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National Dorper and White Dorper Sale 2009
8th September at 1.00pm, Dubbo Showground, Dubbo NSW

Dear Members

This letter is to inform you of some key dates for the National Sale to be held on the 8th September 2009, in Dubbo. The process and rules for entry have been changed slightly so please read the following information carefully:

The National Sale is an opportunity for breeders to showcase and sell their best animals. All registered studs are invited to submit registered animals, representative of the breed standards. A maximum of 6 rams and 4 ewes per stud will be accepted. The target is to have approximately 250 high quality animals on sale. This will comprise approximately 200 rams and 50 ewes. If there are more than this, the Sale Committee may reduce the maximum number of ram entries to 4 per stud. The cost of entry is **\$110 (GST incl)** per animal entered and includes the deposit and transfer costs.

The order of sale in the catalogue will be based on last year's sale averages.

Dorpers and White Dorpers are sold in different sections. Averages are calculated separately in each section and are based on the total amount a vendor achieved from the sale of his animals in 2008, divided by the number of animals he sold. This average includes animals passed in but excludes those withdrawn before the sale.

Studs which did not enter animals in last year's sale will be catalogued in order of deposits paid.

Entry Requirements

- Ewes are limited to a total of four (4) per registered stud. There are no age restrictions for ewes.
- Registered studs may enter a total of six (6) rams per stud. They must be a minimum of 10 months old and there is a minimum weight for age requirement:
 - Ram with lambs' teeth – 60kg
 - Ram with two teeth – 70kg
 - Ram with 4 or more teeth – 80kgLoss of teeth or signs of eruption put an animal up into the next weight category. These weight requirements are not flexible and animals not meeting the minimum weight will be rejected at weigh-in which will take place on arrival at the Sale venue.

Animal Requirements

- Animals presented for sale must be 'Vendor Prefix' only ie they must be bred by the vendor
- Wool length must not be longer than 8mm and the animals must be clean and well-presented
- All sheep must be tagged with an approved NLIS tag

Health Status

- All entries must be from a property with minimum Johnes risk level of 4 points. (See National ABC points changes of 1st April, 2008)
- All rams must be from Ovine Brucellosis accredited flocks
- All entries must be tested negative to Ovine Dermatoparaxis. NB TEST RESULTS CAN TAKE UP TO A MONTH to be returned
- Sheep vaccinated with Gudair must have verification on the NLIS tag
- All entries must be free of lice and footrot

Sale Protocols

- There will be veterinary checks on all entries. Rams must have sound testicles and animals with structural faults such as under/overshot jaws and collapsed pasterns will be rejected.
- The Sale Committee reserves the right to reject entry to the sale of any animal considered unsound, in poor condition or unrepresentative of the Breed Standards.
- Sheep sold for export are purchased subject to successful completion of export testing. The agent will hold a deposit , and the balance of the purchase amount is due and payable after the testing is completed but before export.
- Vendors and purchasers are responsible for checking with their local Department of Agriculture in regard to the correct paperwork for moving animals in to or out of NSW

Paperwork Requirements

All animals must be registered with the Society prior to entry and signed registration certificates must accompany entries

Sale entry forms must be accompanied by all relevant health declarations

All ewes which have had reproductive surgery (ET) must either be certified as 'scanned in lamb' or have a lamb at foot

Completed National Vendor Declarations and Sheep Health Statements must be presented to the Sale Secretary on arrival at the Sale venue. Please ensure that this documentation is completed prior to departure from your property

In accordance with Board requirements, any performance claims such as South African typing or Lambplan figures must be able to be substantiated by relevant documentation held at the sale by the vendor

Timeframe

End May – Booking forms available on line.

By **Friday, 5th June** all vendors will be required to have notified the Society of the number of animals they wish to enter in the National Sale. Their bookings must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$55 (incl GST). This deposit is part payment of the entry fee.

Mid June. Entry forms will be available online and copies posted to vendors who have booked in animals and paid the deposit.

Friday, 11th July all entries must be submitted, accompanied by the relevant documentation and balance of entry fees. This will enable the Sale Committee to finalise a budget for the catalogue and for a co-ordinated publicity campaign.

Please note that for administrative reasons, last minute substitution will not be allowed!

ALL REGISTRATIONS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING O.DERMATOSPARAXIS AND O.BRUCELLOSIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY ENTRY DATE FOR ENTRIES TO BE ACCEPTED

Annual National Sale Dinner

There will be the usual Sale Dinner on the evening proceeding the Sale day, and we are very pleased to advise that our guest speaker will be Graham Truscott. Graham was the CEO of the Angus society for the last 13 yrs.

He has recently left and joined the Sheep CRC as the deputy Director responsible for commercialising the genetic data collected by the CRC for commercial breeders, which has been the foundation for the success of the Angus breed in this country. Graham is well aware of the Dorper sheep breed and sees significant opportunity for the breed in Australia especially in a world hungry for Prime Lamb. All members of the Society are welcome to attend this dinner even if they are not entering the National sale, Booking details will be circulated in August.

We look forward to making this a great showcase for the Dorper Sheep Breed

On Behalf of the hard working Sale committee

Graham Pickles