

National Dorset Sale Coming To New England

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The 53rd New England Sheep Sale is hosting the National Dorset Sale for the first time this year on July 14-15 here at the BIG E Agricultural Complex.

The New England Sale is sponsored by the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association (NESWGA) and is held in conjunction with the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. The sale, to date, has more than 200 head entered with almost 100 head of Polled and Horned Dorset Sheep consigned. Top breeders from the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Canada are bringing sheep to the sale.

Things get started Friday, July 14 at 9 a.m. with the showing of the sale sheep. Gary Saylor, a Polled Dorset breeder from Belle Center, Ohio will be placing the

classes. The show order will be in the following order: Cheviots, Corriedales, Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Hampshires, Merinos, Montadales, Natural Coloreds, Romneys, Shropshires, Southdowns, Suffolks, and Tunis. At 5 to 7 p.m. that same day, the NESWGA will put on a family barbecue that will feature grilled lamb. Reservations must be made ahead for this event by contacting Launie York, 140 South Shelburne Road, Shelburne, MA 01370 or by calling her at (413) 625-2424 on or before Monday, July 10. Cost for the barbecue will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Also at 5 p.m., the New England Sheep and Wood Growers Association will hold its annual meeting in the Agricultural Complex.

At 7 p.m. Friday evening, the

supreme-champion selection show for the sale will be held. The breed champions vie for top honors and a \$100 cash award that is presented to the supreme champion ram and supreme champion ewe of the sale. Also at this time a Scotch Auction is held for raising funds for the NESWGA Scholarship Fund. Several interesting items are donated, tickets sold, and drawings made. All proceeds go directly into the NESWGA Scholarship fund that supports two college scholarships every year.

Immediately following the supreme selection an ice cream social is scheduled. Sugarloaf Dorsets (Warren Cook), the New England Sale Committee, and the Northeast Dorset Association are providing the free ice cream and all the toppings for this event.

Saturday morning at 7 a.m., the Continental Dorset Club and the Northeast Dorset Association will be holding a breakfast in the rotunda area of the Agricultural Complex on the fairgrounds. Following the breakfast, the annual meeting of the Continental Dorset Club will also be held in the same area. All interested breeders are welcome to attend. Reservations for the breakfast can be made through Pat Poitras (413) 283-9852. Price for the meal will be \$6.50.

The New England Sheep sale will start at 9 a.m. with Dan Schlichter, Washington Courthouse, Ohio calling the sale. NESWGA President Doug Gillespie and Gary Saylor will be reading pedigrees. Prior to the start of the sale buyer registration will take place and a buyer's raffle will be held. Sale credits of \$200 and

\$100 will be raffled off to help buyers toward the purchases of their animals. Sale order will be as follows: Hampshires, Southdowns, Corriedales, Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Romneys, Natural Colored, Cheviots, Merinos, Montadales, Suffolks, Shropshires, and Tunis. Immediately following the sheep auction there will be a used sheep equipment auction held.

This event has grown since its inception a few years ago to where there is a lot of useful equipment

being consigned. Any sheep related item may be sold through the sale and consignments are taken up to early Saturday morning.

The net proceeds from this auction go to the Northeast Youth Sheep Show to help sponsor its ever-growing youth show that is held the same weekend following the sales and into Sunday.

For more information on the activities and sale catalogs, contact Debra Hopkins, 1125 Danielson Pike, North Scituate R1 02857, (401) 647-7281.

Farm Bureau Urges Senate To Pass Clean Water Act

ALBANY, N.Y. — The 25,000-member New York Farm Bureau is calling on Senators Alfonse D'Amato and Daniel Patrick Moynihan to support a reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that mirrors the recently approved House legislation, HR 961.

