



DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear Member

2016 May Fair

As you probably will know by now the 2016 May Fair is to be held on Tuesday, 3rd & Wednesday, 4th May, 2016, at Exeter Livestock Market, Exeter. Showing classes will be held on the Tuesday with the main sale on the Wednesday.

Please find enclosed all the necessary entry forms. All entry forms must be signed where indicated.

Please ensure you use the correct forms as follows:

Ring

- Form 1. Rams – White
- Form 2. Individual females – Pink - A maximum of two shearling ewes and/or two ewe lambs may be entered.

Members that use the same UK and Holding number as the principal member may only bring one maximum allowance of rams, plus two.

Only purebred “Dorset” rams bred from registered stock will be allowed to be sold at this sale. All rams entered for May Fair must be registered and paid for by the breeder before the sale. Ram pro formas must be included with entries if rams are not already registered. Pro forma pads may be obtained from the Secretary. Year letters, individual numbers and tag numbers for all rams and individual females must be stated on the entry forms, not just names.

Please remember that all rams and individual females will be subject to inspection.

Pens

Advertising/Entry Fee: £10 + VAT per VENDOR

- Form 3. Registered Females - Blue
- Form 4. Purebred Unregistered Females - Green
- Form 5. Dorset First Cross – Yellow

All registered sheep must be tattooed or tagged with your Society Flock number and year letter.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN ORDER TO BE SOLD AS REGISTERED ALL EWES (YEAR LETTERS “P” , “S” “T” & “U”), SHEARLING EWES (YEAR LETTER “W”) AND EWE LAMBS (YEAR LETTER “X”) MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE SALE AND REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORMS IF NOT ALREADY REGISTERED IN ORDER FOR CERTIFICATES TO BE PRODUCED BEFORE THE SALE. THESE CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY THE SHEEP TO THE SALE AND BE BATCHED ACCORDING TO LOT NUMBERS, AND HANDED IN ON ARRIVAL, TO THE BREED SECRETARY WHO WILL BE IN THE MARKET OFFICE.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON, ON TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 2016 and should be sent to Mrs M Cowley, The Secretary, Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders’ Association, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EF, with the correct fees. Please fill in the entry forms clearly and correctly in order to avoid confusion and extra telephone calls.

PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORMS. IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED, ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CATALOGUED. ALL CHEQUES MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO “DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SBA OR DH & PD SBA.

THE CLOSING DATE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Individual Rams and Females offered in the sale ring will be sold in guineas. All other sheep will be sold in pounds.

Upset Prices

The upset price for all rams will be 350 guineas.

There will be an upset price of 150 guineas for individual shearling ewes and 120 guineas for individual ewe lambs.

There will be an organising levy of 50p. per sheep on all unregistered sheep which will be deducted from the sale price by the auctioneers on behalf of the Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders’ Association.

If reserve prices are required, please advise the auctioneers on the day of sale.

Sheep will be allowed to enter the market premises from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 4th May. Vendors travelling long distances may be allowed, with special permission, to enter the market on the Monday night, but this will entirely depend on the cleaning of the market following the Monday sale. Any vendors wishing to do this **MUST** ring Russell Steer at Exeter after 6 p.m. on the Monday on 01392 251261 to ascertain exactly what time they may be allowed to gain entry, **BUT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE THAT ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Genotyping

Genotyping is voluntary, but if tested, the genotype must be declared on the entry form with official certification available if required from one of the following companies: NSP, Innovis, SAC, SVS or Turner Land Biolabs.

Please note that the vendor will be responsible for any genotype stated and if found to be incorrect must take full responsibility for any dispute arising.

A reader will be available at May Fair for any vendor or purchaser who may wish to use it.

Inspection of Rams & Individual Females

There will be a strict Inspection for Health, Teeth & Testicles of all rams and individual females. This will also include physical and type traits. The Inspector's decision will be final and there will be no appeal. The inspection will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2016 and all rams and individual females **MUST** be penned by 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2016. Any rams and individual females not penned by 11.30 a.m. will not be accepted.

Any sheep not passing the Inspection should be removed from their pens by 12.00 Noon on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2016 and will not be allowed to be shown or sold. If necessary, sheep may be put back in the pens at the conclusion of the showing for the night, but must be removed again first thing on the Wednesday morning. Movement documents will be supplied on the Tuesday evening returning the individual animal to the farm of origin only.

Council, through the Chairman/Vice-Chairman reserve the right to reject an animal that does not come up to the Breed Society standard as stated in the Flock Book.

No consignor will have any claim for damages in respect of any animal which does not meet the Breed Society standard or the Inspection.

