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Field Day & Sale

50th Annual Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale and Replacement Ewe Lamb Sale

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station / Virginia Tech Shenandoah Valley AREC
2763 Raphine Road
Raphine, VA 24472

For more information, including ram videos visit the Virginia Sheep Producers Association website:
www.vasheepproducers.com

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10:30 AM:
50th Anniversary Celebration & Sheep Field Day Educational Program

1:00 PM:
Ram & Ewe Sale

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Breeding Season Management

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A diligent amount of time spent studying performance information, pedigrees and other pertinent information is warranted as ram selection is the most important tool for making genetic progress in the flock. Of equal importance is the care and management of the newly acquired ram. Proper management and nutrition are essential for the ram to perform satisfactorily during the breeding season. With ram lambs, management prior, during, and after the first breeding season is particularly important.

Ram Lamb Management

Ram lambs offered through the Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale have recently completed a gain test, which provided a high plane of nutrition. To prepare the rams for the breeding season and prevent excess fat deposition, rams have been limit fed a grain ration and had unlimited access to pasture since completion of the test. Young rams should be managed to be in moderate body condition prior to the breeding season (not excessively fat or thin), to provide adequate reserves of energy for use during the breeding season. The rams should continue to receive grain supplementation at a rate of 2% of their bodyweight daily, along with an abundance of high quality forage. Provide adequate clean water, and a high selenium mineral formulated for sheep free-choice. A facility for the newly acquired ram that allows for ample exercise will help create rams that are physically fit for the breeding season. The facility should allow the rams to remain cool during hot days, so potential fertility problem due to heat stress can be avoided. It is advisable not to commingle a newly purchased ram lamb with older, mature rams. Particular care should be taken if rams from different sources need to be commingled, and all commingling should take place prior to the breeding season.

Many factors influence the breeding capacity of rams, including age, breed, nutrition, management, and environment. As a general guideline, ram lambs are capable of breeding 15 to 25 ewes during their first breeding season. Ram lambs should be observed closely to monitor their breeding behavior and libido to ensure they are servicing and settling ewes. The use of a marking harness, rotating colors every 17 days, is an excellent management tool for this purpose. The breeding season should be kept to a maximum of 60 days for young rams. This will prevent over-use, severe weight loss and reduced libido. Severe weight loss may impair future growth and development of the young ram, and reduce his lifetime usefulness. When practical, supplementing ram lambs with grain during the breeding season will reduce excessive weight loss. Rams used together in multiple-sire breeding pastures should be of similar age and size. Ram lambs cannot compete with mature rams in the same breeding pasture. A sound management practice is to rotate rams among different breeding pastures every 17 days. This practice decreases the breeding pressure on a single ram.

Preparing the Ewe Flock for the Breeding Season

Some advance planning and simple management practices will assist in having a successful breeding season. Vaccination of the ewe flock for Campylobacter (vibrio) and Chlamydia are important for abortion disease control. For ewe lambs and ewes not previously vaccinated, these products typically require an initial injection prior to the breeding season followed by a second vaccination during gestation. In subsequent years, a single booster vaccination is required. Follow product label directions when administering any vaccine. A month prior to the breeding season is also an opportune time to trim and inspect feet on the ewe flock, and perform preventative foot care. This is also a good time to make final culling decisions, and sell poor producing and thin ewes.

Flushing is the practice of increasing energy intake, and therefore body condition, during the 10-14 days prior to breeding. This practice has been shown to be effective in increasing ovulation rates, and thereby increasing lambing percentage by 10-20%. The response to flushing is affected by several factors, including the body condition of the ewe. Ewes that are in poor body condition will respond most favorably to the increase in energy, whereas fat ewes will show little if any response. Flushing can be accomplished by moving ewes to high quality pastures, or through providing .75 to 1.25 lb. corn or barley per head per day from 2 weeks pre-breeding through 4 weeks into the breeding season. Provide a high-selenium, sheep mineral free choice.

Like rams, ewes are also prone to heat stress during early breeding seasons. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can have an effect on ewe fertility and embryo survival. To help reduce these embryo losses and resulting decrease in lamb crop, minimize handling during the heat of the day and allow the flock access to a cool, shaded area.

