

March, 2010

Dear Member

### **2010 May Fair**

As you probably will know by now the 2010 May Fair is to be held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, at Exeter Livestock Market, Exeter. Showing classes will be held on the Tuesday with the main sale on the Wednesday.

Please find enclosed all the necessary entry forms. Please ensure you use the correct forms as follows:

#### **Ring**

- Form 1. Rams – White
- Form 2. Individual females – Pink - A maximum of two shearling ewes and/or two ewe lambs may be entered.

Only purebred “Dorset” rams bred from registered stock will be allowed to be sold at this sale. All rams entered for May Fair must be registered and paid for by the breeder before the sale. Ram pro formas must be included with entries if rams are not already registered. Pro forma pads may be obtained from the Secretary. Year letters and individual numbers for all rams and individual females must be stated on the entry forms, not just names.

#### **Pens**

#### **Advertising/Entry Fee: £10 + VAT per VENDOR**

- Form 3. Registered Females - Blue
- Form 4. Purebred Unregistered Females - Green
- Form 5. Dorset First Cross – Yellow

**ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON, ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2010** and should be sent to Mrs M Cowley, The Secretary, Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders' Association, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EF, with the correct fees. Please fill in the entry forms clearly and correctly in order to avoid confusion and extra telephone calls.

**THE CLOSING DATE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Individual Rams and Females offered in the sale ring will be sold in guineas. All other sheep will be sold in pounds.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT**

## **Upset Prices**

The upset price for all rams will be 275 guineas.

There will be an upset price of 150 guineas for individual shearling ewes and 120 guineas for individual ewe lambs.

There will be an organising levy of 50p. per sheep on all unregistered sheep which will be deducted from the sale price by the auctioneers on behalf of the Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders' Association.

Empty pens at past sales have left customers frustrated having travelled a distance and vendors annoyed at having to use outside pens at the end of the sale. Exeter Market Auctioneers will levy a charge of 50p per head to all vendors who fail to bring sheep that have been catalogued.

All registered sheep must be tattooed with the Flock Number. All sheep born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2006, must be tattooed with the flock number in one ear and the relevant year letter and individual number in the other in order to be sold as registered pedigree.

If reserve prices are required, please advise the auctioneers on the day of sale.

Sheep will be allowed to enter the market premises from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Vendors travelling long distances may be allowed, with special permission, to enter the market on the Monday night, but this will entirely depend on the cleaning of the market following the Monday sale. Any vendors wishing to do this **MUST** ring Jeremy Kivell at Exeter on the Monday afternoon on 01392 665480 to ascertain exactly what time they may be allowed to gain entry, **BUT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE THAT ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

## **Genotyping**

Genotyping is voluntary, but if tested, the genotype must be declared on the entry form with official certification available if required from one of the following companies: NSP, Innovis, SAC or SVS.

Please note that the vendor will be responsible for any genotype stated and if found to be incorrect must take full responsibility for any dispute arising.

A reader will be available at May Fair for any vendor or purchaser who may wish to use it.

## **Inspection of Rams & Individual Females**

There will be a Veterinary Inspection for Health, Teeth & Testicles of all rams and individual females. The Veterinary's decision will be final and there will be no appeal. The inspection will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and all individual rams and females **MUST** be penned by 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

Any sheep not passing the Veterinary Inspection should be removed from their pens by 12.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and will not be allowed to be shown or sold through the auction ring. If necessary, sheep may be put back in the pens at the conclusion of the showing for the night, but must be removed again first thing on the Wednesday morning.

During the Veterinary Inspection, tattoos will be checked. All sheep must be clearly tattooed and the tattoo must correspond to that in the catalogue.

Council, through the Chairman/Vice-Chairman reserve the right to reject an animal that does not come up to the Breed Society standard as stated in the Flock Book.

No consignor will have any claim for damages in respect of any animal which does not meet the Breed Society standard or the Veterinary Inspection.

## **Showing**

Please enter the showing classes in the normal way on the enclosed entry form. All exhibitors **MUST** wear white coats when showing.

All persons showing an animal and animals being shown must be shown under the Breed Society Rules.

## **Colouring**

It is the onus of the exhibitor that any treatment in preparation of the sheep must conform to all current health and safety regulations and the Society will accept no responsibility for those contravening the health and safety regulations.

## **Judging**

Judging will start promptly at 12.30 p.m. with the Best Pen of rams, followed by Class 1, commencing at 1 p.m.

The Championship will be open to the Winners of Classes 3 - 9 and will be judged before the Best Horn Ram Exhibit. The Best Horn Ram Exhibit will be chosen from the final line up of the Champion Male Exhibit.

## **Signet Class**

Points will be worked out on performance as previously. Points on show results will be: 1<sup>st</sup> – 45 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 42 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 40 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 38 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 35 points, 6<sup>th</sup> – 30 points, 7<sup>th</sup> and below – 25 points.

The stewards reserve the right to alter the times and order of judging, so please take note of any stewards announcement made on the day.

All first prize winners will have their photographs taken after the Championship and Best Horn Exhibit have been judged and will be presented with their trophy at that time.

## **Holding Number**

The Holding Number of Exeter Market is 10/463/8000.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL VENDORS WITH MV ACCREDITATION**

**All stock entering an accredited section must be accompanied by a Green SAC Valid Certificate of Status. These certificates need to be collected before the sheep are allowed into the accredited section. In order to protect the accreditation of all vendors it is asked that all vendors of MVA sheep send a photocopy of the green SAC form with entry forms.**

**Please note that the original forms will still need to accompany the sheep and given to the auctioneers prior to unloading.**

Any farm certificates of inspection for export to Northern Ireland must be handed in on arrival with the MV certificates.

I look forward to receiving your entries and to seeing you all on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May, but in the meantime, should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01305 262126, which is normally open between 8.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Cowley  
Breed Secretary

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