TATTOOING/TAGGING

Please remember that all registered sheep for May Fair must be clearly tattooed or tagged according to Byelaw 13 in the Flock Book and the tattoo/tag must correspond to that in the catalogue.

As of 1 September, 2012, if members wish to tag their sheep instead of tattooing, the tag must include your society flock number and the year letter (appertaining to the year of birth).

Tags will be checked at May Fair. A tattooing kit will be available and the year letter X will be tattooed in any lambs found to have incorrect tags, born on or after 1 September, 2015, and there will be a cost of £2 per sheep for this.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT

NOTE FOR VENDORS REGARDING EXPORT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

If vendors have completed the necessary paper work for export to Northern Ireland, please ensure this is handed in to the breed secretary or market office on arrival. Vendors **MUST then ensure that notices, which will be available from the breed secretary, stating that these sheep are eligible for export, are clearly displayed on **ALL** their pens.**

NOTE TO POTENTIAL PURCHASERS REGARDING EXPORT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Pens of sheep that are available for export to Northern Ireland will be marked with a notice stating that they are eligible for export. Any pens not marked with a notice will not be eligible for export.

Showing

Please enter the showing classes in the normal way on the enclosed entry form. All exhibitors **MUST** wear white coats and/or the new approved showing uniform when showing.

All persons showing an animal and animals being shown must be shown under the Breed Society Rules.

Judging

Judging will start promptly at 12.00 Noon with the Best Pen of rams, followed by Class 1, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

The Championship will be open to the Winners of Classes 3 - 9 and will be judged before the Best Horn Ram Exhibit. The Best Horn Ram Exhibit will be chosen from the final line up of the Champion Male Exhibit.

Signet Class

Points will be worked out on performance and show results.

The stewards reserve the right to alter the times and order of judging, so please take note of any stewards announcement made on the day.

All first prize winners will have their photographs taken after the Championship and Best Horn Exhibit have been judged and will be presented with their trophy at that time.

Holding Number

The Holding Number of Exeter Market is 10/463/8000.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL VENDORS WITH MV ACCREDITATION

All stock entering an accredited section must be accompanied by an SAC Valid Certificate of Status. In order to protect the accreditation of all vendors the Sheep Breeders' Association has asked that all vendors of MVA sheep send or fax a photocopy of the S.E.H.S. form to the Auctioneers at least one week prior to the sale day. Please note that the original forms still need to accompany the sheep and be presented to the Auctioneers or the breed secretary **PRIOR TO UNLOADING.** The old MAFF SH20 Certificate is not acceptable and has been obsolete since 31 March, 1997.

MOVEMENT LICENCES MUST ALSO BE HANDED IN TO THE BREED SECRETARY OR MARKET OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL TOGETHER WITH ANY EXPORT PAPER WORK.

I look forward to receiving your entries and to seeing you all on 3rd and 4th May, but in the meantime, should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01305 262126, which is normally open between 8.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Yours sincerely

Marguerite Cowley

Mrs M Cowley
Breed Secretary

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MAY FAIR – SHOW & SALE 3rd & 4th May, 2016

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 12 NOON, TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 2016.

- **PLEASE BE AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT.**
- **Sheep will not be allowed to enter the market premises until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 4th May.**
- Judging will commence at 12.00 Noon prompt with the Best pen of rams to be followed by Class 1 at 12.30 p.m. Rams and individual show/sale females must be penned by 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May. Any rams or individual females arriving after this will not be accepted.
- All rams and individual females are to be numbered before they enter the Sale Ground and ear numbers must correspond with those shown in the Sale Catalogue.
- Year letters, individual numbers & tag numbers must be given on entry forms on all pedigrees, not just names.
- There will be an open draw for the order of sale.
- New members may enter **two rams** (any age) the first year they sell.
- Members may enter an additional ram each year provided all their rams were sold the previous year, until a maximum of seven rams is reached. Those breeders that have both Horn & Poll sheep may bring a maximum of 8 rams as long as at least 2 of the pen are Horned.
- **Members that use the same UK and Holding number as the principal member may only bring one maximum allowance of rams, plus two.**
- **ALL RAMS ENTERED FOR MAY FAIR MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID FOR BY THE BREEDER BEFORE THE SALE. RAM PRO FORMAS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRIES IF RAMS ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED. PRO FORMA PADS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY.**
- **An extra ram** can be entered with your entry together with the £10 entry fee. This will be included in the catalogue but only eligible for sale if one of your permitted allowance of rams is not brought to the Sale, or if Council decide the total number of rams entered is too low. If so vendors will be notified.
- Please state if a Poll ram has 25% or more Horn blood and vice-versa.
- A maximum of **four** individual females, (two shearling ewes and/or two ewe lambs) may be entered.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN ORDER TO BE SOLD AS REGISTERED ALL EWES (YEAR LETTERS “P”, “S”, “T” & “U”), SHEARLING EWES (YEAR LETTER “W”) AND EWE LAMBS (YEAR LETTER “X”) MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE SALE AND REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORMS IF NOT ALREADY REGISTERED IN ORDER FOR CERTIFICATES TO BE PRODUCED BEFORE THE SALE. THESE CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY THE SHEEP TO THE SALE AND BE BATCHED ACCORDING TO LOT NUMBERS, AND BE HANDED IN TO THE BREED SECRETARY.**
- The minimum upset price is 350 guineas for Ram Lambs, Shearlings and Older rams. Rams that do not reach this figure will not be sold.
- The upset price for individual shearling ewes will be 150 guineas and for individual ewe lambs 120 guineas. Individual females that do not reach this figure will not be sold.

