



DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION



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Dear Member

2021 May Fair

As you probably will know by now we are very much hoping that the 2021 May Fair will be held on Tuesday, 4th & Wednesday, 5th May, 2021, at Exeter Livestock Market, Exeter. The main sale will be held on the Wednesday, and it has been agreed that at this current moment in time we will be able to hold the individual showing classes (no groups or pairs). Please see more information on the showing later in this letter.

Please find enclosed all the necessary entry forms. All entry forms must be signed where indicated ensuring that you have read this letter and the show & sale conditions.

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 share either a UK and/or holding number may bring one maximum ram allowance plus a maximum of two rams for the second member.

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. Information for ram registrations will be taken from the entry forms by the office so pro formas need not be sent, or they can be done via Grassroots. **Year letters, individual numbers and tag numbers for all rams and individual females must be stated on the entry forms, not just names.**

This year the individual show and sale females will be penned in the female penning area with all the other pens of females and be sold through the sale ring in that area, starting at 10.30 a.m. (to be confirmed). The pens of females will still be sold in their pens as normal.

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.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON, ON THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2021 and should be sent to Mrs M Cowley, The Breed 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.

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

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH ENTRY FORMS, EITHER BY CHEQUE OR BACS. ANY VENDORS WITH OUTSTANDING MAY FAIR ENTRY FEES AND/OR OUTSTANDING DEBTS AS AT 12 NOON ON 1 APRIL WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW OR BE CATALOGUED. ALL CHEQUES MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO "DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SBA OR DH & PD SBA. ONCE AN ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BREED SOCIETY OFFICE, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

PLEASE REMEMBER FAXED OR E-MAILED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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 200 guineas for individual shearling ewes and 175 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 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th 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.**

All individual rams and females must be penned by 12 Noon on Tuesday, 4th May.

EXPORT

Very sadly, due to the current Brexit regulations there can be NO direct export to Northern Ireland.

Showing

At this moment in time it has been agreed that we will be able to hold the individual showing classes (no groups or pairs). The showing will take place in a different format for this year, whereby all entries will be placed loose in a pen for the judge to judge (no handlers will be permitted in the ring).

Please enter the showing classes in the normal way on the enclosed entry form.

It would be very helpful if exhibitors would tell the steward before the commencement of judging which animal(s) are not being brought forward for judging.

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

No animal may be entered in more than one class and entries will be restricted to one exhibit per vendor in all classes.

Signet Classes (Female & Male) – Please see rules and eligibility in the Show & Sale Conditions pages.

Judging

Judging will start promptly at 3 p.m.

The Championship will be open to the Winners of all the Classes and will be judged before the Best Horn Ram Exhibit.

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.

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 MARKET OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL TOGETHER WITH ANY EXPORT PAPER WORK.

I look forward to receiving your entries and to seeing you all on 4th and 5th 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 CONDITIONS 4th and 5th May, 2021

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 12 NOON, THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2021.

NO FAXED OR E-MAILED ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH ENTRY FORMS, EITHER BY CHEQUE OR BACS. ANY VENDORS WITH OUTSTANDING MAY FAIR ENTRY FEES AND/OR OUTSTANDING DEBTS AS AT 12 NOON ON 1 APRIL WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW OR BE CATALOGUED.

- Entry fees are £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. Please include any show entry fees and add VAT at the current rate. ALL CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DORSET HORN & POLL DORSET SBA OR DH & PD SBA.
- DUE TO BREXIT REGULATIONS, THERE CAN BE NO DIRECT EXPORT TO NORTHERN IRELAND
- Sheep will not be allowed to enter the market premises until 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th May and will be received from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th May.
- Judging will commence at 3 p.m. Rams and individual show/sale females must be penned by 12 Noon on Tuesday, 4th 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 (subject to the condition below).
- 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 (subject to the condition below). 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 (subject to the condition below).

In addition to this the amount of rams that members may bring is now to be connected to the number of the member's previous year's ewe registrations as detailed below:

5 – 14 “C” ewe registrations	2 rams
15 – 39 “C” ewe registrations	3 rams
40 – 59 “C” ewe registrations	4 rams
60 – 79 “C” ewe registrations	5 rams
80 – 99 “C” ewe registrations	6 rams
100 or more “C” ewe registrations	7 rams

For “C” Ewe registrations to qualify they must have been registered by 31 December, 2020.

For example if you are entering May Fair for the first time, you may bring up to 2 rams as long as you have registered between 5 – 14 “C” ewes.

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For example, if you entered and sold 4 rams in 2019, you may only increase your number to 5 rams in 2021 (2020 cancelled) if you have registered between 60 – 79 “C” ewes.

- Members that share either a UK and/or holding number may bring one maximum ram allowance plus a maximum of two rams for the second member.
- ALL RAMS ENTERED FOR MAY FAIR MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID FOR BY THE BREEDER BEFORE THE SALE. RAM PRO FORMAS DO NOT NEED TO BE SENT WITH ENTRY FORMS AS INFORMATION TO REGISTER THEM WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE ENTRY FORMS BY THE OFFICE, SO PLEASE ENSURE ALL INFORMATION IS ON THE ENTRY FORM AND CORRECT.
- **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 "S", "T", "U" "W", "X", "Z", "A" & "B"), SHEARLING EWES (YEAR LETTER "C") AND EWE LAMBS (YEAR LETTER "D") MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE SALE. 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 200 guineas and for individual ewe lambs 175 guineas. Individual females that do not reach this figure will not be sold.

