

DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member

MAY FAIR – SHOW & SALE 4th & 5th May, 2010

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 12 NOON, TUESDAY, 6th APRIL, 2010.

- **PLEASE BE AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT.**
- **Sheep will not be allowed to enter the market premises until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th May.**
- Judging will commence at 12.30 p.m. prompt with the Best pen of rams to be followed by Class 1 at 1 p.m. Rams and individual show/sale females must be penned by 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th May. Rams and individual females will not be accepted on Wednesday, 5th May.
- All rams and individual females are to be numbered before they enter the Sale Ground and ear numbers must correspond with those shown in the Sale Catalogue.
- Year letters and individual numbers must be given on entry forms on all pedigrees, not just names.
- All sheep must be bred by the Vendor.
- There will be an open draw for the order of sale.
- New members may enter **two rams** (any age) the first year they sell.
- Members may enter an additional ram each year provided all their rams were sold the previous year, until a maximum of seven rams is reached.
- Those breeders that have both Horn & Poll sheep may bring a total of 8 rams as long as at least 2 of the pen are Horned.
- **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.**
- **An extra ram** can be entered with your entry together with the £10 entry fee. This will be included in the catalogue but only eligible for sale if one of your permitted allowance of rams is not brought to the Sale, or if Council decide the total number of rams entered is too low. If so vendors will be notified.
- Please state if a Poll ram has 25% or more Horn blood and vice-versa.
- A maximum of **four** individual females, (two shearling ewes and/or two ewe lambs) may be entered.
- The minimum upset price is 275 guineas for Ram Lambs, Shearlings and Older rams. Rams that do not reach this figure will not be sold.
- The upset price for individual shearling ewes will be 150 guineas and for individual ewe lambs 120 guineas. Individual females that do not reach this figure will not be sold.
- Genotyping is voluntary but if sheep are tested, the genotype must be declared on the entry form and official certification available, if required, from one of the following companies: NSP, Innovis, SAC or SVS.
All vendors will be responsible for the genotype stated and if it is found to be incorrect must take full responsibility for any dispute arising.
A reader will be available at May Fair for any purchaser or vendor who may wish to use it.

- **Colouring of sheep – it is the onus of the exhibitor that any treatment in the 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.**
- Catalogues will be mailed to all members.
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- Entries for the catalogue close at **12 Noon on Tuesday, 6th April, 2010.** It is essential that all entries are received in writing by The Breed Society office by this date in order to be included in the ballot. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Please find enclosed the appropriate entry forms. Please **type** or use **block capitals.**
- Entry fees of **£10 per Ram, £5 per Ewe lamb/shearling and £10 per vendor for pens of sheep entered in the registered, unregistered and Dorset First Cross sections,** must accompany all entries together with Show Class entrance fees. Please add VAT at the current rate.

Inspection

There will be a Veterinary Inspection for Health, Teeth and Testicles for all rams and individual females which will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, 4th May.

The Veterinary's decision will be final and there will be no appeal. Any sheep not passing the Veterinary Inspection should be removed from their pens by 12.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th May and will not be allowed to be shown or sold through the auction ring. The sheep may, if necessary, be put back in their pens overnight but must be removed again first thing on the Wednesday morning.

Please support the main Breed Sale with an entry of Quality Rams – satisfied customers will come again

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE BY ORDER OF COUNCIL the following minimum weights apply for Ram Lambs and Shearling Rams to be accepted for Sale at the 2010 May Fair.

		Kg.	Lbs.
Born after:-	1 September 2009, minimum weight	60	132
Born	August 2009	62.5	137.5
“	July 2009	65	143
“	June 2009	67.5	148.5
“	May 2009	70	154
“	April 2009	72.5	159.5
“	March 2009	75	165
“	February 2009	77.5	170.5
“	January 2009	80	176
“	December 2008	82.5	181.5
“	November 2008	85	187
“	October 2008	87.5	192.5
“	September 2008, or before	90	198

PLEASE WEIGH ALL RAMS BEFORE MAKING YOUR ENTRY TO ENSURE THEY WILL REACH THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE DAY OF SALE.

- ALL REGISTERED RAMS AND FEMALES MUST BE TATTOOED WITH THE BREEDER'S FLOCK NUMBER. SHEEP NOT MARKED WILL BE SOLD AS **UNREGISTERED**.
- ALL RAMS MUST ALSO BE TATTOOED WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL NUMBER AND YEAR LETTER.
- ALL SHEEP BORN ON OR AFTER 1ST 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.
- RAMS TO HAVE THE MINIMUM BREEDING DETAILS OF **SIRE AND DAM**.
- ALL RAMS & SINGLE FEMALES ENTERED FOR SHOW AND/OR SALE MUST BE PENNED BY 11.30 a.m.. ON THE TUESDAY.
- NO RAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE WEDNESDAY.
- ALL SHEARLINGS AND RAM LAMBS BORN PRIOR TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2009, MUST BE SHORN ON OR AFTER 1ST MARCH, 2010, WHETHER FOR SHOW OR FOR SALE ONLY.

SIGNET SELECTED RAMS

Vendors of Rams in the Signet Recording Scheme may obtain information on growth rates from Signet for inclusion in the Catalogue. All rams should be weighed to ensure they meet the minimum live weight requirement.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Ram lambs or shearlings which have been recorded within Signet's Sheepbreeder Scheme.
2. Ram lambs and shearlings that have been ultrasound scanned or weighed at 21 weeks of age.
3. A Maternal Index above 100 points.
4. A Terminal Sire Index within the top 50% of the recorded breed based on EBVs produced within the National Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset Breeding Evaluation published in March, 2010.

POINTS

Maximum 50 points on performance based upon their potential to produce carcass lambs.

Maximum 45 points on Judge's Inspection. On visual inspection in the Signet show class points will be awarded as follows:

1 st	45 points
2 nd	42 points
3 rd	40 points
4 th	38 points
5 th	35 points
6 th	30 points
7 th and below	25 points

Points for performance and inspection will be added together and the ram with the highest total number of points will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the ram with the highest performance points will be deemed the winner.