- Genotyping is voluntary but if sheep are tested, the genotype must be declared on the entry form and official certification available, if required, from one of the following companies: NSP, Innovis, SAC, SVS or Turner Land Biolabs.
All vendors will be responsible for the genotype stated and if it is found to be incorrect must take full responsibility for any dispute arising.
A reader will be available at May Fair for any purchaser or vendor who may wish to use it.
- Catalogues will be mailed to all members.
- Entries for the catalogue close at **12 Noon on Tuesday, 5th April, 2016**. It is essential that all entries are received in writing by The Breed Society office by this date in order to be included in the ballot.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Please find enclosed the appropriate entry forms. Please **type** or use **block capitals**. **All entry forms must be signed where indicated.**
- Entry fees of **£10 per Ram, £5 per Ewe lamb/Shearling ewe and £10 per vendor for pens of sheep entered in the registered, unregistered and Dorset First Cross sections**, must accompany all entries together with Show Class entrance fees. Please add VAT at the current rate. **IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CATALOGUED. ALL CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SBA OR DH & PD SBA.**
- **Movement Licenses must be handed in to the breed secretary or market office immediately on arrival.**
- **TATTOOING/TAGGING**
ALL REGISTERED RAMS AND FEMALES MUST BE TATTOOED/TAGGED WITH THE BREEDER'S FLOCK NUMBER AND YEAR LETTER, ACCORDING TO BYELAW 13 IN THE FLOCK BOOK. SHEEP NOT MARKED WILL BE SOLD AS UNREGISTERED.
The tattoo/tag must correspond to that in the catalogue.
As of 1 September, 2012, if members wish to tag their sheep instead of tattooing, the tag must include your society flock number and the year letter (appertaining to the year of birth).
Tags will be checked at May Fair. A tattooing kit will be available and the year letter X will be tattooed in any lambs found to have incorrect tags, born on or after 1 September, 2015, and there will be a cost of £2 per sheep for this.
- **RAMS TO HAVE THE MINIMUM BREEDING DETAILS OF SIRE AND DAM.**
- **ALL RAMS & INDIVIDUAL FEMALES ENTERED FOR SHOW AND/OR SALE MUST BE PENNED BY 11.30 a.m.. ON THE TUESDAY.**
- **NO RAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE WEDNESDAY.**
- **ALL SHEARLINGS AND RAM LAMBS BORN PRIOR TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2015, MUST BE SHORN ON OR AFTER 1ST FEBRUARY, 2016, WHETHER FOR SHOW OR FOR SALE ONLY.**

Inspection

There will be a strict inspection for Health, Teeth and Testicles for all rams and individual females which will take place between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, 3rd May. This will also include physical and type traits. The Inspector's decision will be final and there will be no appeal. Any sheep not passing the Inspection should be removed from their pens by 12.00 Noon on Tuesday, 3rd May and will not be allowed to be shown or sold. The sheep may, if necessary, be put back in their pens overnight but must be removed again first thing on the Wednesday morning. Movement documents will be supplied on the Tuesday evening, returning the individual animal to the farm of origin only.

- Council, through the Chairman/Vice-Chairman reserve the right to reject an animal that does not come up to the Breed Society standard as stated in the Flock Book.

Please support the main Breed Sale with an entry of Quality Rams – satisfied customers will come again

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE BY ORDER OF COUNCIL the following minimum weights apply for Ram Lambs and Shearling Rams to be accepted for Sale at the 2016 May Fair.

		Kg.	Lbs.
Born after:-	1 September 2015, minimum weight	60	132
Born	August 2015	62.5	137.5
“	July 2015	65	143
“	June 2015	67.5	148.5
“	May 2015	70	154
“	April 2015	72.5	159.5
“	March 2015	75	165
“	February 2015	77.5	170.5
“	January 2015	80	176
“	December 2014	82.5	181.5
“	November 2014	85	187
“	October 2014	87.5	192.5
“	September 2014, or before	90	198

PLEASE WEIGH ALL RAMS BEFORE MAKING YOUR ENTRY TO ENSURE THEY WILL REACH THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE DAY OF SALE.

