

Sale Conditions of Entry and General Information DSSS

December 2024

Arrival of Stock
Inspection
Show

ENTRIES – All animals entered must be fully registered and, on the Grassroots Database, with all fees paid at least 7 working days before the date of sale entry.

METHOD OF SALE – All sheep will be sold in guineas (105 pence) and in catalogue order unless alternation is announced by the auctioneer. A market commission at the marts rate will be charged on all sheep sold, a further 1% sales levy, which will be paid to the DSSS. Entries are limited to 4 animals in each run per section, a ballot will be carried out for sale order in each section. Any further entries will be balloted in the same manner for a second run and so on. Any sales that do not follow this protocol will be stated on the entry form.

All UK and imported sheep must be fully registered and fees paid prior to entry to a sale. Failing to do this will result in the animal being ineligible to be sold.

CONDITIONS OF SALE – The sale is held subject to the Livestock Auctioneers Association Conditions of Sale and the Rules of the DSSS.

FLOCK DISPERSAL – A full flock dispersal can take place at a Society sale as long as prior agreement with the Society has been made. All sheep will be inspected, and if passed inspection are eligible to be shown. A rejected dispersal sheep will be marked with a GREEN shoulder, these animals are not eligible for the show. Rejected dispersal sheep will be sold in catalogue order with the rejected reason being disclosed.

FLUSHED SHEEP – where females have been flushed for ET work details must be disclosed at the time of sale.

SEMEN – rams being sold where semen is being retained, details must be disclosed at the time of sale.

INSPECTIONS – For all official Society sales, the Society shall appoint an inspector and representatives from the Society to help with the administration of inspections. The inspector will consider the DSSS inspection criteria which is listed below, and is empowered to disbar any animal which in his/her opinion does not meet the necessary standard to be sold at an official Society Sale. Any animal failing inspection will not be allowed to be sold on the day of the sale, nor any other Society sale in the same year. Such an animal will be marked with a YELLOW DOT ON THE LOIN and should, where possible be removed from the market, or penned in a designated lairage away from sheep passed inspection. No advertising, promotion or sale of such a sheep is allowed on market premises. Any sheep withdrawn from a sale, passing inspection and gone through the ring, but unsold will be allowed to enter subsequent Society sales but will have to be presented for inspection again.

The inspector's decision is final and neither the Inspectors, the Society nor the Auctioneers will be liable to the owners of such animals or any other person or company for damage or any loss arising from such a rejection. Although the animals have undergone a veterinary inspection according to the DSSS inspection criteria, it remains the responsibility of the party or parties purchasing stock at society sales to ensure they are satisfied with the quality and standard of the animals before engaging with any purchase.

- The lot number must correspond with the number entered in the catalogue. Animals without the correct identification will be rejected from the sale.
- The animal is not suffering from any infectious disease.

- Animals that do not meet animal welfare standards such as lame animals will be rejected from that sale, however are eligible to be entered for future sales in that year, provided they are inspected and pass inspection.
- Teeth to be assessed whereby if any incisor teeth that are felt beyond the pad, as demonstrated by catching on fingers when running from the pad downwards, or when they are so far beyond the pad that they do not catch the finger, will be rejected.
- Testicles should be of even size, move freely and free from abnormalities. Ram lamb's minimal scrotal circumference is 28cm and Shearling Rams minimal scrotal circumference is 33cm.
- Udder should be correct and free from abnormalities.
- Mobility: sheep should be mobile and sound with no feet and/or leg structural issues. Any animal which does not reach the inspection standard will not be eligible for sale.
- Compliance all sheep must be registered with the official Society "Dutch Spotted Sheep Society". All sheep must be tagged in accordance with the rules of the DSSS and the relevant Government regulations.

UPSET PRICE – The minimum upset price is set at 300gns (200gns for Graded females). Sheep unsold but passing inspection will be allowed into subsequent Society Sales but not on the same day.

MAEDI VISNA- All sheep from MV Accredited flocks will only be accepted into the market and penned for sale if they are accompanied by a current Maedi Visna Accreditation Scheme Certificate which has been correctly completed.

NUMBERING – All entries must be identified by their catalogue number by means of a neck tie or by numbers printed clearly on the animals back in paint and will be sold in catalogue order.

SUBSTITUTE ENTRIES – All substitute entries MUST BE NOTIFIED to the Secretary not less than 7 working days before the sale. Substitute entries must be marked with a RED DOT ON THE SHOULDER. Substitutes are limited to 1 per vendor per section. Females can only be substituted by another female of same age and class; the same rule applies to males. Animals not notified to the secretary in the allotted time will be refused entry into the sale.

SETTLEMENT AND CLEARING OF STOCK – Settlement in full is due immediately at the close of sale. No animal must leave the sale premises without an official "pass slip" obtainable only from the Auctioneers upon settlement.

EXPORT TO NORTHERN IRELAND – As of the 1st January 2021, the rules for exporting sheep from the United Kingdom to Northern Ireland and the European Union have changed. – No direct export or vendor returns will be available. It will be the responsibility of the purchaser and/or vendor to make necessary arrangements for the sheep going to Northern Ireland.

DISCLAIMER- the responsibility for export of sheep rests with either the purchaser or the vendor and not the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society or Auction Company accommodating the sale.

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