



BOUILLETIN



www.rambouilletsheep.org

Volume 21 Issue 4

December 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Sam Jackson
Lubbock, TX

Vice President

Scott Crawford
Pipestone, MN

Director, District 1

Teri Terry, San Miguel, CA

Director, District 2

Beau Chapman, Bison, SD

Director, District 3

Matt Rabel, Buffalo, WY

Director, District 4

Andrew Schafer, Dolores, CO

Director, District 5

Ben Keyes, Coalville, UT

Director, District 6

Kenneth Fincher, Water
Valley, TX

Director, District 7

Darin Bauck, NY Mills, MN

Director, District 8

Walt Martens, Ozark, MO

Director, District 9

Todd Taylor, Arlington, WI

Director, District 10

Woody Joslin, Maplewood, OH

Director, District 11

Stephen Bauer, Harper, TX

Director, District 12

Doris Powell, Rome PA



CHAMPION RAM 2014 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

ISAIAH BAUCK, NEW YORK MILLS, MN



HIGH SELLING RAM, 2014 WYOMING STATE RAM SALE. CONSIGNED BY HAGEMAN SISTERS RAMBOUILLETS, DOUGLAS, WY. SOLD FOR \$4300 TO LANE GIANNONATTI, LUDLOW, SD.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I hope each of you had a fulfilling Thanksgiving holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends. We should all be thankful for our freedom and the opportunities that are available to each of us. Many in the world are not as fortunate! As we approach the New Year, remember to take care of your family, livestock and resources. We are indeed blessed to have so much when compared to most others across the globe. Be good stewards of the land and always seek to improve situations around you and leave things better than you found them. I wish each of you a great Christmas Season and hope that everyone can get together with family and friends to celebrate Christ's birth. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sam

NUMBERS FROM THE REGISTRY OFFICE AS OF 11/30/14

REGISTRATIONS: 1810
TRANSFERS: 556
ASSOCIATION DUES: 152
MEMBERSHIPS: 29

PLEASE NOTE!

**MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE IS UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT**

HEARTLAND LIVESTOCK SERVICES, LLC

www.midwestsale.com

INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE?

WITH POSTAGE RATES INCREASING AT A RAPID RATE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL MANNER POSSIBLE.

**ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL IS TO ALLOW US TO EMAIL YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER IN PDF FORMAT TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE. YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER IN HIGH QUALITY COLOR PDF FORMAT. IF THIS IS AN OPTION THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE EMAIL ROBBIE TO GET ON THE ARSBA EMAIL LIST
eckhoff5@aol.com**

Secretary's Notes

Robbie G. Eckhoff

Greetings from the office of the ARSBA! Wow, hard to believe that another year is almost in the books. As of this writing, lambs prices are ticking up which is always a positive sign. For those of you who have fall lambs on the ground, I hope they are gaining well, and are looking good. Spring lambing is just around the corner, and I hope that you have had an adequate amount of moisture for your part of the country.

We had a super Rambouillet Show at Louisville, with 76 head entered in this year's show. Longtime breeder Mr. Woody Joslin of Maplewood, Ohio served as judge, and he did an outstanding job as always in evaluating the sheep and lining them up. The ewe classes were extremely impressive in the quality and depth in each and every class. In rebuilding America's Sheep Industry, the mother sheep is the building block of this project, and the Rambouillet has always been considered a foundation female of the industry. We have to capitalize on what we have and seize the moment. Fertility, structural soundness, and durability are keys, and we are positioned to be the top seed stock producer in this country. We must produce both rams and ewes that are fertile and are able to maintain their body condition. We have to approach this breed as a source of seed stock for

both the registered and commercial producer. As we move forward over the next five years, we have to try and produce the best sheep possible to not only improve the breed, but the entire sheep industry. It appears that change will continue to occur in the industry, and as it occurs, it is imperative that we are at the forefront. We have to work each and every year to make this breed better and better. It has to be a commitment to not only the Rambouillet breed, but the industry in general, as we strive to produce Rambouillet sheep that will perform on the range, in the feedlot, and on the rail.

