Third performance tested ram sale scheduled for June 2

WASHINGTON - Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell announced that the Third Annual Performance Tested Ram Sale will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Washington, Pennsylvania, on June 2 at 2

The Secretary said approximately 30 rams will be on the block for sale in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Sheep Field Day.

Forty-one yearling rams were put on an 84-day test beginning February at the Department's Meat Evaluation Center at University Park. "During area, with these records also

that controlled period, Hallowell said, "the average daily gain of all rams was 82 pounds. The weight gain ranged from .46 pounds to 1.26 pounds per day.

"During the testing we determined which rams developed the greatest gain per day with the least amound of fat. Only the top 75 per cent will be sold at auction.

"Buyers will be able to check the individual performance records of all rams for sale to determine weight gain. All rams will be ultrasonically scanned in fat thickness and loin eye

available to prospective buyers for omparison

Hallowell said careful and corion selection of a new studiam is a very important part of overall flock management "The genetic potential of a flock can be drastically improved with a stud having a good composition of growth with the least amount of fat." Approximately 87 per cent of the genetic make-up of a lamb comes from the last three generations of lambs

Increased growth rates mean a shorter feeding period because sheep gaining weight faster normally convery feed more

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The sheep industry in Pennsylvania must concentrate its efforts on more efficient production of a high quality product," he said. "A ram purchased for its high performance record is much more valuable than one purchased for its cost, pedigree or show winnings.

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Donna Forry, Seven Valleys R2, will be coordinating the event. Any 4-H member desiring to participate in the service should report to Saint Peters on Friday, May 18, 7 p.m. All members, their families and leaders are

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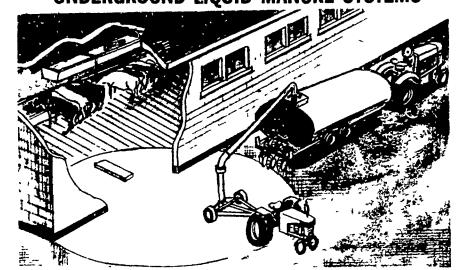


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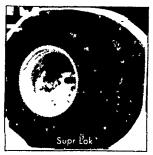
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