Inspection

There will be a strict inspection for Health, Teeth and Testicles for all rams and individual females which will take place in a socially distanced way, prior to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th May by a 3 member inspection panel. This will also include physical and type traits. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY BLACK SPOTS/MARKS ON THE FACE AND/OR EARS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please also ensure that any coats on the sheep must be removed prior to inspection.**

All rams and individual females **MUST** be on site by 12 Noon on Tuesday, 4th May, 2021. Any rams and individual females not penned by 12 Noon will not be accepted.

Any sheep not passing the Inspection should be removed from their pens by 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th 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.
- No consignor will have any claim for damages in respect of any animal which does not meet the Breed Society standard or the Inspection.
- 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: Innovis, SAC, SVS, Turner Land Biolabs, or Lincoln University Gene-Marker Laboratory. Please note that the vendor will be responsible to ascertain whether the company used meets ministry approval for export and for any genotype stated and if found to be incorrect must take full responsibility for any dispute arising.
- Catalogues will be mailed to all members.

- Entries for the catalogue close at **12 Noon on Thursday, 1st April, 2021.** 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.**

- **Movement Licenses must be handed in to the 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 "D" will be tattooed in any lambs found to have incorrect tags, born on or after 1 September, 2020, and there will be a cost of £2.50 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 12 NOON ON THE TUESDAY.
- NO RAMS OR INDIVIDUAL FEMALES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE WEDNESDAY.
- ALL SHEARLINGS AND RAM LAMBS BORN PRIOR TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020, MUST BE SHORN IN THE YEAR OF THE SALE/SHOW, WHETHER FOR SHOW OR FOR SALE ONLY.
- IF SEMEN HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM A RAM WHICH IS FOR SALE, OR THE RAM HAS BEEN USED PRIOR TO SALE, THIS MUST BE DECLARED ON THE ENTRY FORM.

Showing

No animal may be entered in more than one class, and entries will be restricted to one exhibit per vendor for each class.

Signet Classes (Female & Male)

These classes will no longer be worked out on points and showing results, but will now be judged as per a normal show class.

Please see Signet eligibility on the following page.

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 2021 May Fair.

	Kg.	Lbs.
Born on/after:-1 September 2020, minimum weight	60	132
Born August 2020	62.5	137.5
“ July 2020	65	143
“ June 2020	67.5	148.5
“ May 2020	70	154
“ April 2020	72.5	159.5
“ March 2020	75	165
“ February 2020	77.5	170.5
“ January 2020	80	176
“ December 2019	82.5	181.5
“ November 2019	85	187
“ October 2019	87.5	192.5
“ September 2019, 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 AND FEMALES

ELIGIBILITY - RAMS

1. Ram lambs or shearlings which have been recorded within Signet’s Sheepbreeder Scheme.
2. Ram lambs and shearlings that have been ultrasound scanned and weighed at 21 weeks of age.
3. A Terminal & Maternal 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, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY – FEMALES

- 1 Ewe lambs and shearling ewes which have been recorded within Signet’s Sheepbreeder Scheme
- 2 Ewe lambs and shearling ewes that have been ultrasound scanned and weighed at 21 weeks of age.
- 3 A Terminal & Maternal index within the top 50% of the recorded breed based on EBV’s produced within the National Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Breeding Evaluation published in March, 2021.

Members are reminded that rams or females entered in these classes will not be allowed to enter any other class.

ANNUAL BREEDERS' SHOW, 2021
MAY FAIR, 2021, SHOW SCHEDULE

Classes 1 – 8 will be judged on Tuesday afternoon, 4th May, 2021. Judging to commence at 3 p.m.

Lambs must be born on/after the 1st of September, 2020, 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 2019 **bearing the year letter "C"**.
Shearlings and Older Rams must be shorn on in the year of the show.

An entry fee of £3.00 per class will be charged. **Closing date 12 Noon on Thursday, 1st April, 2021.**
All rams and ewes must have been bred by the exhibitor and bear the registered tattoo/tag of the Association.

ALL CLASSES ARE RESTRICTED TO ONE EXHIBIT PER VENDOR

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

- 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.
- Class 3** Best Ewe lamb or Shearling ewe recorded within the Signet Sheepbreeder Scheme. The Hall Lane Challenge Trophy
- Class 4** Best Ram Lamb or Shearling recorded within the Signet Sheepbreeder Scheme. The J M Lenthall Challenge Cup.
- Class 5** Best Single Horn Ram Lamb. The Rupert Tory Memorial Challenge Cup given by the late Mrs R Tory.
- Class 6** Best Single Poll Ram Lamb. The Bennett Challenge Cup.
- Class 7** Best Shearling Horn Ram. The R W Gale Trophy
- Class 8** Best Shearling Poll Ram. The Crutchley Salver