Ram Management After the Breeding Season

Young rams require a relatively high plane of nutrition following the breeding season to replenish body condition and meet demands for continued growth. Body condition and projected mature size of the ram will determine his nutrient requirements during the months following the breeding season. Rams should be kept away from ewes in an isolated facility or pasture after the breeding season. In the winter months, provide cover from extreme weather that may cause frostbite to the scrotum resulting in decreased fertility.

All stud rams should receive breeding soundness exams (BSE) to assure fertility on an annual basis. Assess the ram battery in early summer, so that new rams can be acquired in a timely fashion for the next breeding season.

50th VIRGINIA PERFORMANCE TESTED RAM LAMB SALE & REPLACEMENT EWE LAMB SALE

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station
Virginia Tech Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center
2763 Raphine Road
Raphine, VA 24472

Sale Day Phone: (540) 230-2680
Prior to Sale Day Call: (540) 231-9159

Schedule

10:30 a.m. – 50th Anniversary Celebration & Sheep Field Day

Lunch available on site, provided by Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Assoc.

1:00 p.m. – Performance Tested Ram Sale followed by Ewe Lamb Sale

Location: The Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station is located on the Virginia Tech Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Directions: ½ mile East of Interstate 81 at exit 205 (approximately 20 miles south of Staunton, VA).

Terms and Conditions

Sponsor: Virginia Sheep Producers Association
366 Litton-Reaves Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061 Phone: (540) 231-9159

Auctioneer: Dalton Bennett, Red House, VA (434) 664-7946

Guarantee: All rams are being sold as guaranteed breeders if properly managed. If a ram fails to perform satisfactorily, notification must be made to the consignor promptly and not later than April 1, 2026. Consignors are not liable for failure to have a lamb crop. This guarantee is between the buyer and seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legal or otherwise, expressed or implied.

Terms: Cash (check). Absentee bids may be left with the contacts listed above.

Risk: All animals at purchaser's risk as soon as sold.

Health: Proper health certificates for transport will be furnished to the buyer upon request.

Registration: Registration papers will be transferred to purchaser at no charge.

About the Rams and the Data

Nutrition and Management

Seventy rams (12 Fall Dorset, 12 Winter Dorset, 3 Fall Suffolk, 18 Winter Suffolk, 3 Winter Dorset Advantage, 9 Fall White Dorper, 6 Winter White Dorper, 1 Fall Katahdin, 6 Winter Katahdin), were delivered to the Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station on April 29, 2025. The rams were weighed, vaccinated for clostridial diseases, dewormed, had feet trimmed and soaked, and scrotal measurements taken. Rams were allocated to four pens based on breed and age. After a two-week adjustment period, the rams started on test. A pelleted ration containing approximately 75% TDN and 14% CP was fed ad libitum for the entire 63-day test. Rams also had access to pasture during the entire feeding period. The FAMACHA system was used during the course of the test for parasite control (none of the rams were dewormed during test period). Rams of all breeds are guaranteed to be free of the spider gene (normal, NN genotype). At the conclusion of the test, low performing rams were eliminated from the sale. Additionally, rams were evaluated for structural soundness and overall type by a committee and unsound and unsuitable rams have been eliminated from the sale. All rams selling have passed a breeding soundness examination conducted by veterinarians from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. The breeding soundness exam includes measurement of scrotal circumference, examination of the reproductive tract, and semen evaluation. Since the conclusion of the test (July 15), rams have been limit fed the pelleted ration and had access to pasture.

Performance Data

%: All rams are registered/recorded with their respective breed association. For breeds with open flock books or appendix registries, breed percentage (%) is indicated. FB = fullblood, PB = purebred, 75% = three-quarter-blood, 50% = half-blood, etc.

Birth Type: S = single, TW = twin, TR = triplet, QD = quadruplet

Codon 171: Genotype associated with genetic resistance to scrapie. The presence of at least one *R* is associated with scrapie resistance.

Final Wt.: Ram weight at the conclusion of the 63-day test.

Test ADG: Average daily gain in pounds per day for the entire 63-day test.

