



Pennsylvania Department of
AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CENTER

June 2, 2016

Dear Ram Test Participants:

We are planning for the annual Performance Tested Ram Lamb sale on **August 6, 2016**. We are extending an invitation to all participants in the ram testing program to nominate **ewes** for this sale. We are asking each participant or past participants to nominate at least **2 or 3 ewes**, if possible to make this sale more attractive to prospective buyers. In addition to the live auction at the facility, this year's sale will also have an internet portion to the sale to allow for online bidding.

Ewes born between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015 will be considered yearlings and ewes born September 1, 2015 and later will be considered ewe lambs. The ewes may be either bred or open. Any person selling a bred ewe that doesn't lamb will refund 20% of the purchase price to the buyer.

Remember, consign ewes that **you** would be willing to purchase. There is a demand for good ewes. Registration papers **must** be delivered with the ewes. All ewes **must** have Scrapie identification. Each animal **must** also be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (**health chart**) signed by an accredited veterinarian. The following statements **must** appear on the Certificate of Veterinary inspection **"The flock of origin has been inspected and is free of clinical signs of contagious and infectious diseases, including, scrapie, contagious foot rot, contagious ecthyma, and caseous lymphadenitis."** The attending veterinarian will inspect all the ewes when they are delivered to the Livestock Evaluation Center.

The enclosed nomination form is self-explanatory. Please remember that we need your nominations by **July 1, 2016** to be entered in the sale catalog, and any late entries are asked to please call the sales office, prior to the sale. All ewes must be delivered to the sale site by 10:00 A.M. on August 6, 2016 in order to be ready for the **1:00 PM** sale.

If you have not already done so, please forward registration papers for all rams on test. Any ram that we don't receive registration papers for prior to the sale, **will not be sold!**

We are again hosting the Sheep Producers field Day in conjunction with the Ram, Ewe and Meat Goat Buck and Doe sale. We have some very interesting topics on the agenda. If you have any suggestions on specific topics you would like to have addressed, please contact me soon.

I am requesting your continued assistance in promoting the sale and field day by encouraging fellow sheep producers to attend. Please let us know if there are any people who would be interested in a sale catalog. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
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