



Texel Sheep Breeders Society Health requirements for the National Show and Sale

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OPP Testing

- 1) All yearlings and lambs seven months of age (at the time of the sale) or older must be tested for OPP within 30 days of the national sale. All entries must disclose the results of the OPP testing by providing a certified lab report at the time of check in with the TSBS show and sales chairman. Failure to provide the documentation may result in termination of the entries in both the national show and the sale. OPP positive animals will be handled according to the TSBS standard operating procedures.
- 2) The blood samples for the OPP test must be drawn by a licensed veterinarian, preserved and shipped directly to a lab certified in OPP testing procedures by the USDA.
- 3) The test results for an OPP negative animal are for the day that the blood sample was drawn and do not necessarily imply that the animal is OPP free. If the animal is shipped and commingled with other sheep from different farms, no warranty can be implied or guaranteed as to the OPP status.

Brucella ovis (B-ovis) ELISA Testing

- All Yearling and Fall-born ram lambs must be tested for ram epididymitis within 30 days of the sale.

Scrapie tags

- All scrapie tags must be in the animal's ear upon check in.

Health papers

- Standard Interstate Health Papers are required for all entries. A veterinarian must view the animals within 30 days of the sale. An original or a photocopy of the health paper must be presented for each entry. The lot number of the consigned animal must be written on the upper right hand corner of each registration and health paper prior to check in. Scrapie ear tag numbers must also be written on these papers.
- The health paper must be signed by a veterinarian and contain the following statement: *"I have examined these entries and this flock of origin and they are free of any apparent evidence of any infectious or communicable diseases, including foot rot, epididymitis, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, scabies and there has been no evidence of scrapie within the past 42 months."*

Genotyping

- Genotyping through Codon 171 testing for scrapie resistance is not required for the national sale but is certainly encouraged.

