



# **NSA SOUTH WEST**

**38th**

## **ANNUAL RAM SALE**

*To be held at*

**EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE,  
MATFORD,  
EXETER, DEVON.  
EX2 8FD**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 10.30 AM**

*(For NSA Members only)*

**Entry Forms from the Secretary Sue Martyn  
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**Please read the rules carefully.**

For 2026 we are again using the Online selling platform MartEye. The sale will start at **10.30am** and sheep will need to be in the market by 8.30am

**Non MV Accredited sheep will be sold at approximately 11.30am but will need to be in the market by 8.30am**

## **BYELAWS**

**Entry fees of £9.00 per sheep apply this year. This includes VAT & a VAT receipt will be issued. No refunds will be given.**

The sale will be held at the **Exeter Livestock Centre, Matford, Exeter.**

Entry forms of all sheep intended to be brought forward for sale must be lodged with the Secretary by the date fixed by the Committee for the close of entries; i.e. **Tuesday July 14th**

**All sheep must be the property of the vendor at the time of entry.**

All Vendors must be current NSA Members. Membership Numbers must be entered on Entry Forms.

The Ballot will take place at **2.00 PM** at Exeter Market on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July to which vendors and Breed Society representatives are invited.

The Committee shall determine the number of sale rings necessary and the order in which the several lots of rams shall be brought forward. All rams shall be penned, and the sale shall commence in all rings at such times as shall be arranged by the Committee.

Each lot of rams shall be sold in the ring fixed by the Committee and in order of the Ballot and in that ring only and the Auctioneer exposing such lots and the owner thereof, shall be bound to see that the rule is carried out. Any party infringing this rule shall be liable to a penalty determined by the Committee and for all loss and damage, which may be sustained, and furthermore the Committee is empowered to refuse further entries from any Vendor infringing this rule.

Each lot must be in the sale pen in the section of which it belongs as the last lot in the preceding lot shall have been disposed of. Any lots that are not in the sale pen when their turn for selling arrives will not be allowed to come forward until all others in that section have been disposed of.

**Although help will be provided Vendors are wholly responsible for bringing their sheep to the Sale Ring and returning them to their correct pens.**

ALL RAMS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR OFFICIAL CATALOGUE NUMBER BY A PAINT BRAND (applied before arrival at the market) or a NECK TAG as supplied by Kivells on arrival.

No sprays or spray marks to be applied to sheep in the market.

Each Vendor shall be limited to 15 rams in one run. Adequate penning will be provided.

UNSOLD RAMS MAY NOT BE RE-OFFERED FOR SALE THROUGH THE RING apart from the unsold rams of the first two Vendors or first ten lots in each ring and they are to be re-offered at the end of that breed. If, however, they are sold by private treaty after leaving the ring then the transaction must be booked through the Auctioneers. The Committee will refuse entries for the future sales from any Vendors infringing this rule.

The onus for responsibility for the stock always remains with the vendor.

All rams shall be subject to an inspection by a panel appointed by the Committee in conjunction with the Breed Society where applicable. Faults which will exclude are:

- 1) *All Rigs, cudspillers, undershot and overshot jaws.*
- 2) *Rams affected with sore mouths or lameness.*
- 3) *Rams deemed to be unsound or substandard.*
- 4) *Rams deemed to show current or past infection of CLA will be rejected.*

**THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**

All rams rejected by the panel which are not removed from the Vendor's sale pen 1 hour prior to the sale starting will be marked with a purple stripe down the back and will not be allowed to pass through the sale ring. Complaints under **1) as above** must be notified to the Auctioneer within 7 days. Complaints under **2) and 3) as above** must be notified within 48 hours. All complaints must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate.

All rams are warranted to be capable of or effective at natural service. If any such ram is proved to be incapable of or ineffective at natural service and written notice to that effect, supported by a veterinary surgeon's certificate in the terms hereinafter mentioned, is given by the Purchaser to the Auctioneers by the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026 then the Purchaser may return the ram, to the Vendor, who shall, at the Purchasers option, replace the ram with another ram of equal value capable of and effective at natural service, or refund the purchase price of the animal. Save as aforesaid the Vendor shall be under no liability to the Purchaser. If a ram is proved to be incapable of or ineffective at natural service, then the vet charges are to be met by the Vendors and the cost of returning the ram to be paid by the Purchaser.

The veterinary surgeon's certificate shall certify:

- 1) *That the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness is not the result of injury or illness after the time of the sale.*
- 2) *That the Purchasers breeding stock have been found on examination to be in normal breeding condition.*
- 3) *That they are not responsible for the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness.*
- 4) *Rams to be tested using the artificial vagina method.*

**N. B. WHILE EVERY CARE IS TAKEN AND THE ASSOCIATION WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO CHECK ANIMALS FOR DEFECTS, THE FINAL ONUS REMAINS WITH THE PURCHASER.**

The committee reserves the right to restrict or refuse entries should they deem it necessary and their decision regarding all matters relating to the sale will be final. All vendors will have to conform to any rules relating to Bluetongue as they stand on the day of the sale.

**MAEDI VISNA ACCREDITATION SCHEME:** An accredited only Section will be provided. ALL NON-ACCREDITED sheep will be penned together in the appropriate section. Responsibility for describing the status of the sheep for the sale will be UPON THE VENDOR, and he must mark the entry form accordingly. Certificates of official MV Status will be collected before unloading.

For Breed Society Official Sales, the sale will be held under the rules of each respective Breed Society and also within the byelaws of the NSA South West Region Ram Sale Committee.

### **NOTES TO VENDORS**

SHOWS. For 2026 shows can be held on the morning of the sale, (dependent on the number of entries received) vendors will be allowed to enter 1 animal per class and there will be only 2 classes per breed. All shows must be finished by 10.00am to allow prospective purchasers time to view before the sale.

**IMPORTANT: ALL SHEEP MUST BE IN THE MARKET BY 8.30 AM ON AUGUST 19th OR THEY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SALE. IN VIEW OF LATE ARRIVALS IN THE PAST THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Please be aware of DEFRA regulations regarding the movement of sheep and your own clothing.

All sheep must be licensed to the sale and licensed out including unsold sheep (licensed to the holding from where they came).

Overnight accommodation is available for sheep, for those wishing to come the day before from 2pm until 7pm.

Catering will be available on the day of the sale.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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### **DEFRA REGULATIONS**

**Please be aware of DEFRA regulations regarding Movement of Sheep and your clothing requirements to enter livestock handling areas.**