Final WDA: Weight-Per-Day-of-Age at the conclusion of the test. Calculated by dividing final weight by days of age. Indicative of the ram's growth since birth, and includes growth prior to arriving at the test station (weaning growth) as well as gain on test.

Scrotal Cir.: Actual scrotal circumference in cm measured during breeding soundness exam July 24.

Adj. FT: Ultrasound fat thickness measurement (in.) taken between the 12^{th} and 13^{th} ribs. Adjusted to a constant live weight of 125 pounds.

Adj. LMA: Ultrasound loin muscle area measurement (square in.) taken between the 12^{th} and 13^{th} ribs. Adjusted to a constant live weight of 125 pounds.

Trait Ratios: Expresses performance data for an individual ram as a percentage of the average performance for all rams in his test group. A ratio of 100 is average, 110 would be 10% above average, and 90 is 10% below average. Ratios may only be compared on rams that are in the same breed and test group (ratios are not relevant across all rams in the test).

Test Group Averages: Averages for all rams that concluded the test of same breed and age. Includes both sale rams and those not selling.

Sale Order

Rams will sell by breed test group. Within breed test group, sale order is determined by an index which combines ADG, WDA, and LMA. ***Please note the attached list of rams is tentative pending results of the final breeding soundness exam.*** Final sale order and updates will be posted to the website, and available sale day.

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Test ID	Flock ID	%	Sire	Birth Date	Birth Type	Codon 171 Genotype	Pen	Start Test Wt.	Final Wt.	Test ADG	ADG Ratio	Final WDA	WDA Ratio	Station Index	Scrotal Cir.	125 lb Adj. FT	Adj. FT Ratio	125 lb. Adj. LMA	Adj. LMA Ratio
FALL DORSET																			
Ridgeview Acres; David Shiflett; 368 Patterson Mill Rd., Grottoes, VA 24441; 540-490-8070																			
1	1271		---------scratch----------																
2	1265	PB	Ridgeview Acres 22-259	9/12/2024	S	RR	4	139	179	0.63	122	0.58	93	102	35.0	0.12	76	3.13	100
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988																			
3	G002	PB	VA Tech Z010	10/20/2024	TW	RR	4	142	175	0.52	100	0.65	103	102	30.0	0.12	76	3.63	116
6	G032	PB	VA Tech Z010	11/6/2024	S	RR	4	137	185	0.76	146	0.74	117	126	33.0	0.10	66	3.09	98
Stewart Springs; Chris Stewart; 17931 Senedo Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824: 540-325-7147																			
8	0309	PB	VA Tech B095	9/29/2024	S	RR	4	133	173	0.63	122	0.60	95	104	33.0	0.18	113	3.03	96
Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538																			
9	K322	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	10/5/2024	S	QR	4	140	169	0.46	88	0.60	94	92	34.0	0.13	81	3.20	102
DMC Dorsets; Mike Callison; 1218 Denmar Road; Hillsboro, WV 24946; 304-651-6135																			
10	3004	PB	VA Tech D030	8/28/2024	TW	QR	4	179	213	0.54	103	0.66	105	104	36.0	0.19	124	3.27	104
11	3012	PB	DMC Dorsets G0525	9/2/2024	TW	QR	4	153	174	0.33	64	0.55	87	79	33.5	0.20	128	3.41	109
12	3016	PB	VA Tech D030	9/6/2024	TW	RR	4	170	211	0.65	125	0.68	107	113	33.0	0.20	129	3.45	110
13	3022	PB	VA Tech D030	9/15/2024	S	RR	4	152	192	0.63	122	0.63	100	107	32.5	0.19	120	2.80	89
12 Fall Dorsets Tested Avg.								148	180.8	0.52	100	0.63	100	100	32.3	0.16	100	3.14	100
WINTER DORSET																			
Greiner Sisters; Scott Greiner; 1266 Smith Creek Rd., Christiansburg, VA 24073: 540-230-2680																			
21	2516	PB	"Samurai" Greiner Sis 2121	1/10/2025	S	RR	3	110	152	0.67	86	0.82	98	94	31.0	0.12	92	2.83	104
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988																			
23	G052	PB	VA Tech Z010	2/4/2025	TW	QR	3	73	137	1.02	131	0.85	102	112	32.5	0.11	89	2.49	92
25	G063	PB	VA Tech Z010	2/9/2025	S	QR	3	98	158	0.95	123	1.01	121	122	29.0	0.10	81	2.73	100
Diamond "R" Farms; Scott Rasnick; 1498 Mundytown Road; N. Tazewell, VA 24630; 276-385-0853																			
26	1132	PB	Huntrods 3659	1/3/2025	TW	QR	3	105	162	0.90	117	0.84	101	106	34.0	0.12	96	2.82	104
27	1133	PB	Huntrods 3659	1/18/2025	TW	RR	3	102	163	0.97	125	0.92	110	115	34.0	0.10	81	2.89	106
28	1119	PB	Huntrods 3659	2/7/2025	TW	RR	3	72	110	0.60	78	0.70	83	82	30.0	0.11	88	2.57	95
Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538																			
30	L302	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/5/2025	TR	QR	3	104	151	0.75	96	0.79	95	95	31.0	0.21	161	2.77	102
31	L310	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/23/2025	TW	QR	3	99	155	0.89	114	0.90	107	110	33.0	0.10	74	2.95	109
32	L313	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/23/2025	S	QR	3	116	176	0.95	123	1.02	122	122	28.0	0.15	113	2.41	89
12 Winter Dorsets Tested Avg.								94	143	0.78	100	0.83	100	100	30.8	0.13	100	2.71	100

