



## NSA South East Region Ram Sale

### Ram sale bylaws 2024

1. The sale will be held at Thame Farmers Market on Friday 6th September 2024 as part of the Thame Farmers Market Breeding Ewe Sale.
2. For the 2024 Sale, due to limited penning to facilitate compliance with MV regulations, entries will be restricted to 100.
3. Entries and entry fees for rams intended for the sale must be lodged with NSA by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** 2024. Entries are via [www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments](http://www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments) or, for people without internet access, via NSA Head Office on 01684 892661.
4. The entry fee is £10+VAT per ram, which is non-refundable.
5. Entries will only be accepted from NSA members. Entry can be made by a non-member if accompanied by a completed membership application form and payment, or that form and payment is received by the sale closing date. Go to [www.nationalsheep.org.uk/membership](http://www.nationalsheep.org.uk/membership) to become a member, or call NSA Head Office on 01684 892661. NSA will contact non-members who have entered the sale, to either arrange a membership subscription or reject the entry.
6. All rams must be in the hands of the vendor at the time of entry. They must be maedi visna-accredited. Vendors will be asked to mark a self-declaration of their MV status at point of entry and provide MV certificates for inspection on the day of the sale.
7. All information provided at the point of entry will be processed in line with the [NSA Privacy Policy](#). Your name, address, phone number and email address will be printed in the catalogue and shared with Thame Market. If you do not wish this information to be printed in the catalogue, please notify NSA at the time you enter your rams.
8. The draw for the catalogue order will take in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024. All rams will be catalogued in breed blocks. The order of blocks changes annually and, for 2024, will be Any other breed, Charollais, Suffolk, Texel. Crossbred rams are always the last block. New vendors will be drawn at the beginning or end of each breed section. A vendor cannot have a run of more than eight aged rams, eight shearlings and eight lambs in any one breed in a run (i.e. eight shearlings and four lambs is permitted, but not nine shearlings); these vendors will have second run at the end of the breed block.
9. On the day of the sale, vendors are asked to mark rams with the lot number in paint brand. Each lot must be in the sale collecting pen, in the section allocated, as the preceding lot is sold. Vendors failing to comply will have their lots transferred to the end of the sale.
10. On the day of the sale, a shearling ram may be substituted with a ram lamb, etc, as long as the substitution does not take the total number of aged, shearlings or lambs sold to more than eight. If a substitution takes a vendor's total to more than eight, the vendor will have a second run at the end of the breed block.
11. All rams must be penned by 9am on sale day for inspection in pens (and judging if breed societies hold competitive classes). The sale will commence at midday.

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12. All rams will be sold subject to an inspection by NSA. Inspection is a condition of entry to the sale. **Compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals inspected as, though care is taken to inspect every ram for defects, the final onus remains with the purchaser.** All rejected sheep must be removed from the sale pens. Rejected sheep with lesions suggestive of caseous lymphadenitis (CLA) must be removed from the sale pens immediately.  
The inspectors will consider the following:-
  - i. The ram's identification as required by legislation.
  - ii. The ram is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
  - iii. The ram has two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.
  - iv. The ram is of a quality commensurate with the level set by NSA South East Region and is of adequate weight for the age and shows no malformation in structure.
  - v. The ram's teeth are in the correct position.
  - vi. There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.
13. Rams will be sold in £. Charges for vendors will be 5% commission plus £1 per ram mortality warranty. Charges for purchasers will be an optional £1 per ram mortality warranty. The warranty will cover rams for seven days against death from natural causes.
14. There will be an upstart price of £200 for ram lambs and £300 for older rams.
15. Rams sold privately outside the ring must be booked through the auctioneer.
16. All sheep must comply with any Defra regulations in force at the time of sale.
17. Complaints must be notified to the auctioneers within one hour of the end of the sale or before removal from the market, whichever is the sooner. The purchaser shall have no rights to claim damages from the vendor in respect of indirect or consequential loss such as (but limited to) loss of profit or any other loss whatsoever.
18. NSA South East Region, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to restrict numbers or refuse entries. It accepts no responsibility for loss, injury or damage to any persons or their property.
19. All sheep will be sold under the Livestock Auctioneers Association conditions of sale and these NSA bylaws.

#### **General information for vendors**

1. As all rams entered into the sale are MV-accredited, care must be taken by vendors and purchasers not to infringe MV rules and regulations. While every care will be taken by NSA South East Region and the auctioneers, they cannot take responsibility for any infringements, carelessness or consequences arising therefrom.
2. On the day of the sale, vendors are asked not to unload any sheep before obtaining clear instructions from the sale stewards. Kindly observe instructions from stewards and follow direction signs as appropriate.
3. Stock movement forms and any relevant licenses (including MV accreditation certificates) must accompany all sheep and be ready to present to stewards on arrival.
4. As much under-cover accommodation will be provided as possible, but not all rams are guaranteed of being under cover. All penning is free of charge and there is sawdust on site. Please provide your own forage. The market prefers sawdust but will allow vendors to bed with straw if they wish.
5. The market opens at 6.30am on the day of the sale and stock should be cleared as soon after the sale as possible. If the market is notified in advance, some rams can arrive at the market the day before (between 3pm and 5pm).
6. Inspection of rams will start no earlier than 8.30am.
7. If breed societies hold competitive classes, these will begin no earlier than 10.30am.
8. Catering facilities will be available on the day of sale.

For further information regarding entries, please contact NSA Head Office on [enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk) or 01684 892661. For information about the sale itself, please contact Simon Draper at Thame Market on 07966 437114