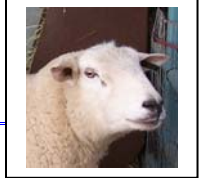




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Texel Ram Sets Record



Deveronvale Perfection MGV09436 sold for £231,000

This Texel ram sold for a record \$375,814 at the 2009 Scottish National Sale August 26-27, 2009 setting a new world record for the most ever paid for a sheep. Jimmy Douglas, Cairness, Scotland, described his purchase as the best lamb he had ever seen, with "a great body and strong loin."

For the full story on this record price go to

http://www.texel.co.uk/sales/2009/0827_lanark/index.php

Richardson Farms Win Carcass Contest

Kerry Richardson and family won the Marion County; Illinois Market Lamb and Carcass Contest. The wether lamb was the winner both in the show ring, and on the rail.

Thanks to all of you that supplied pictures and information for this issue of the *Times*. Your help is really appreciated.

Texel Ewe Grand Champion at Minnesota State Fair



Marquette Farms was the proud owner of this champion ewe as well as premier exhibitor in the all other meat breeds with their Texels. From the left are Aaron, Amy, Craig and Sara Marquette. The Marquette's reside in Buffalo, MN.

Silverdale Farms Wins in Jackpot

For the second year in a row a Texel lamb has placed first at the Umatilla County Jackpot Lamb Contest. This annual Oregon event had 45 lambs competing this year. The first-place lamb carcass, exhibited by Silverdale Farms, of Hermiston, Oregon, was a low prime, yield grade 1.9 carcass with a 3.4-square-inch rib eye.

Wally Davis' second-place Texel lamb was an average choice, yield grade 1.4 carcass, with a 4.4-square-inch rib eye. Wally Davis placed 6th in the ring, but came in with a solid 2nd in the carcass judging. He was downgraded for not having enough back fat.

“The Jackpot Lamb Show, in its 19th year, is intended to provide sheep breeders and producers with information to evaluate their lambs for carcass merit, said Karen Lunders, superintendent of the Umatilla County Fair Open Class Jackpot Lamb Show.”

Thanks to Robin Delasandro and the *East Oregonian* for this information.

Canadian Texels



Texel Lambs from the Mels van der Laan Coldstream Ranch

Mels and Ruthanne van der Laan run about 50 registered Texel ewes. They first became interested in the Texel breed following a visit to some sheep farms in Holland in 1995. Their ewes have been acquired from embryo transfer from the Netherlands. Mels made arrangements with Rinus van Doorn to import 80 plus embryos with four blood lines. They have imported semen to enhance genetics every two years until the border closed due to BSE. To keep diversity in their flock they now search for unrelated top rams in Canada. This brings in NZ or Danish genetics, and they are happy to note by using these rams, their off spring are close to the pure Dutch Texel lambs. To put the muscle back into their lambs they are in the process of back breeding the new crop lambs to an unrelated Dutch Texel ram.