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There has been interest over the past 3 years of creating an option for the ARSBA to allow purebred Rambouillet sheep to go through a process to allow for potential registry in the association.

Thus, a committee was put together to work on and study the details to create some type of systematic approach to this type of program.

Included in this mailing is the proposed program in detail as well as what the application process would look like.

It was decided in Stephenville in June that a vote would be taken in Gillette in June 2025 with the membership making the decision by their vote if this is something the ARSBA will proceed forward with.

This information will be placed on the website for all to view as well as be in the next two issues of the newsletter.

RAMBOUILLET BREED GENETIC UPGRADE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM THAT PRODUCERS CAN UPGRADE THROUGH THE USE OF REGISTERED ANIMALS CROSSED ON UNREGISTERED ANIMALS TO GO THROUGH A GENERATIONAL PROGRAM TO EVENTUALLY BECOME PUREBRED AND REGISTERED

PROS

- 1 WILL PROVIDE PRODUCERS OF RELATIVELY PURE RAMBOUILLETS AN UPGRADE SYSTEM TO HAVE THE OFFSPRING OF THESE ANIMALS BECOME REGISTERED AFTER CROSSING TO REGISTERED ANIMALS.
- 2 PROVIDE OUTSIDE GENETICS TO REGISTERED BREEDERS THAT COULD ENHANCE THEIR RAMBOUILLET GENETICS AND ALLOW THOSE OFFSPRING TO BECOME REGISTERED
- 3 PROVIDE BREEDERS THAT BOUGHT REGISTERED SHEEP THAT THE PAPERS HAD NOT BEEN UP TO DATE OR NEVER PROVIDED WITH PAPERS AN AVENUE TO GET OFFSPRING REGISTERED
- 4 PROVIDE THE ASSN WITH AN ADDED SOURCE OF INCOME WITH THE INCREASE IN REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

CONS

- 1 WE WOULD BE RELYING ON THE INTEGRITY OF THESE BREEDERS TO UPHOLD THE BREED STANDARDS AS SET FORTH WITHIN THE SCORECARD
- 2 WILL TAKE SOME WORK AND RECORD KEEPING BY THE PRODUCER AND ASSN TO ACHIEVE THIS SOME ADDED EXPENSE WILL BE INCURED BY THE BREEDER AND ASSN.

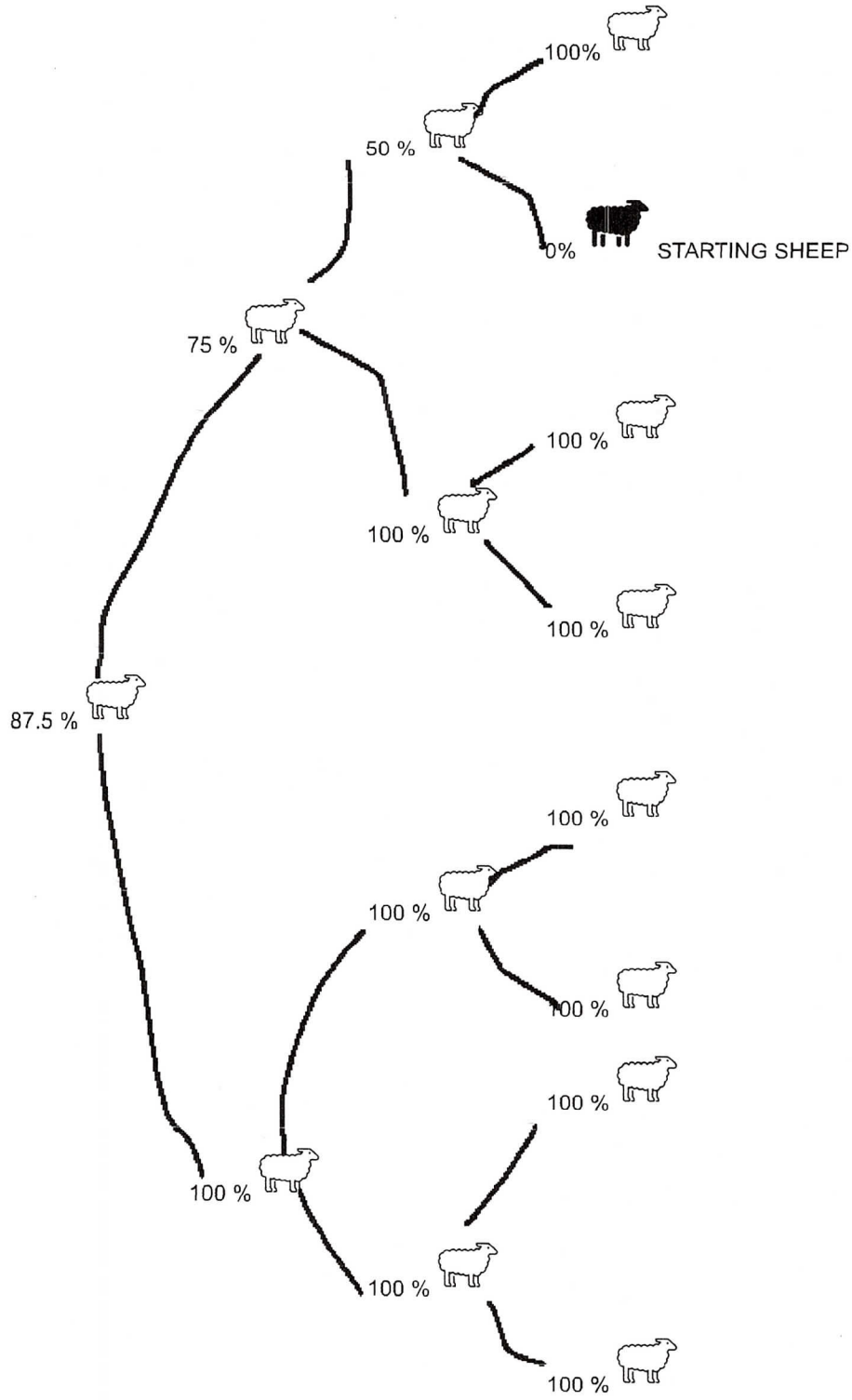
WHAT ANIMALS DO WE START WITH ?

