

# Sheep Sale To Host National Southdown Sale

NORTH SCITUATE, R.I. — The New England Sheep Sale will be hosting the 1997 Jim Lightfoot National Southdown Sale, in honor of New England Southdown breeder Jim Lightfoot of New

Hampshire. A special Southdown breeders clambake is being planned prior to

the show to honor him. The show and sale will be held July 18-19, at the Big E Fairgrounds' newly completed Mallory Agricultural Complex in West Springfield, Mass.

The sale is open to all breeds of sheep, and entry fees are \$15 for ewes and \$20 for rams. The entry deadline for the sale is April 15.

The number of sheep entered in the past sales averaged about 250 head, and that number will probably increase this year because of the hosting of the National Southdown Sale.

Nancy Ferguson of Corvallis, Ore. will be judging the sale and Dan Schlichter of Washington Courthouse, Ohio will be the auctioneer.

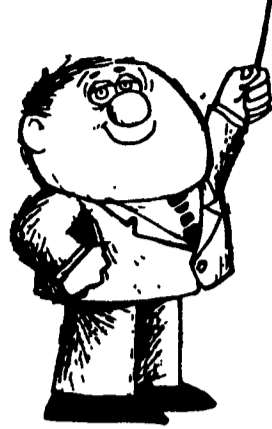
The New England Sheep and Wool Growers is the sponsor of the sale. This will be the 55th sale as it has been an annual event since 1942. The New England Sale has become one of the major purebred sheep sales in the United States because it attracts consignors and buyers from all over the nation. Southdown entries will come from the top breeders in the country.

For consignors the sale offers special cash jackpots for breed and supreme champions besides the low entry fees and the availa-

bility for all breeds to participate. There are several classes for lambs of different ages and a bred ewe class. For the buyers, the sale raffles off several special buyer credits for up to \$200. The rams from each breed in this sale are offered for sale at one time, with the exception of the champion and reserve champion who will be auctioned off first individually, to make selection and bidding on the ram of the buyer's choice easier. The exception to this rule will be the Southdown ram sale because of the expected increase in entries. They will be sold one at a time according to the judges' sale order.

In conjunction with the sheep sale, there is a used sheep equipment auction held. The auction has a \$10 entry fee per consignor for items that are to be prelisted in the sheep sale catalog. Post entries are also welcome and there is no entry fees for these items. The sale commission from the equipment auction goes directly towards the Northeast Youth Sheep Show, which is also held the very same weekend at the Big E Fairgrounds.

For more information and/or entry forms, contact Debra Hopkins, sale manager, 1125 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857-1523, (401) 647-7281.



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Examples will be used throughout the course to highlight how these marketing tools can be used to guarantee feed costs well in advance of when the feed is needed. In addition, problems will be given to workshop participants to reinforce the concepts and tools.

The workshop will also cover the recently introduced milk futures and options contracts and how they could be used to lock in milk prices.

There is no registration fee, but participants must call (301) 694-1594 ext. 3576 before March 13 to allow planning for handout materials and room setup.

The Frederick County Extension office is located just off Rosemont Avenue at 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick.

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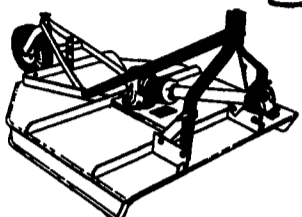
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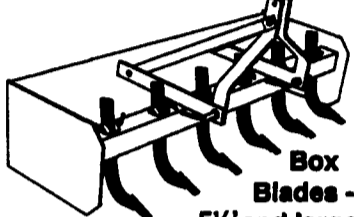
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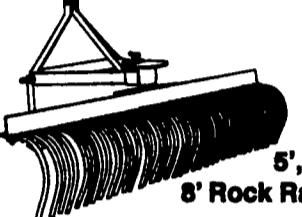
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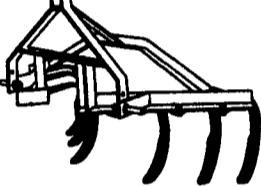
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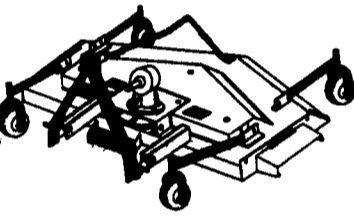
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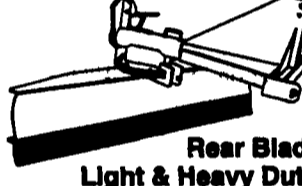
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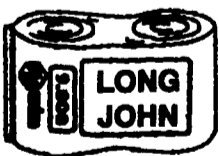
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