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WINTER DORSET ADVANTAGE																			
Deer Creek Farm; Mark & Dana Campbell; 3764 Lowesville Road; Roseland, VA 22967; 434-277-9104																			
301	0160	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Hampshire	VA Tech D015	1/30/2025	S	RR	3	83	131	0.76	92	0.79	91	91	27.5	0.15	90	3.14	105
302	0159	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Suffolk	VA Tech D015	1/24/2025	S	QR	3	104	160	0.89	107	0.93	107	107	29.0	0.22	133	3.15	105
Stewart Springs; Chris Stewart; 17931 Senedo Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824: 540-325-7147																			
303	0323		---------scratch----------																
3 Winter Dorset Advantage Avg.								94	147	0.83	100	0.87	100	100	29.5	0.17	100	2.99	100
FALL SUFFOLK																			
Suffangus Farm, LLC; Mac Swortzel, Isaac & Stephanie Swortzel; 399 Indian Ridge Road; Greenville, VA 24440; 540-280-6974, 540-292-9353																			
201	571	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	11/25/2024	TW	RR	4	174	214	0.63	108	0.92	113	111	33.0	0.14	100	3.76	110
202	570	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	11/25/2024	TW	RR	4	154	186	0.51	86	0.80	98	94	33.0	0.14	97	3.27	96
203	569	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	11/26/2024	S	RR	4	128	167	0.62	105	0.72	89	94	34.0	0.15	103	3.17	93
3 Fall Suffolks Tested Avg.								152	189	0.59	100	0.82	100	100	33.3	0.14	100	3.40	100
WINTER SUFFOLK																			
Diamond "R" Farms; Scott Rasnick; 1498 Mundytown Road; N. Tazewell, VA 24630; 276-385-0853																			
206	1134	PB	Auville 3098A	1/24/2025	S	QR	2	102	154	0.83	104	0.90	101	102	35.5	0.13	89	2.86	96
207	1115	PB	Auville 3098A	2/11/2025	TW	RR	2	78	141	1.00	126	0.92	103	111	33.0	0.14	95	2.97	100
Season's Bounty Farm; Radell & Sarah Schrock; 4260 Cromer Rd.; Rockingham, VA 22802; 540-908-5399																			
208	25029	88%	"Timberline" Kimm 19033	1/30/2025	TW	RR	2	94	142	0.76	96	0.86	96	96	29.0	0.18	120	3.38	114
210	25043	88%	"Tuba" Emenheiser 22T03	2/1/2025	TW	RR	2	86	139	0.84	106	0.85	95	99	35.0	0.14	93	3.44	116
211	25053	PB	"Cinder Block" Season's Bounty 23109	2/1/2025	TR	RR	2	93	135	0.67	84	0.82	93	90	29.0	0.20	138	2.70	91
212	25058	75%	"Cinder Block" Season's Bounty 23109	2/2/2025	TW	RR	2	108	166	0.92	116	1.02	115	115	33.5	0.13	86	2.92	98
Suffangus Farm, LLC; Mac Swortzel, Isaac & Stephanie Swortzel; 399 Indian Ridge Road; Greenville, VA 24440; 540-280-6974, 540-292-9353																			
216	558	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	1/26/2025	TW	QR	2	104	164	0.95	120	0.96	109	112	33.0	0.16	108	3.87	130
217	555	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	1/31/2025	TW	RR	2	98	138	0.63	80	0.84	94	89	29.3	0.18	125	2.73	92
Stewart Springs; Chris Stewart; 17931 Senedo Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824: 540-325-7147																			
219	0319		---------scratch----------																
220	0322	PB	Stewart Springs 5310 0280	1/26/2025	S	RR	2	96	162	1.05	132	0.95	107	115	32.0	0.16	106	2.46	83
221	0325	PB	Stewart Springs 5310 0280	2/6/2025	TW	RR	2	94	148	0.86	108	0.93	105	106	33.0	0.15	99	3.19	108
Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538																			
222	L201	PB	Suffangus 240579	1/30/2025	TW	RR	2	94	153	0.94	118	0.92	104	108	34.0	0.17	116	3.19	108
223	L215	PB	Suffangus 240579	2/13/2025	TW	RR	2	87	137	0.79	100	0.90	101	101	34.4	0.12	82	2.91	98
17 Winter Suffolks Tested Avg.								97	147	0.79	100	0.89	100	100	32.3	0.15	100	2.97	100

