

South Dakota Sheep Growers Association

February 23, 2023

Dear South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Member:

You are invited to consign to the inaugural South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Online Ewe Lamb Sale and Junior Futurity Show. Sale date is May 8, 2023, hosted on the Integrity Livestock Sales' (www.integritylivestocksales.com) online platform. This sale is intended to encourage junior participation in the sheep industry and provide a conduit between SDSGA members who raise purebred sheep and tomorrow's sheep producers. The sale is sponsored by the SDSGA and will be a multibreed ewe lamb sale featuring breeds raised by South Dakota Sheep Growers Association members. Ewe lambs sold through this sale and purchased by a junior (21 and under) are eligible for a Junior Futurity program that starts with purchase and showing of the ewe lamb in shows across the US, then extends on into the next year when she is a yearling (Yearling Futurity), and eventually as a producing member of the junior's flock. We encourage members of the SDSGA who raise purebred registered sheep to participate and become involved with this unique program. Some guidelines for the Online Sale and Ewe Lamb Futurity Show are outlined below (subject to amendment as suggested and needed). **Yes, this is an ALL-BREED Junior Futurity Program and it is an ALL-BREED Online Sale. You must be a member of the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association to be eligible to consign to this sale. IF you already conduct an online sale, participate in an online hosted by someone else or sell animals in a bonded live auction sale then you can also nominate those ewe lambs for the SDSGA Junior Futurity Program by designating them as entered for this program, paying the nomination fee to the SDSGA and complying with the rules listed below. Sheep must be nominated prior to the sale.**

Some of the details that have been developed are listed below. Please review and provide input but, more importantly, your level of participation (i.e., number of ewe lambs you might enter) in the online sale. **We need preliminary commitment of ewe lamb entries from you by March 15, 2023.** We need your preliminary number of entries in order to move forward with the online sale and futurity program.

Contact the following people to provide input and preliminary consignments:

Scott Kilber, scott.kilber@agtegra.com; 605-380-5262

Michael Bishop, michael@mbgenetics.com; 608-345-1822

Lisa Surber, lisa@sdsheepgrowers.org; 406-581-7772

Entry Information for the SDSGA Sponsored Online Ewe Lamb Sale:

All entries can be made directly to Integrity Livestock Sales BUT must be approved by the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association. Integrity Livestock Sales can be found at www.integritylivestocksales.com. To participate in the sale and futurity you must be a member of the South Dakota Sheep Growers

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Association (SDSGA). Contact Lisa Surber for membership information and Scott Kilber or Michael Bishop with your preliminary entries. We need a soft count of the number of ewe lambs that might be entered so we can plan for marketing and sales activities.

Entry fee for the futurity will be a non-refundable \$20.00/head payable by check (made to the SDSGA) at time of formal entry. This first year, we will assist you with entry information required by Integrity Livestock Sales and email a form to you to use for inputting your footnotes, pictures and special comments. Pictures of your entries should provide a side, front and rear view of the animal and you can send a picture of the pedigree for the entry as well. Enter as many ewe lambs as you want to consign. The more the better. We will require an ear tissue sample (Allflex TSU; available at your veterinary office or ordered online) for each entry to be used to verify identity of the ewe lamb if needed in the future. The online sales commission will be 8% of the gross sales received for each entry (lot). Integrity Livestock Sales will collect all proceeds from the buyers and forward net proceeds to the consignor. The SELLER will be responsible for transfer of the registration paper to the new owner. Mail the \$20 nomination fee plus the ear tissue sample for the entries to Michael Bishop, P.O. Box 215, Alexandria, South Dakota 57311 (michael@mbgenetics.com; 608-345-1822). Checks should be made out to the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association. Again, an entry form will be emailed to you to complete the entry so make sure you have sent an email so we have your address for future communication. **Entry DEADLINE is April 9, 2023.** Photos of entries should be emailed directly to Integrity from April 20-30 (details to follow for that). A floor price will be determined and "no sales" will have commission collected based on floor price.

Ewe lambs born September 1, 2022 and after are eligible for entry and ALL ewe lambs MUST meet their respective breed registry qualifications and be registered prior to the sale or evidence that application is on-file. The registration and transfer fees charged by each respective breed registry are the responsibility of the seller. Each ewe lamb entry MUST be transferred into the name of the junior buyer to be eligible to participate in the SDSGA Junior Futurity Show. ONLY ewe lambs that are sold through the nomination process are eligible for the Junior Futurity Show.

Integrity Livestock Sales will conduct the online sale as a horse race close concluding on the evening of Monday, May 8, 2023. You can watch online as bidding proceeds during the day. We will notify consignors with a link to the sale for them to use and assist with marketing of the sale through social media and sources of media available and affordable to us. Each consignor is encouraged to advertise their entries and encourage junior participation and bidding. At the close of the sale, each consignor and buyer will be notified of the final price it brought in the sale.

After payment has been received by Integrity Livestock Sales from the buyer, they will notify the seller and SDSGA of such and then the consignor and buyer can arrange for delivery or on-farm pickup of the

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ewe lamb. It is best to contact the buyer soon after the sale, make arrangement for pick-up, and to also establish a connection if purchased by a junior for mentoring going forward. At this point, the Seller and Buyer become invested in the subsequent success of the purchase. More details on the Futurity Rules and Outcomes follow.

Health Requirements:

Health requirements for transportation depend on the state-by-state requirements. Contact your veterinarian if you have questions on interstate shipment if the Buyer lives outside of South Dakota. At minimum, each ewe lamb should have an identification tag or tattoo uniquely assigned to the ewe lamb as well as a Federal Scrapie ID Tag. Each ewe lamb should be current with vaccinations you normally provide and be in good health when transferred to new ownership.

DNA DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS: All Consignors MUST declare for all animals in all breeds.

All animals sold in the SDSGA Online Sale and all animals designated for the SDSGA Jr Ewe Futurity Show are required to disclose DNA information. Full Codon 171 (scrapie susceptibility) AND spider syndrome genotype information must be disclosed on any animals selling in the sales. This genotype information will be printed in the sale information for each lot for all breeds. The South Dakota Sheep Growers Association nor Integrity Livestock Sales or any other sponsoring organizations of other online platforms shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise expressed or implied as it relates to this information.

Suffolks, Hampshires, Oxfords, and all Meat Type Breeds: Sheep of RR, QR, QQ, NN will be allowed to sell and participate in the Jr Futurity Show. Each consignor must declare and guarantee the genetic makeup of each of their entries into the sale and designated for the SDSGA Jr Futurity Shows with respect to both Codon 171 and spider syndrome.

Southdowns: The rules adopted by the ASBA relating to the sale warranty will be followed. Check with the American Southdown Breeders Association for current sale and show rules.

ALL Wool Breeds – Sheep of all genotypes (RR, QR, QQ) will be allowed to sell and participate in the SDSGA Jr Futurity Show.

More input and assistance with development of this program is requested. If you would like to jump in and become a part of developing this program please contact any one of the people listed in this document and declare your interest.