I encourage you to look at programs such as NSIP as one selection tool in order to assist you in making decisions concerning the genetic base of your flock. As we become an industry that begins to utilize more data as we move forward, it will be a significant advantage to be "ahead of the crowd." If you want to learn more what NSIP can do for you please visit: nsip.org

A great outlet to bring attention to the lamb industry are your local restaurants and farmer's markets. These niche markets can be significant in the industry. More and more producers are working within their own communities or regions to direct market their lambs. As our society develops and continues to put more thought into the protein they consume, the greater the opportunity for direct marketing of lamb. Many consumers, especially in urban areas, want to get to know the producers of the meat and vegetables that they eat, so that they feel comfortable in putting a quality dinner on their table each night. Many want to visit the farm or ranch, and see how the animals they consume are produced and raised. Is this for everybody? Probably not, however, for many, this can be a great opportunity to add dollars into your pocket.

Another niche opportunity is from the perspective of wool. Many fans of wool like to select their own fleeces to spin and create their own yarn. What a better way to increase the value of your wool clip than by inviting a local group out during shearing to show them the high quality of Rambouillet wool. Once again, many folks from urban areas will travel a significant distance to see the wool they spin "removed" from the sheep, so they are able to market their end product as one that went directly from the sheep into their hands, and they can state to their friends or customers that they were involved in all phases of the production of that garment.

It has been a great year for Rambouillets from a range ram sale perspective as well as a show perspective. All of you are doing a great job with this breed. Let's keep the momentum moving forward as we approach a new year.

I encourage all of you to work hard in continuing to promote and produce **REGISTERED RAM-BOUILLET SHEEP!**

2014-2015 NATIONAL JUNIOR OFFICERS

JOSH CRUMLEY: PRESIDENT

CAITLIN DEWELL:

VICE PRESIDENT

TAMRA KOTT: SECRETARY

CALIJO EISEL: REPORTER

IAN MCGIVNEY: TREASURER

With Deepest Sympathies

Mr. Farrell T. Wankier, Jr.

Beloved family patriarch, husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Mr. Farrell T. Wankier, Jr. took his final journey home September 19, 2014 to be with his loved ones beyond the veil of this mortal life.

Farrell was born May 23, 1933 to Farrell and Thela Wankier of Levan, Utah. In 1938, Farrell brought home the families first Suffolk sheep, leading to a life-long devotion to the sheep business. His love and dedication to the sheep industry led to countless leadership roles, including: serving on the Board of Directors of the California and Utah Wool Growers Association, President of the United Suffolk Sheep Association, member of the National Scrapie Oversight Committee, Director of the Utah Farm Bureau and Chairman of the American Farm Bureau Sheep Advisory Committee. Because of his dedication, Farrell received countless distinguished awards, including: California Wool Growers "Master Shepherd of the Year," American Sheep Industry "Distinguished Producer," and Sheepman of the Year.

His relentless dedication of service permeated throughout everything he did, providing service as a missionary for the LDS Church for the past 15 years at the Salt Lake City Conference Center, serving in the Army as a lieutenant in Fort Hood, Texas, giving to Utah State Agricultural Educational Programs, and caring for and supporting his friends and family.

He married the love of his life, Deanna Wankier, July 30, 1966, and they were later sealed for all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. The two shared the past 48 years cultivating a successful business, raising 4 children and cherishing their 9 grandchildren. Their love of adventure led to travels, including: Africa, Peru, France, New Zealand, Honduras, Scotland, and Alaska.

