

3rd Annual Montana Ewe Sale

Sale Gross on 398 Ewes: \$114,450.00

Targhee Ewe Average on 180 head: \$333.33 (Low \$250, High \$550)

Targhee/Rambouillet Ewe Average on 88 head: \$257.95 (Low \$250, High \$275)

Suffolk Ewe Lamb Average on 10 head: \$400.00 (Low \$350, High \$450)

Rambouillet Ewe Average on 110 head: \$215.91 (Low 200, High \$375)

Merino Ewe Average on 10 head: \$400.00

91st Annual Montana Ram Sale

Sale Gross on 310 Range Rams: \$264,425.00

Sale Average on 310 Range Rams: \$852.98

Columbia Ram Average on 5 Head: \$270.00

Rambouillet X Merino Ram Average on 12 head: \$483.33 (Low \$300, High \$700)

Merino/SAMM Ram Average on 5 head: \$540.00 (Low \$350, High \$700)

Targhee Ram Average on 222 head: \$931.64 (Low \$175, High \$14,000)

Suffolk X Hampshire Ram Average on 8 Head: \$800 (Low \$600, High \$900)

Suffolk Ram Average on 23 Head: \$778.26 (Low \$450, High \$1,450)

Rambouillet Ram Average on 35 Head: \$670.00 (Low \$200, High \$2,200)

Sale Highlights

Chase Hibbard with Seiben Live Stock was honored before the start of the Targhee portion of the sale by Jack McRae, on behalf of the sheep industry. The Hibbard family has been consigning to the Montana Ram Sale for over 50 years and this being their last sale, people were eager to get the last of their rams. Sieben Live Stock broke the sale record for the highest selling Targhee Stud Ram for \$7,750. They would go on to break the sale record for the highest selling range ram for \$11,250 purchased by Heinrich Ortmann, Sam Ortmann, and Hughes Newford Co., all of Montana. They later broke their own sale record by selling a ram for \$14,000 purchased by Judy Scanlan of Malin, Oregon.

Other high sellers are as follows:

Helle Rambouillet of Dillon had the highest selling Rambouillet ram that sold for \$2,200 and Heart Lazy P Suffolk of Miles City had the highest selling blackface ram that sold for \$1,450.

Donation Rams and Ewes:

1 Yearling Ewe donated by Hughes Newford Company with all proceeds going towards travel expenses to send 5 MT Young Entrepreneurs to the Lamb 300 course in Wyoming: sold 3 times and raised \$1,200 with the final bid going to Timber Coulee Columbia. Thank you Hughes Newford Company, Randy Tunby, Jack McRae, Thomas Blaine, and Timber Coulee Columbia for donating.

1 Yearling Ewe donated by Bluebell Sheep Company with all proceeds going towards the Montana Young Entrepreneur Group: sold 6 times and raised \$2,600 with the final bid going to Timber Coulee Columbias. Thank you Randy Tunby, Jack McRae, Sieben Livestock Co., Lehfeldt Rambouillet, Blue Bell Sheep, Carolyn Green, and Timber Coulee Columbias for your donations.

1 Targhee Range Ram donated by Tunby Targhees with all proceeds going to the MWGA Scholarship Fund: sold 1 times and raised \$900 with the final bid going to Jack McRae.

1 Targhee Range Ram donated by Sieben Live Stock with all proceeds going to the Miles City FFA Chapter: Sold 2 times and raised \$1,800 with the final bid going to Nina Steadman.

The two day sale had a combined gross of \$378,875 and saw 120 registered bidders from Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, North Dakota, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and Wyoming. While prices weren't as good as last year, the sale was still a very successful one! This sale wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers and generous donations from the Miles City `Community. We'll see everyone next year with even more quality yearling ewes and rams at the 92nd Annual Montana Ram and 4th Annual Montana Ewe Sale in Miles City!

For more coverage of both sales, please check out our Facebook page.