SIGNET SELECTED RAMS

Vendors of Rams in the Signet Recording Scheme may obtain information on growth rates from Signet for inclusion in the Catalogue. All rams should be weighed to ensure they meet the minimum live weight requirement.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Ram lambs or shearlings which have been recorded within Signet’s Sheepbreeder Scheme.
2. Ram lambs and shearlings that have been ultrasound scanned or weighed at 21 weeks of age.
3. A Maternal Index above 100 points.
4. A Terminal Sire Index within the top 50% of the recorded breed based on EBVs produced within the National Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset Breeding Evaluation published in March, 2016.

POINTS

Points will be awarded on performance based upon their potential to produce carcass lambs and for placings in the show class.

These points will be added together and the ram with the highest total number of points will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the ram with the highest performance points will be deemed the winner.

ANNUAL BREEDERS' SHOW, 2016

MAY FAIR, 2016, SHOW SCHEDULE

Classes 1 – 9 and the two special classes will be judged on Tuesday afternoon, 3rd May, 2016. Judging to commence at 12.00 Noon with the Best pen of Rams. Class 1 to follow at 12.30 p.m.

Classes 10 - 12 will be judged on Wednesday morning, 4th May, 2016. Judging at 9.00 a.m.

Lambs must be born on/after the 1st of September, 2015, the date of birth to be stated and the Member's Flock Number & year letter shall be tattooed or tagged in the ear.

Shearlings – born on or after 1 September 2014 **bearing the year letter "W"**.

Shearlings and Older Rams must be shorn on or after 1 February, 2016.

An entry fee of £3.00 per class will be charged. **Closing date 12 Noon on Tuesday, 5th April, 2016.** All rams and ewes must have been bred by the exhibitor and bear the registered tattoo/tag of the Association.

CLASSES 1 & 2 ARE RESTRICTED TO 2 SHEEP PER MEMBER PER CLASS.

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR WHITE COATS AND/OR THE NEW APPROVED SHOWING UNIFORM WHEN SHOWING.

IF YOU WISH TO SHOW YOUR SHEEP ON THE TUESDAY, THEY MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON THE WEDNESDAY.

No ram may be entered in more than one Class, except the Signet Class and the Champion Class which is open to the winners of Classes 3 – 9. Signet Class restricted to qualifying rams. Sheep competing shall be haltered.

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| | Best pen of five or more Ram Lambs and/or Shearlings – The Peter Mead Challenge Cup. |
| Class 1 | Best Ewe Lamb (Horn/Poll) (not to be in lamb). The Sheldon Jones Challenge Trophy. |
| Class 2 | Best Shearling Ewe (Horn/Poll) (not to be in lamb). The Baker Trophy. |
| Special Class | Progeny Group of 3 (one of which is to be of the opposite sex). The Carson Trophy. |
| Special Class | Best Ram Lamb or Shearling recorded within the Signet Sheepbreeder Scheme. The J M Lenthall Challenge Cup. |
| Class 3 | Best Pair of Horn or Poll Ram Lambs. The Alfred Johnson Challenge Cup given by the late Mr Johnson. |
| Class 4 | Best Single Horn Ram Lamb. The Rupert Tory Memorial Challenge Cup given by the late Mrs R Tory. |
| Class 5 | Best Single Poll Ram Lamb. The Bennett Challenge Cup. |
| Class 6 | Best Group of Three Ram Lambs or Three Shearlings. The Association Challenge Cup. |
| Class 7 | Best Shearling Horn Ram. The R W Gale Trophy |
| Class 8 | Best Shearling Poll Ram. The Crutchley Salver |
| Class 9 | Best Pair of Shearling Rams (Horn/Poll). The Murray Gill Challenge Cup given by Mr M Gill. |

ewe classes – to be judged in pens in the Sale area on Wednesday, 4th May, 2016, and to be the property of the Member exhibiting, each sheep to bear a registered number of the Association. (One entry per member per class)

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| Class 10 | Best Pen of 5 Select Horn/Poll Ewes, year letter "T" or older – the F F Hollis Perpetual Challenge Cup. |
| Class 11 | Best Pen of 5 Horn/Poll Hoggets – (to be sold first in vendors draft). The Oscar Masters Challenge Cup |
| Class 12 | Best Pen of 5 Horn/Poll Ewe Lambs. |

Show sheep in Classes 10, 11, and 12 not penned by 9 a.m. will not be judged.