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AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW

MERINO RAM SALE

[For Sale by Auction at the Bendigo Showgrounds – PIC 3GBHC131 interfaced with AuctionsPlus]

SUNDAY, 16th JULY, 2023 at 1pm

SELLING REGULATIONS – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Rams & Ewes from Australian Merino studs registered with the Australian Association of Stud Merino Breeders Ltd (AASMB) or relevant State Association will be eligible for entry.
2. Rams and ewes entered in the sale may also be shown in show classes at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show. Show sheep being offered for sale will be penned in the sale area.
3. All sheep are to be regulation shorn and display AASMB shearing tags or a state based merino shearing tag, in accordance with AASMB rules. - i.e. March shearing “short wool” or August shearing “long wool”. To be in the traditional shearing tag numbering format.
4. **All sheep must be mid-side sampled** between 1st May – 8th June. Samples should be sent to arrive at the AWTA by 9th June at latest clearly labelled with your registered Stud name, your contact name/phone number, the Sale name ‘Australian Sheep & Wool Show’ and Sale date 16th July 2023. Sampling and testing costs are to be borne by vendor. (Vendors are asked to ensure that a copy of the fleece testing results from AWTA is forwarded to the VSMSBA office when results are received.)
5. **Fleece Testing** - The Australian Sheep & Wool Show Merino Sale supports the Victorian minimum standards for fleece testing and vendors must abide by the minimum standards Merino Multi-Vendor Sales outlined below as a condition of entry. Special attention must be paid to the size of your samples particularly March shorn sheep – **a minimum sample size of 20gm is required otherwise penalties are applied for additional testing.**
6. **Entry Fees:** \$130/head including GST. EFT payment to the VSMSBA or by cheque to be made **payable to VSMSBA** with entry by **Friday 9th June 2023.**

EFT Payments can be made to:

Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders Association
BSB: 013 665 A/C No: 8696575

7. **All Sale sheep to be offered are to be penned by Saturday 15th July at 6pm.** (Feed and water is the responsibility of the vendor). Sale to commence on Sunday 16th July at 1pm.
8. **Animal Health Regulations/Declaration** to be supplied with your entry form by Friday 9th June. JD (Ovine Johnes Disease) and Brucellosis accreditation remain the two most important sheep health issues. We ask all entrants to make sure that copies of **Vendor Declarations** and **National Health Certificates** are provided to the VSMSBA with your entries.
9. **Agents:** The agents will be working in conjunction with one another this year so there is no need to select your selling agent. To contact agents please find their details herewith;
Elders - contact Ross Milne – 0408 057 558
Nutrien - contact Stephen Chalmers - 0427 908 831
10. **Lot Order** - Sheep will be penned in order as determined by the VSMSBA Ram Sale Committee. Getting the order right is always difficult but we will do our utmost to provide a fair and equitable structure for offering your stud stock for sale. All sheep will be penned in order of the gross value of rams sold divided by the number of rams offered over the last three years.

11. **Photos** – Vendor to provide photos of each of their ram entries for uploading with their Lot(s) on Auctions Plus. A minimum of seven photos is requested and the angles required are;
- A Photo of the AASMB shearing tag
 - A Head Shot
 - A side shot on both sides
 - A front and a back shot
 - A shot of the fleece

Please supply these photos to VSMSBA via email office@merinovictoria.com - ideal photo size approx. 300KB per photo. Please can you include the sheep's tag number and/or lot number with each photograph.

12. **Videos** – The vendor also has the opportunity to provide a video of their ram entries. This is not compulsory but it would be highly recommended.
13. **Comments on Rams** – The vendor has the opportunity to provide comments on each of their ram entries. Maximum of 50 words per ram entry – to be provided in Word format with sale entries.
14. **EBVs** - Studs are permitted to provide copies of EBVs with their ram entries for inclusion on Auctions Plus.
15. The Sale Committee reserves the right to reject any sheep entered for sale.
16. The Australian Sheep & Wool Show Merino Sale is nominated as an Export Sale. Vendors must nominate on their Entry Form if sheep are not available for Export.
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MINIMUM STANDARDS AT MERINO MULTI-VENDOR RAM SALES

The Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association, agents and DPI have endorsed the following minimum standards for future multi-vendor rams sales for registered Merino flocks:

All sheep offered for sale at Victorian multi-vendor sales must be tagged with the official AASMB shearing tag by persons authorized by the Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders Association or their interstate counterparts.

All sheep offered for sale at Victorian multi-vendor sales are to meet the measurement code of practice and publicly record:

1. Date of mid-side sample taken from current fleece on sheep (sampled between 1st May – 8th June)
2. Date when last shorn
3. Age of sheep
4. Mean micron
5. Standard deviation of FD
6. Co-efficient of variation of FD
7. % >30 micron (comfort factor)
8. Spinning Fineness
9. Name of Testing House (only AWTA test results are accepted for the Bendigo Sale)

Sheep will be inspected at multi-vendor sales to ensure that these standards are observed.

Please inform AWTA when tests are submitted that they are tests for Bendigo, clearly label them with your stud name and ensure as much as possible that they are together in one bag.

PLEASE NOTE: ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 9th June 2023