



# NSA Eastern Region RAM SALE BY-LAWS 2018

1. The 33rd Annual Sale will be held at Melton Livestock Market, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire on Friday 21st September 2018. **Sale to start at 11.00 am. (subject to completion of the ewe sale).**
2. Entries for rams must be sent on the official entry form together with entry fees to:-  
Ceres Solutions, Crogham Farm Offices, Youngman's Road, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0RR  
**by MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018.** All sheep must be in the ownership of the vendor at the time of entry.
3. The Entry Fee for 2018 is £10.00 plus VAT per ram (total £12.00). All entries must be paid for at the time of entry. In view of the cost of processing cheques we prefer payment by ebank. Entries will only be accepted from NSA Members. Contact NSA Malvern 01684 892661 for membership details.
4. The draw for the catalogue order will take place after selling has taken place at Melton Mowbray Market on Tuesday 21st August. New, or lapsed vendors for more than 2 years will be drawn at the beginning OR end of each breed section. All rams will be catalogued in breed blocks and will be supplied with numbers at the Market. **NO LATE ENTRIES.**
5. All rams are sold subject to the National Auctioneers Conditions and the Ram Sale By-Laws.
6. A vendor cannot have a run of more than 8 shearlings and 8 lambs in any one breed in any one ring. Rams in excess of these numbers will not be included in the draw and will be catalogued later.
7. **All rams must be penned by 8.30 am.**
8. Each lot must be in the sale collecting pen, in the section allocated, as the preceding Lot is sold. Vendors failing to comply with this rule will have their Lots transferred to the end of the sale.
10. **There will be a minimum bid price of 300gns for shearlings and 200gns for lambs.**  
Rams sold privately outside the ring **must** be booked through the Auctioneer.
11. All rams will be sold subject to an inspection by the NSA. The inspectors will consider the following:-
  - 11.1 That the animal's identification is as required by legislation.
  - 11.2 The animal is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
  - 11.3 All rams must have two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.
  - 11.4 That the animal is of a quality commensurate with the level set by the Ram Sale Committee and is of adequate weight for the age and shows no malformation in structure.
  - 11.5. The teeth of the animal are in the correct position.
  - 11.6 There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.**Inspection is a condition of entry of the NSA and compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals so inspected.**

**Vendors should note that any entries which on inspection are found showing lesions suggestive of Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA) will not be allowed forward for sale and must be removed from the pens immediately**

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. They cannot pass through the sale ring.

Complaints must be notified to the Auctioneers within 1 hour of the end of the sale or before removal from the market, whichever is the sooner.

12 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.

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13. The Committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to restrict numbers or refuse entries.
14. All sheep must comply with any DEFRA Regulations in force at the time of sale.
15. The Committee accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage to any persons or their property.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

*Please note:-*

1. The sale is limited to Shearling Rams and Ram Lambs only.
2. **Maedi Visna** Only rams from fully accredited flocks may be entered. MV Status will be checked by the NSA prior to the sale.
3. All penning is free of charge, limited bedding straw is provided.
4. Vendors must supply their own forage.
5. All accommodation for rams will be under cover. The market opens at 7.00 am and stock should be cleared by 6.30 pm. Rams may arrive on Thursday evening - please contact the market to confirm if you wish to arrive on Thursday.
6. Maedi Visna certificates, stock movement forms and any relevant licenses **must** accompany all sheep.
7. All rams will be supplied with neck tags with their lot numbers at the Market.
8. **Inspection** of rams will start at 8.00am
9. **Competition** Judging will start at 9.00am. Classes as follows:
  - Pen of 4 Suffolk ram lambs
  - Pen of 4 Suffolk shearling rams
  - Pen of 4 Charollais ram lambs
  - Pen of 4 Charollais shearling rams
  - Pen of 4 Texel ram lambs
  - Pen of 4 Texel shearling rams

**PLEASE NOTE VENDORS MAY ONLY ENTER ONE PEN OF RAMS IN EACH CLASS.**

The Eastern Region National Sheep Association Trophy will be awarded to the best pen of ram lambs.

The John Hallam Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the best pen of shearling rams.

The Melton Borough Trophy will be awarded to the overall best pen of 4.

10. Catering facilities are available on the day of sale.
11. Entry Secretary Jonathan Barber, Ceres Solutions, Crogham Farm Offices, Youngman's Road, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0RR (Tel: 01953 607860)  
  
Auctioneers, Melton Mowbray Market, Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Tel: 01664 562971)
12. To become a member of the NSA, contact The National Sheep Association, The Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcs. Tel: 01684 892661.