Farrell is survived by his wife Deanna; his four children, Jamie Wankier, Lara Jensen, Millie Muczko and Peter Wankier; 9 grandchildren, Noah, Ethan, Ryan, Landon, Kaela, Jacob, James, Reid, and Harrison; 2 sisters, Norine Foote of Salt Lake City and Vicky Nelson of Milwaukee, as well as other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thela & Farrell Wankier, Sr.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 11:00 am at the LDS 20th Ward, 107 G Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Dedication of the grave was held at Levan, Utah Cemetery on Thursday, September, 25, 2014 at 3:00 pm. Donations may be made in Farrell Wankier's name to the National Parkinson Foundation, ATTN: Donor Services, 200 South East 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

THE REGISTRY OFFICE HAS MOVED

**P.O. BOX 231
305 LINCOLN ST.
WAMEGO, KS 66547**

**(785) 456-8500
asregistry@gmail.com**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW FEE
SCHEDULE LOCATED ON THE
LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE**

RAM TEST UPDATE

Texas Agrilife Experiment Station:

60 Rams on Test

Highest ADG to date: 1.35 lbs/day

University of Wyoming:

63 Rams on Test

Highest ADG to date: 1.73 lbs/day

North Dakota State University:

54 Rams on Test

Highest ADG to date: 1.61 lbs/day

FALL RAM SALES

89TH Montana Ram Sale - September 11, 2014

Miles City, Montana

Registered buyers from Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Saskatchewan.

25 RAMBOUILLET RAMS SOLD FOR AN AVERAGE OF \$890.00

Top Selling Rambouillet Ram consigned by Lehfeldt Ram Test sold to Helle Rambouillet of Dillon, MT for \$1800

69TH Newell Ram Show & Sale - September 18-19, 2014

Newell, South Dakota

Champion Rambouillet Ram & Supreme Ram: Ian Forbes McGivney, Kaycee, WY

Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ram: Shan Garson, Bosler, WY

Champion Rambouillet Ewe & Supreme Ewe: WW Sheep Co., Baldwin, ND

Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ewe: Regehr Sheep, Marion, SD

Premier Pen of Range Rams: Wille Rambouillet, Steamboat Springs, CO

Rambouillets averaged \$669.12

******IMPORTANT NEWS******

We plan to update our current breeders directory on the ARSBA website in January. However, we do not want to put your information on the web if you prefer that we not. Thus, if you prefer that we **DO NOT** put your name and contact information on the website, please notify me prior to January 15, 2015!

(409) 256-3687

ECKHOFF5@AOL.COM

RAMBOUILLETS LEAD THE WAY AT FALL RAM SALES

86th Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming

TOP 5 HEAD SOLD

- Lot 12 Hageman Sisters \$4300
- Lot 15 Erk Brothers \$3000
- Lot 8 Erk Brothers \$2600
- Lot 11 Forbes & Rabel \$2500
- Lot 10 Hageman Sisters \$2400

127 Head Rambouillets sold for an average of \$1097.24/head

2014 Top Selling Certified Ram

Consigned by Erk Brothers, Newell, SD. Sold for \$2600 to James McCormick, WY.

7 Head of Certified Rambouillet Rams sold for an average of \$1685.71/head

For complete sale results please visit:

www.wyowool.com

Utah Ram Sale

October 9, 2014

Spanish Fork, Utah

Rambouillet Yearling Rams averaged \$1093/head

Rambouillet Ram Lambs averaged \$900/head

Rambouillet Stud Rams averaged \$2480/head

For more information visit:

utahramsale.com



(260) 758-8185

Dennis Wall
3514 N 350 E
Huntington, IN 46750

A. RICHARD OSMOND

REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET SHEEP

COALVILLE, UTAH
(435) 336-2227

FALL SHOW SEASON



Champion Ewe, 2014 North American International Livestock Exposition. Exhibited by Isaiah Bauck, Dew Drop Farms, New York Mills, MN.



Reserve Champion Ewe, 2014 North American International Livestock Exposition. Exhibited by O'Banion Farms, Waynesville, OH.



Reserve Champion Ram, 2014 North American International Livestock Exposition. Exhibited by Kruse Farms, Steve & Jonathan Kruse, Effingham, IL.



Supreme Champion Ewe, 2014 Minnesota State Fair 4-H Show. Exhibited by Jacob Guehna, Otter Tail-East County 4-H.

NO MATTER THE LOCATION

SALE RING, SHOW RING OR FLEECE SHOW

RAMBOUILLETS....PUTTING MONEY IN PRODUCERS POCKETS!