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FALL WHITE DORPER																			
Double Scott Farm; John Scott, Jr.; 2826 Gardner Road; Princeton, WV 24740; 304-320-3748																			
601	2405	50%	Scott Mountain 1899	10/28/2024	TW	QR	1	149	172	0.37	66	0.66	104	91	29.8	0.16	81	2.78	94
602	2401	PB	Scott Mountain 1899	10/27/2024	TW	QQ	1	172	224	0.83	150	0.86	135	140	35.5	0.14	74	2.52	85
603	2416	PB	JM White Dorpers 220224	11/13/2024	TW	RR	1	136	170	0.54	98	0.70	109	105	34.0	0.15	76	2.74	93
604	2408	PB	Scott Mountain 1899	10/28/2024	S	QR	1	156	207	0.81	147	0.80	125	132	33.5	0.38	197	3.52	119
Tennessee Tech Univ.; Amanda Houser; PO Box 5034; Cookeville, TN 38505; 931-267-1802																			
605	2490	PB	Rocking R 2276	10/6/2024	S	QR	1	110	149	0.62	112	0.53	83	93	31.2	0.11	55	2.93	99
Rock Solid Ranch/Kuecker White Dorpers; Abigayle Houser, Bill Kuecker; 205 Patton Rd.; Pikeville, TN 37367; 931-267-1802																			
607	0565	PB	Rocking R 2121	11/2/2024	TW	RR	1	118	151	0.52	95	0.59	93	94	35.0	0.22	113	2.71	92
609	KU34	PB	Rock Solid Ranch 0179	9/26/2024	S	RR	1	126	156	0.48	86	0.53	84	85	25.5	0.12	60	3.05	103
9 Fall White Dorpers Tested Avg.								135	170	0.55	100	0.64	100	100	32.1	0.19	100	2.95	100
WINTER WHITE DORPER																			
Double Scott Farm; John Scott, Jr.; 2826 Gardner Road; Princeton, WV 24740; 304-320-3748																			
615	2406	PB	JM White Dorpers 220224	1/5/2025	S	RR	1	108	147	0.62	130	0.77	134	133	30.5				
Tennessee Tech Univ.; Amanda Houser; PO Box 5034; Cookeville, TN 38505; 931-267-1802																			
616	2513	PB	Rocking R 2276	12/1/2024	S	QQ	1	112	145	0.52	110	0.64	112	111	35.0	0.16	111	2.35	95
618	2520	PB	Rocking R 2276	12/22/2024	S	QR	1	75	110	0.56	117	0.54	93	101	30.0	0.10	71	2.52	102
619	2522	PB	Rocking R 2276	12/23/2024	TW	QR	1	92	112	0.32	67	0.55	95	86	28.5	0.18	125	2.45	99
Rock Solid Ranch/Kuecker White Dorpers; Abigayle Houser, Bill Kuecker; 205 Patton Rd.; Pikeville, TN 37367; 931-267-1802																			
620	KU38	PB	Little m Ranch 1713	1/7/2025	S	QQ	1	56	108	0.83	173	0.57	99	124	30.2	0.15	102	2.61	106
6 Winter White Dorpers Tested Avg.								88	118	0.48	100	0.58	100	100	30.8	0.14	100	2.47	100
FALL KATAHDIN																			
Silver Maple Katahdins; Jay & Irma Greenstone; 3533 Curt Russell Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263; 276-346-7235																			
712	1237	PB	MOF 2016	10/17/2024	S	RR	1	118	157	0.62	100	0.58	100	100	31.5	0.06	100	1.78	100
1 Fall Katahdin Tested Avg.								118	157	0.62	100	0.58	100	100	31.5	0.06	100	1.78	100
WINTER KATAHDIN																			
Silver Maple Katahdins; Jay & Irma Greenstone; 3533 Curt Russell Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263; 276-346-7235																			
715	1298		---------scratch----------																
716	1302	PB	MOF 2016	1/4/2025	TW	RR	1	93	136	0.68	115	0.71	108	110	35.6				
718	1304	PB	MOF 2016	1/14/2025	TW	RR	1	85	135	0.79	133	0.74	113	120	31.7				
719	1305	PB	MOF 2016	1/17/2025	TW	RR	1	83	122	0.62	104	0.68	104	104	28.6	0.11	90	2.66	111
6 Winter Katahdins Tested Avg.								84	121	0.60	100	0.66	100	100	29.6	0.12	100	2.40	100
69 Total Rams Tested Avg.								111	152	0.66	100	0.75	100	100	31.5	0.15	100	2.90	100

