

Tested ram sale, field day scheduled for June 7

WELLSBORO — The 9th annual Pennsylvania Performance Tested Yearling Ram Sale will be held at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds, Tioga County, June 7 at 2 p.m.

Approximately 37 rams will be on the block for sale in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Sheep Field day which begins at 10 a.m. Whitneyville Fairgrounds is located between Wellsboro

and Mansfield off Route 6.

Fifty-two yearling rams were put on an 84-day test at the Department's Meat Evaluation Center, State College, in early February. During that controlled period, the average daily

gain of all rams was .86 pounds. The weight gain ranged from 57 pounds to 131 pounds per day. The top adjusted loin eye was 5.07 square inches. Only the top 75 percent, 37 rams will be sold at auction.

Buyers will be able to compare individual performance records of all rams for sale, to determine the best ram for their own breeding programs. All rams have been ultrasonically scanned for fat thickness and loin eye area.

Records will also be available on average daily gain, starting and final weight, height and index score in relation to each animal within the specific breeds on test.

This particular group of rams is said to be of high quality breeding, high gain ratios and adjusted loin eye areas. The sheep industry of Pennsylvania is moving forward in concentrating their efforts on more efficient production of a higher quality product. The improved quality of the yearling rams to be offered

June 7 is a prime example of these efforts.

Other events of the field day will include discussions of the following topics: Marketing Your Lambs; Orphan Lamb Care; and Foot Care. Along with exhibits and demonstrations, an Open Spinning Contest will be held, starting at 10 a.m. which includes children's drop spindle (16 years and younger), grease wool spinning, two-ply and fancy-ply spinning classes.

No registration is necessary. A natural colored wool show and sale will also be held. Fleeces should be registered by 10 a.m. with the sale beginning at 2 p.m.

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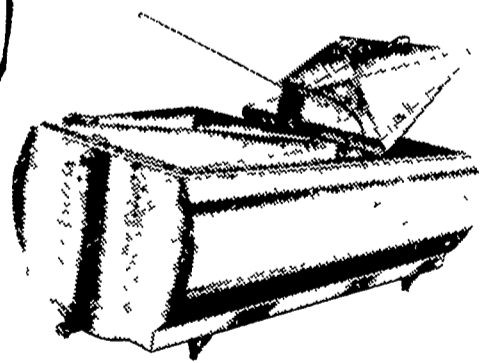
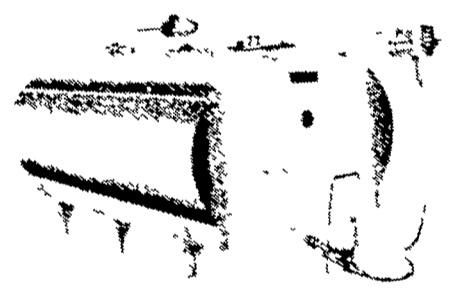
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