

23rd Annual VIRGINIA TECH SHEEP CENTER PRODUCTION SALE

Our 2022 Annual Sale will be held exclusively online at www.Livestockbuyer.com.

Sheep available for viewing on campus- call us to arrange. Sheep can be picked up following the sale, and we will work with buyers on transportation.

Sale closes at 7:00 PM EST on Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Selling Dorset & Suffolk ram lambs and select group of ewe lambs

Sale Internet Bidding www.livestockbuyer.com



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

Videos, additional details, and updates available on Virginia Tech web site https://www.apsc.vt.edu/facilities0/copenhaversheepcenter.html

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Virginia Tech Suffolk & Dorset Flocks

The registered Suffolk and Dorset flocks are utilized heavily in the teaching, research and outreach missions of the Department of Animal & Poultry Sciences at Virginia Tech. The flocks has been selected for sheep that excel in the traits that have made the breeds popular, while working in forage-based production systems. For the Suffolk flock this includes growth and carcass merit, along with moderate mature size, maternal performance, longevity, structural correctness and eye appeal, genetic resistance to scrapie, and spider-free genotype are also important criteria. The Dorsets are maintained as primarily a fall-lambing flock, with emphasis on early growth and carcass, maternal ability, and moderate mature size. Extensive performance records, as well as selection technologies such as EPDs and DNA genotypes, are used in the selection decisions for both flocks. In recent years, an effort has been made to document genetic differences in FEC through the use of NSIP. A complete flock health program is provided in cooperation with the VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

<u>Performance Data</u>

<u>Codon 171 Genotype</u>: Genotype associated with genetic resistance to scrapie. Presence of at least one *R* is associated with scrapie resistance.

LAMBPLAN Across Flock EBVs- Both flocks are enrolled in 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 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).

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.

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.

Maternal Lambs Weaned EBV (NLW): EBV indicates genetic potential for fertility and lamb survival, and is expressed as a percentage. Comparing an animal with a +10 Lambs Weaned EBV vs. an animal which is +5, the animal with +10 Lambs Weaned EBV would be expected to produce daughters which wean 2.5% more lambs (half the difference in their EBVs)

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.

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

Sale Information

Sale Guarantees: All rams and ewes sell as guaranteed breeders if properly managed. Breeding soundness exams (including semen evaluation) conducted on rams prior to sale. Ewe lambs sell guaranteed open.

Delivery: Rams and ewes to be picked up or delivered at a later date following the sale. Visit with us for more details. We will do our best to assist with transportation anywhere in the U.S.

Absentee Bidding: We would be happy to work with you in the event you cannot participate in the sale, please contact us.