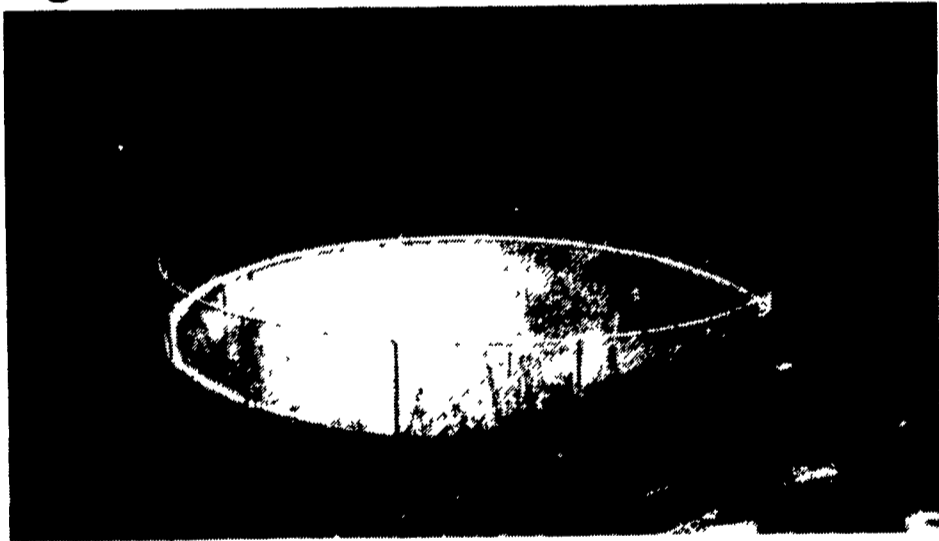
According to NYFB President John Lincoln, "New York farmers need common sense brought to the Clean Water Act. We believe the House version of the Clean Water Act does just that."

Lincoln said, "The final version of the Clean Water Act should

contain a wetland definition that protects true wetlands, compensation for diminished use and value of the land, and establishes a non-point source pollution program that maintains state primacy and emphasizes voluntary incentive-based solutions."

Lincoln said, "Farmers can ill-afford a wetlands policy that continues that continues to protect every 'mud puddle' in America. We support the protection of true wetlands and need public policy that allows only true wetlands to be protected."

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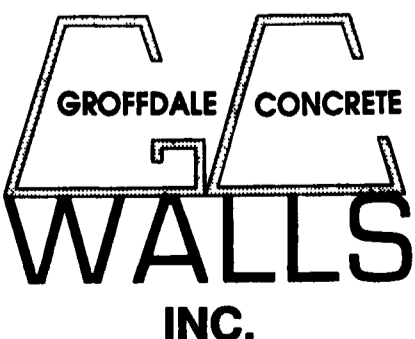
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CHOOSING A GUARDIAN
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Death and taxes may not be anyone's favorite topics, but consumers seem more willing to plan for them than the illness and disability that may occur anytime. Most people are sensible and stoic enough to accept that they will eventually die.

Consequently, they plan for death by having a legally valid will. However, most people seem reluctant to provide for someone to take care of matters while they are still alive but incapable of managing their affairs.

A legal guardianship assigns the financial responsibilities of one person to another, enabling the guardian to have access to bank accounts and other investments, pay bills, make purchases, and in general take care of the ward's financial transactions.

People who need a guardian because they are physically or mentally unable to manage their finances get one by two methods: 1.) They can assign one themselves or secondly, 2.) Do nothing.

By doing nothing, the person is leaving this important decision in

the hands of a court. When a court decides, they consider kinship and geographical proximity. Even so, the court may appoint a guardian that the person would not have chosen for themselves.

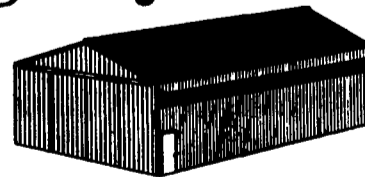
In addition, a court-appointed guardian faces a tremendous burden of paperwork and bureaucracy. Each purchase and many financial transactions must be justified to the court's satisfaction. Using the ward's money to purchase a new nightgown for an incapacitated sister can become a nightmare of paperwork and running around for the court-appointed guardian.

The solution is easy. With the help of a lawyer, perhaps the one who wrote your will, draw up a simple, durable power of attorney that will assign responsibility to a guardian of your choice. This makes things easier for the ward and the guardian.

The problem with a durable power of attorney is that it can be drawn up only when the person is still capable of making important legal decisions. When you're incapacitated, it's too late.

So protect yourself and your family by drawing up a durable power of attorney. Why not do it today?

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