

MONTANA EWE SALE RULES

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The Montana Ewe Sale is sponsored by the Montana Wool Growers Association and will be held at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, Miles City, Montana. The sale will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesday evening preceding the Montana Ram Sale which will be held the next day. The traditional Ram Sale Social will be held at the same time and place.

ENTRIES

1. Entries will be accepted from Montana sheep producers who are members in good standing of the Montana Wool Growers Association for the current year. Being a consignor, or buyer, at the Montana Ram Sale is not a requirement to consign to the ewe sale.
2. Consignments will be accepted in the following classes:
 - Yearling ewes – wool breeds
 - Ewe lambs – wool breeds
 - Yearling ewes – mutton breeds
 - Ewe Lambs – mutton breeds
3. Consignments will sell in lots of 5 (*mutton breeds only*), 10, 20, 100 head and semi-loads (approximately 47,500 pounds). Semi-load consignors must specify the desired number of yearling ewes they will sell when they submit their consignment form. A minimum of 300 and a maximum of 400 yearling ewes will constitute a semi-load. Semi-loads will be offered in groups of 75 head--Lots A, B, C and D. Successful bidder has option of taking combination of A, B, C or D lots. Bidding will be reopened on remaining lots. 100 head lots will be offered in groups of 50 head—Lots A and B. Successful bidder has option of taking one or both lots.

Lots of 5, 10 and 20 head will be delivered to Miles City and sold on the grounds. Lots of 100 head and semi-loads will sell on video with delivery at the consignor's ranch, but consignors have the option of bringing 10 or 20 head to Miles City for display. Lots of 5, 10 and 20 can also provide video to showcase their sheep.
4. On-site consignors can bring no more than two lots in each class of 5, 10 or 20 head and a maximum of five on-site lots.
5. Consignment application and a \$5.00 per head entry fee are due by August 1. All applications will be reviewed by the sale committee.
6. A 5% commission will be deducted from sale proceeds on all on-site ewes sold. A 4%

commission will be deducted from sale proceeds on all off-site ewes sold. The minimum commission is \$5.00 per head and the \$5.00 entry fee will be applied towards the commission on ewes that sell. The entry fee will be retained on sheep that are not brought to the sale or do not sell.

- i. "NO SALE" ewes sold on-site will be assessed 5% commission on the floor price set by the consignor PLUS all associated marketing charges such as bedding and bonding.
- ii. "NO SALE" ewes sold off-site will be assessed 4% commission on the floor price set by the consignor.
- iii. Sale of "NO SALE" sheep while on the E MT Fairgrounds is strictly prohibited.

7. Items not covered in ewe sale rules will revert to Montana Wool Growers Association ram sale rules or MWGA by-laws.

CONSIGNORS

8. Consignors are responsible for taking care of their animals until loaded out after the sale. They must bring their own grain/hay and troughs for feed and water. Hoses will be provided for watering the sheep. Pens will be bedded at beginning of sale. Additional bedding may be purchased.
9. The seller guarantees all animals to be females and open. All other guarantees are between buyer and seller.
10. All sheep sell as commercial (non-registered) animals. If sheep can be registered, and buyer wishes to register them; all arrangements and fees are between buyer and seller.
11. Official sale write-up of 100 words or less, and video or photos of ewes must be Submitted to the sale manager at least four weeks prior to sale day.
12. Comments posted in regard to wool grade or rib eye area must be verifiable through third party documentation.
13. EPDs will be displayed in the catalog on one line as the average of all sheep in the lot. Individual EPDs can be posted on the pens.

BUYERS

14. Terms of the sale are cash. Full payment must be made at time of purchase on lots of less than 100 head. A down payment of 20% will be required at the time of sale for video sale lots.

15. Buyers may load their sheep out at the conclusion of the sale or between 8:00 and 11:00 Thursday morning. Arrangements to load at other times must be made with sale manager. No ewes will be loaded out during the ram sale.
16. Arrangements to take delivery of 100 head and semi-load lots must be made within 10 days of the sale unless other arrangements have been made with the consignor.

HEALTH

17. Ewes must be checked in at the fairgrounds between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 pm Tuesday. All ewes must be on the E MT Fairgrounds by 3:00 pm Tuesday unless prior arrangements have been made with the sale manager to come early.

18. Consignments must be scrapie tagged and poured for external parasites at least two weeks and not more than four weeks before the sale.
19. Sheep will be chute run as they are unloaded, random checks for external parasites and age will be performed. Any ewe that has a questionable physical defect or health concern will be examined by the sale veterinarian who will determine if a ewe is sellable. Consignors are expected to be present during the inspection and help handle ewes in their consignment.
20. Consignors checking in more than one lot must differentiate between lots with chalk marks at home.
21. Pens of 5, 10 and 20 must be accompanied by a health certificate of veterinarian inspection that will allow the animals to be shipped into neighboring states.
22. The buyers of video lots of 100 and semi-loads must inform seller of health requirements of destination if outside of Montana and work with seller to get proper paperwork.