>	15
Front quarter is broad and deep smoothly blending into the ribcage	
<b>Back, Loin, and Rump:</b>	25
Back is wide, straight, long, and well muscled	
Loin is solid, thickly muscled, long and wide and deep	
Rump is wide, well rounded, and level with a good depth of twist	
<i>A sloping tail head is recognized as a Texel trait, and is acceptable</i>	
<b>Feet and Legs:</b>	15
Wide set, square under the animal, standing well on all four corners, with a medium bone	
Short white hair on legs with no wool below knees or hocks	
Correct, strong straight pasterns and legs with a correct set of hocks	
Black Hooves	

**Scorecard value**

**Tail:**

**5**

Dock should be at the distal end of the caudal fold, and measure approximately 1 ½ “ minimum in adult breeding stock

**Scrotum and Udder**

**10**

Testicles should be uniform and adequate size for age, well descended from the body, and free from abnormalities. Scrotum free from splits. Udder with two well placed teats of moderated size free from any abnormalities. Brood ewes should not have a broken udder.

**Serious Defects:**

Black or brown spots on body  
Black or brown wool

**Disqualifications:**

One testicle on ram or any other testicular abnormalities  
One teat on ewe, or broken udder  
Pink or brown nose or feet  
Brown or black spots larger than a quarter on body  
Evidence of surgical alteration(s), or injections not necessary for the health of the animal

*Scorecard committee:*

*Bob Adams*

*Karin Watson*

*Walter Stubbs*

## Tail Docking

Now that lambing season is upon us, it is time to remind shepherds once again about the perils of short tail docking. There are several university studies that show up to a ten percent increase in rectal prolapse when tails are docked above the distal end of the caudal fold. There are several web sites that illustrate the correct place to dock. One that we recommend is: <http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/taildockg.pdf>