2015 NATIONAL RAMBOUILLET SHOW & SALE

JULY 6-11, 2015

PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA

National Sheep Improvement Program

What is it? Is it for you?

In today's every changing world, with more and more people utilizing data to ascertain the value of a specific product, the National Sheep Improvement Program, or NSIP, is the sheep industry's version to obtain more significant data in analyzing certain genetics or bloodlines.

As a group involved in production agriculture, everything we do is genetically driven. No matter whether the focus is wool, lamb, or both, genetics are the key. As we follow the other species of livestock, poultry, or crop production, more and more data is being collected at a rapid pace, in order to improve the quality and quantity of the product produced. With a world population growing exponentially, it is imperative that we work diligently to continue to grow the quality and quantity of food and fiber produced. We are at a point in time where our decisions and work as an agricultural society may be a key to the sustainability of future generations of people. With the world population slated to need twice the food and fiber product in the year 2050 as it does today, we need to consider many options as we move forward in time.

With all of the progress that has been made in other sectors of production agriculture through the utilization of data collection resources, the National Sheep Improvement Program is one resource or tool that is currently available to sheep producers nationwide as they take the next step forward in analyzing their current operation and making genetic selections for the future.

If you are interested in more information, or feel as if the program might be of interest to you, please visit their website at NSIP.org. You may also contact Mr. Reid Redden at North Dakota State University 701-231-5597.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR WOOL?

<u>Blood Grade</u>	<u>Spinning Count</u>	<u>Micron (range in avg. fiber diameter)</u>
Fine	Finer than 80's	under 17.70
Fine	80's	17.70-19.14
Fine	70's	19.15-20.59
Fine	64's	20.60-22.04
1/2 Blood	62's	22.05-23.49
1/2 Blood	60's	23.50-24.94
3/8 Blood	58's	24.95-26.39
3/8 Blood	56's	26.40-27.84
1/4 Blood	54's	27.85-29.29
1/4 Blood	50's	29.30-30.99

BOYER RAMBOUILLET

has partnered with

EARL RAMBOUILLET

to bring you

LEGACY
SHEEP COMPANY



*This lifestyle isn't just about animals.
It's about beliefs and values passed down.
Ensuring things are better for those yet to come.*

It's all about Legacy.

Don't settle for a ram. Build your future with a **LEGACY**

AMERICAN RAMBOUILLET SHEEP BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 214
15831 FM 2404
Hawley, Texas 79525

Robbie Eckhoff
Executive Secretary
eckhoff5@aol.com



*Follow us on Twitter:
@RambouilletAssn*

**Find us on the web:
www.rambouilletsheep.org**

2015 National Rambouillet Show & Sale

July 6-11, 2015

Pipestone, Minnesota

National Jr. Show - July 8, 3:00 PM

National Show - July 9, 8:00 AM

National Meetings - July 10, 8:00 AM

National Sale - July 11, 9:00 AM

ARSBA REGISTRY OFFICE

P.O. Box 231

Wamego, KS 66547

(785) 456-8500 (phone)

asregistry@gmail.com

Memberships (January 1 to December 31)

Senior Membership Dues: \$40.00

Junior Membership Dues (19 & under): \$15.00

Membership Reinstatement: \$10.00

Juniors must be a member to qualify for scholarships or to exhibit in the National Junior Show.

Registration and Transfer fees as of 1/1/2015:

All animals 12 months of age and younger: \$7.00

All animals over 12 months of age: \$14.00

Transfers under 60 days from date of sale: \$6.00

Transfers after 60 days from date of sale: \$12.00

Rush orders: **DOUBLE FEES**

Non-Members: **DOUBLE FEES**

**2015 NATIONAL SHOW & SALE DETAILS
COMING SOON!**

**KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR
HOTEL NAME, RATES, AND PHONE
NUMBER!**

******ATTENTION******

**A NEW MOTTO HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE
OFFICE FOR THE RAMBOUILLET BREED!
IT IS:**

GET REAL! GET RAMBOUILLET!

If you have a submission please let me know

eckhoff5@aol.com