2025 Virginia Ram Test
NSIP EBVs

About EBVs and the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP)

Several flocks are enrolled in the sheep industry's genetic improvement program, NSIP (National Sheep Improvement Program). Listed above are breeding values from the National Sheep Improvement Program, which provides Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) generated through LAMBPLAN in Australia. EBVs provide estimates of the genetic value of an animal as a parent (EBVs are similar to EPDs- an EPD is half the value of the EBV). Specifically, half the difference in EBVs between two individuals predict differences in performance between their future offspring when each is mated to animals of the same genetic merit. All known information on a particular animal is used to calculate its EBV, including performance data (weights, lambing records, carcass ultrasound) on the animal itself, information from its ancestors (sire and dam, grandsire, great grandsire, maternal grandsire, etc.), collateral relatives (brothers and sisters), and progeny (including progeny that are parents themselves). EBVs are reported for the following traits:

Weaning Wt. EBV (WWT): predicts genetic merit for weaning growth potential (measured in kg). A ram with a +2.0 WW EBV would be expected to produce progeny that average 1.0 kg (~2.0 lbs.) heavier at 60 days of age when compared to a ram with a +0.0 WW EBV (ram transmits half the difference of the EBV difference to progeny)

Post-weaning Wt. EBV (PWWT): Provides indication of post-weaning growth potential, and reflects differences in progeny weight at 120 days of age (expressed in kg).

Maternal Milk EBV (MWWT): Estimates genetic differences in mothering ability and milk production. EBV reflects differences in daughter's lambs weaning weight (kg) primarily due to superior milk production.

Maternal Lambs Weaned EBV (NLW): EBV indicates genetic potential for prolificacy and lamb survival for a ram's daughters. Comparing an animal with a +0.100 Lambs Weaned EBV vs. an animal which is +0.000, the animal with +0.100 Lambs Weaned EBV would be expected to produce daughters which wean 0.05 more lambs at each lambing (5.0 more lambs per 100 ewes lambing).

