



NSA Eastern Region Melton Mowbray Ram Show & Sale Ram sale by-laws 2021

1. The sale will be held at Melton Mowbray Market on Friday 17th September 2021. It will be the 36th annual sale and will be incorporated into the Melton Midlands Sheep Fair.
2. Entries and entry fees for rams intended for the sale must be lodged with NSA by Monday 16th August. Entries are via www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments or, for people without internet access, via NSA Head Office on 01684 892661.
3. All sheep must be in the hands of the vendor at the time of entry.
4. The entry fee for 2021 is £10+VAT per ram. This 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 of Monday 16th August. Go to 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 to reject the sale entry.
6. The draw for the catalogue order will take in the week beginning Monday 23rd August. All rams will be catalogues in breed blocks. The order of blocks changes annually and, for 2021, will be Charollais, Suffolk, any other breed, Texel. Crossbred rams are always the last block. New, or lapsed vendors for more than two years, will be drawn at the beginning or end of each breed section. A vendor cannot have a run of more than eight shearlings and eight lambs in any one breed in a run; these vendors will have second run at the end of the breed block. Vendors will be supplied with numbers at the market on the sale day.
7. All rams must be penned by 9.00am on sale day for inspection and judging in pens. The sale will commence at approximately 12 noon.
8. Rams will be sold subject to the National Auctioneers Conditions and Ram Sale By-Laws.
9. 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. 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. Inspection is a condition of entry to the sale 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. The inspectors will consider the following:-

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- i. The ram's identification is 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 the Ram Sale Committee 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.
- 12. New for 2021, rams will be inspected by a vet alongside the NSA inspection team. A buyer's warranty of 1% on the hammer price will apply and be charged to all purchasers.**
13. All sheep must comply with any Defra regulations in force at the time of sale.
14. 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.
15. The Committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to restrict numbers or refuse entries.
16. The Committee accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage to any persons or their property.
17. All sheep will be sold under the Livestock Auctioneers Association and National Sheep Association by-laws.

Please note that sale restrictions or rules relating to Covid-19 will be shared in advance of the day. Please see the NSA website and/or the sale catalogue for this information.

For your information

1. The sale is limited to shearling rams and ram lambs only.
2. Only rams from fully accredited maedi visna flocks may be entered. MV status will be checked prior to the sale.
3. All penning is free of charge. Limited straw will be provided.
4. Vendors must supply their own forage.
5. All accommodation for rams will be under cover. The market opens at 6.30am and stock should be cleared by 6pm.
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 8am.
9. **Competition.** Rams will be judged in their pens from 9am. Dependent on numbers, classes will be as follows:-

a. Pen of 4 Suffolk ram lambs	d. Pen of 4 Charollais shearling rams
b. Pen of 4 Suffolk shearling rams	e. Pen of 4 Texel ram lambs
c. Pen of 4 Charollais ram lambs	f. Pen of 4 Texel shearling rams

Vendors may only enter one pen in each class. The NSA Eastern Region Trophy will go to the best pen of ram lambs. The John Hallam Memorial Trophy to the best pen of shearling rams. And the Melton Borough Trophy will be awarded to the overall best pen of 4.
10. If Covid-19 restriction allow, catering facilities will be available on the day of sale.

For further information, contact NSA Head Office on enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk or 01684 892661. Alternatively, contact Melton Mowbray Market on 01664 562971.