THE UPGRADE PROGRAM WILL START WITH RELATIVELY PURE UNREGISTERED VERIFIED RAMBOUILLET GENETICS.

TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE WANTING TO DO THIS A THREE GENERATIONAL PROGRAM WOULD BE USED. THE UNREGISTERED RAMBOUILLETS WOULD BE MATED TO REGISTERED ANIMALS UNTIL THESE OFFSPRING ACHIEVE A 87.5% REGISTERED STATUS THEN THE 87.5 % ANIMALS COULD BE ISSUED PAPERS. THE ANIMALS ARE TO BE MATED IN A SINGLE SIRE GROUPS. IF USING MULTISIRE GROUPS DNA PARENTAGE MUST BE PROVIDED TO MOVE ALONG THE PROCESS.

UNDER NORMAL BREEDING PROGRAMS IT WOULD BE THREE YEARS BEFORE THE 87.5% WOULD BE REACHE

ILLUSTRATED ROADMAP TO 87.5 %



ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

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MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN RAMBOUILLET ASSN

SELF CERTIFY THAT THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE THE SHEEP BEING CONSIDERED ARE PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET GENETIC

APPLICATION PROCESS

ENROLLMENT AND APPLICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE ASSN SECRETARY ON THE REQUIRED FORM

THE FORM WILL INCLUDE ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION AS WELL AS A BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND HISTORY SHEET ON THE SHEEP WANTING TO INCLUDE IN THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS A VERIFICATION SIGNATURE FROM A ARSBA MEMBER VERIFYING TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE THE SHEEP TO BE INCLUDED ARE PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET.

IN ADDITION, A COMPLETE INVENTORY LIST THAT INCLUDES TAG NUMBERS, BIRTH YEARS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION (SIRE AND DAM ANY REGISTERED PARENTS USED ETC)

TWO PHOTOS WILL BE REQUIRED ONE FRONTAL HEAD SHOT AND ONE PROFILE SHOT OF THE INITIAL UPGRADE SHEEP. THE PHOTOS MUST BE CLEAR AND REASONABLE QUALITY.

LARGER GROUPS OF 25 OR MORE HEAD WOULD NEED TO CONTACT THE ASSN FOR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID METHODS

THE IDS OF THE INITIAL SET OF SHEEP WILL BE KEPT IN A USABLE SPREADSHEET BY THE ASSN SECRETARY AND THIS SPREADSHEET WILL BE USED TO RECORD THE SIRE AND DAMS ALONG WITH REGISTRATIONS NUMBERS ON EACH SUBSEQUENT GENERATION , THE OFFSPRING WILL BE NOTED AS THE PERCENTAGE REGISTERED ON THE SPREADSHEET. WHEN THE GENERATION REACHES 87.5 % AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION CAN BE ISSUED.

PRICE \$7 PER HEAD OR WHATEVER ASSOCIATION FEES ARE

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7. APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL

PHONE

ARSBA ASSN MEMBER NUMBER

SIGNED

DATE

MEMBER VERIFICATION INFORMATION

VERIFICATION MEMBER STATEMENT

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**WE CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION TO BE
TRUE AND ACCURATE**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

VERIFICATION MEMBER SIGNATURE

ATTACH PHOTOS AND ANIMAL IDS SHEET TO APPLICATION

HERD BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.. GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SHEEP WITHIN THE HERD AND WHY YOU WANT TO ENROLL IN THE UPGRADE PROGRAM

2. EXPLAIN THE ORIGIN, GENETIC BACKGROUND , AND GENERAL BLOOD LINES OF THE FLOCK BEING ENROLLED. INCLUDE REGISTERED BREEDERS OF SIRES AND DAMS THAT HAVE BEEN USED WITHIN THE FLOCK.