Fat Depth EBV (PFAT): EBV predicts genetic merit for fat thickness at 12-13th rib at constant live weight (expressed in mm). EBV derived from ultrasound scan data.

Loin Muscle Depth EBV (PEMD): EBV reflects genetic merit for loin muscle depth (mm) at constant live weight. Larger EBVs indicate more muscularity. EBV is derived from ultrasound scan data.

Carcass Plus Index EBV: Terminal sire index EBV developed for Australian markets, and includes combination of post-weaning weight, loin muscle depth, and fat thickness. Reasonable assessment for terminal sires in the U.S.

Fecal Egg Count EBV (PFEC): EBV predicts genetic merit for parasite resistance based on worm egg counts. Animals with low FEC EBVs are expected to have greater parasite resistance. EBV is expressed as percentage.

Breed Averages: Current breed average EBV for each trait for each breed. In other words, the average genetic merit for each trait for all animals currently enrolled in NSIP in that breed.

For additional information on NSIP visit http://nsip.org/

			Across-Flock EBVs							
Test ID	Flock ID	NSIP ID	WWT Weaning Weight, kg	PWWT Post-weaning Weight, kg	MWWT Maternal Milk, kg	NLW Maternal Lambs Weaned, %	PFAT Fat Depth, mm	PEMD Loin Muscle Depth, mm	Carcass Plus	PFEC Fecal Egg Count, %
FALL DORSET										
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988										
3	G002	696022202400G002	+1.5	+4.3	-0.1	+0.004	-1.3	+1.0	+136	+83
6	G032	696022202400G032	+1.5	+4.1	-0.9	-0.042	-1.2	+0.0	+123	-24
DMC Dorsets; Mike Callison; 1218 Denmar Road; Hillsboro, WV 24946; 304-651-6135										
10	3004	6960432024243004	+2.8	+5.4	+0.6	-0.026	-0.9	-1.4	+113	
11	3012	6960432024243012	+0.8	+2.5	-0.6	-0.029	-0.9	+1.8	+135	
12	3016	6960432024243016	+2.4	+4.8		-0.012	-1.1	-0.6	+120	
13	3022	6960432024243022	+1.3	+2.9		-0.033	-0.4	-1.0	+103	
WINTER DORSET										
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988										
23	G052	696022202500G052	+2.8	+7.4	-0.6	-0.058	-2.6	-0.4	+139	+19
25	G063	696022202500G063	+3.4	+8.0	-0.1	-0.025	-3.2	-0.1	+148	+12
U.S. Dorset Breed Avg.			***+2.4***	***+4.9***	***+0.1***	***+0.020***	***-1.8***	***+0.1***	***+128***	

2025 Ewe Lamb Sale

Ewe lambs sell immediately following rams

Lot Number	Flock Tag	Birth Date	Birth Type	Ewe Breed	Sire
	Consignor: Double Scott Farm, John Scott Jr.; Princeton, WV; 304-320-3748				
1A	2414	10/12/24	S	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224
1B	2403	10/27/24	S	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224
1C	2411	11/5/24	S	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224
	Consignor: Mountain View Farm, David & Zackery Schumaker; Sweet Springs, WV; 304-992-9263				
2A	3473	2/20/25	TW	Dorset cross	DMC Dorsets
2B	3477	2/20/25	TW	Dorset cross	DMC Dorsets
	Consignor: Kenbar Farm, Rick Kennedy; Tazewell, VA; 276-971-3002				
3A	J-53	2/6/25	S	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
3B	J-58	2/17/25	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
3C	J-59	2/23/25	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
	Consignor: Meadowview Dorsets, Scott Neil; McDowell, VA; 443-800-2538				
4A	K85	12/23/24	TW	Suffolk cross	Meadowview Farms J207
4B	K100	12/27/24	TW	Suffolk cross	Meadowview Farms J207
4C	K105	12/28/24	TW	Suffolk cross	Meadowview Farms J207
	Consignor: Willow Spring Meadows, LLC, Joseph & Katie Wall; Blacksburg, VA; 540-392-2335				
5A	B070	12/9/24	TW	1/2 Suffolk X 1/2 Hamp	VA Tech B236
5B	B073	12/16/24	TW	3/4 Suffolk X 1/4 Dorset	VA Tech B236
	Consignor: J-Mar Farm, Jason & Mary Beth Geesaman; Cullen, VA; 434-610-7257				
6A	25008	12/27/24	S	3/4 Hamp X 1/4 Dorset	Road Block
6B	25009	12/28/24	TW	3/4 Hamp X 1/4 Dorset	Road Block
	Consignor: Long's Rockingham Dorsets, Grayson & Gannon Long; Rockingham, VA; 540-421-6229				
7A	2512	2/6/25	S	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112
7B	2514	2/8/25	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112
	Consignor: Bowman Girlz Livestock, Lilly & Charlotte Bowman; Elliston, VA; 276-620-1489				
8A	0311	1/25/25	TW	Dorset Advantage (Registered)	Meyer Show Lambs 4062 (PB Dorset)
8B	0313	1/28/25	TW	Dorset Advantage (Registered)	Blanco (PB Dorset)
8C	0316	1/29/25	S	Dorset Advantage (Registered)	Blanco (PB Dorset)
	Consignor: J-Mar Farm, Jason & Mary Beth Geesaman; Cullen, VA; 434-610-7257				
9A	25010	12/28/24	TW	3/4 Hamp X 1/4 Dorset	Road Block
9B	25012	12/30/24	TW	3/4 Hamp X 1/4 Dorset	Road Block
9C	25100	2/3/25	TW	3/4 Hamp X 1/4 Dorset	Road Block
	Consignor: Mountain View Farm, David & Zackery Schumaker; Sweet Springs, WV; 304-992-9263				
10A	3564	2/20/25	TW	Dorset cross	DMC Dorsets
10B	3589	2/20/25	TW	Dorset cross	DMC Dorsets
	Consignor: Double Scott Farm, John Scott Jr.; Princeton, WV; 304-320-3748				
11A	2402	10/31/24	TW	1/2 White Dorper X 1/2 Katahdin (Registered)	Scott Mountain 1899
11B	2404	11/3/24	TW	1/2 White Dorper X 1/2 Katahdin (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224
11C	2413	11/12/24	TW	1/2 White Dorper X 1/2 Katahdin (Registered)	Scott Mountain 1899
	Consignor: Long's Rockingham Dorsets, Grayson & Gannon Long; Rockingham, VA; 540-421-6229				
12A	2504	2/5/25	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112
12B	2534	2/14/25	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2326
12C	2558	3/1/25	S	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112
	Consignor: Kenbar Farm, Rick Kennedy; Tazewell, VA; 276-971-3002				
13A	J-62	2/25/25	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
13B	J-68	2/28/25	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
13C	J-69	3/2/25	S	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Meadowview Farms H102
	Consignor: Willow Spring Meadows, LLC, Joseph & Katie Wall; Blacksburg, VA; 540-392-2335				
14A	C056	12/20/24	TW	3/4 Dorset X 1/4 Suffolk	Diamond R Dorsets 0980
14B	C058	12/19/24	TW	1/2 Dorset	Diamond R Dorsets 0980
	Consignor: Meadowview Dorsets, Scott Neil; McDowell, VA; 443-800-2538				
15A	05L	3/2/25	TW	Suffolk cross	Season's Bounty 1092
15B	06L	3/2/25	TW	Suffolk cross	Season's Bounty 1092
15C	17L	3/8/25	TW	Suffolk cross	Season's Bounty 1092
	Consignor: Silver Maple Katahdins, Jay & Irma Greenstone; Jonesville, VA; 276-346-7235				
scratch	~~1342~~	~~3/22/25~~	~~TW~~	~~Katahdin (Registered)~~	~~MOF 2016~~
scratch	~~1343~~	~~3/22/25~~	~~TW~~	~~Katahdin (Registered)~~	~~MOF 2016~~
scratch	~~1344~~	~~3/23/25~~	~~TW~~	~~Katahdin (Registered)~~	~~MOF 2016~~
scratch	~~1345~~	~~3/23/25~~	~~TW~~	~~Katahdin (Registered)~~	~~MOF 2016~~