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								EBVs as of 8/15/22										
								BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	PFEC	NLW	MWWT	Carcass+		
Lot	Flock			Dam's	Birth	Birth	Codon	Birth	Weaning	Post-weaning	Fat	Loin Muscle	Fecal Egg	Maternal Lambs	Maternal	Carcass		
No.	ID	Sire	Dam	Sire	Date	Туре	171	Weight, kg	Weight, kg	Weight, kg	Depth, mm	Depth, mm	Count, %	Weaned, %	Milk, kg	Plus		
	DORSET	RAMS																
1	C004	VA Tech Z010	A107	Maple Hollow 15125	10/17/2021	TW	QR	-0.1	+2.6	+7.1	-2.0	+0.1	-2	-0.018	+0.2	+140		
2	C032	Maple Hollow 15125	W002	VA Tech P026	11/10/2021	TW	QR	+0.4	+3.4	+7.2	-3.3	+0.1	-3	-0.041	+0.2	+148		
3	C041	Maple Hollow 15125	X021	VA Tech P026	11/14/2021	TW	QQ	+0.5	+4.4	+9.0	-3.3	-0.3	-8	-0.033	+0.5	+152		
4	C043	Maple Hollow 15125	Z005	Heisdorffer 1263	12/3/2021	S	QR	+0.1	+2.7	+5.9	-1.6	+0.1	-12	-0.068	-0.1	+135		
5	C045	VA Tech Z041	Z025	VA Tech P026	1/15/2022	TW	RR	+0.0	+3.0	+7.4	-2.1	+0.2	-25	-0.037	+0.3	+144		
6	C050	VA Tech Z041	W037	VA Tech P026	1/19/2022	TW	RR	-0.2	+1.9	+5.0	-1.6	+1.0	-23	-0.045	+0.1	+140		
7	C052	Maple Hollow 15125	V031	VA Tech S036	1/22/2022	TW	RR	-0.0	+2.3	+6.2	-1.8	+0.1	+88	-0.061	-0.5	+136		
8	C063	Maple Hollow 15125	W025	Huntrods 5887	1/26/2022	TW	QR	+0.4	+4.1	+9.0	-2.8	-0.9	-18	-0.062	+0.6	+142		
9	C066	Maple Hollow 15125	X054	Heisdorffer 6017	1/28/2022	TW	QR	-0.2	+2.1	+4.9	-0.8	+1.1	-21	-0.045	+0.1	+138		
10	C068	VA Tech Z041	Z028	Maple Hollow 15125	1/28/2022	S	QR	-0.1	+2.5	+6.8	-2.0	+0.6	-21	-0.072	+0.2	+144		
	C072	C072SCRATCH																
11	C073	Maple Hollow 15125	W066	Huntrods 5887	1/31/2022	TR	RR	+0.1	+2.3	+5.0	-1.2	-0.3	-25	-0.056	+0.4	+125		
12	C077	Maple Hollow 15125	B035	VA Tech Z041	2/6/2022	TW	QR	+0.2	+4.2	+9.6	-3.4	+0.6	-11	-0.061	+0.1	+164		
	II C Down	et Breed Avg.						+0.1	+1.9	+4.2	-1.4	+0.6				+125		
	U.S DUIS	ет вгеей Ауу.						70.1	71.3	T4.2	-1.4	70.0				+125		
	SUFFOL	K RAMS																
13	C201	Seasons Bountry 0030	Z217	MGR 3007	1/31/2022	TW	RR	-0.1	+2.1	+4.0	+0.0	+0.5	-42	+0.012		+125		
14	C209	Seasons Bountry 0030	A203	Kimm 16061	2/3/2022	TW	RR	-0.3	+1.1	+1.4	+0.4	+1.7	-46	+0.023		+125		
15	C211	Seasons Bountry 0030	A255	MGR 3007	2/4/2022	TW	RR	-0.2	+1.0	+1.1	+0.6	+1.2	-12	+0.022	-0.7	+117		
16	C212	Seasons Bountry 0030	A255	MGR 3007	2/4/2022	TW	RR	-0.1	+1.6	+2.1	+0.2	+1.1	-0	+0.022	-0.7	+123		
17	C216	Seasons Bountry 1022	A271	MGR 8336	2/5/2022	TW	QR	-0.1	+1.4	+3.3	-2.2	+2.2	+28			+149		
18	C226	Seasons Bountry 0030	P204	Kimm 10131	2/8/2022	TW	RR	-0.1	+1.3	+2.1	+0.6	+0.3	-50	-0.023	+0.4	+112		
19	C228	Seasons Bountry 1022	X298	MGR 3007	2/10/2022	TR	RR	-0.3	+1.5	+4.3	-2.9	+2.8	+59	+0.026		+163		
20	C230	Seasons Bountry 1022	Z215	Kimm 16061	2/10/2022	TW	RR	-0.6	+0.1	+1.6	-0.3	+2.0	+39			+130		
21	C255	Seasons Bountry 0030	S329	MacCauley 2407	2/18/2022	TW	RR	+0.0	+1.7	+2.0	+1.5	-0.5	-54	-0.013	+0.2	+99		
22	C266	Seasons Bountry 0030	A249	MGR 8336	2/20/2022	TW	RR	+0.6	+3.9	+5.6	-0.9	-0.9	-29			+122		
	C268	SCR	ATCH															
23	C270	Dry Sandy 210303	W237	MGR 3007	2/23/2022	TW	RR	-0.1	+0.8	+1.4	-1.1	+1.7	-9	+0.024		+130		
24	C271	Dry Sandy 210303	W237	MGR 3007	2/23/2022	TW	RR	-0.2	+0.1	+0.6	-0.9	+1.8	-17	+0.024		+127		
	U.S Suffo	lk Breed Avg.						+0.2	+2.5	+4.7	-1.8	+0.2				+132		

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	DORSET	EWE LAMBS															
25	C009	VA Tech Z041	T011	Huntrods 5887	10/20/2021	S	RR	+0.1	+2.0	+4.7	-2.1	+0.3	-14	-0.002	+0.3	+133	
26	C012	VA Tech Z041	Z006	VA Tech P026	10/22/2021	TW	RR	-0.2	+1.0	+2.5	-0.8	+1.1	-18	-0.038	+0.0	+127	
27	C024	VA Tech Z041	S062	Huntrods 5887	11/8/2021	S	RR	-0.2	+1.0	+2.9	-1.6	+1.2	-29	-0.043	+0.1	+133	
28	C035	VA Tech Z041	W048	VA Tech P026	11/12/2021	S	QR	-0.2	+1.5	+4.1	-1.5	+1.0	-17	-0.060	+0.3	+136	
29	C036	Maple Hollow 15125	S027	Huntrods 5887	11/12/2021	S	QR	-0.2	+0.2	+0.7	-0.2	+0.9	-15	-0.034	+0.1	+114	
30	C040	VA Tech Z041	Z033	Heisdorffer 1263	11/13/2021	S	RR	-0.5	+1.1	+4.0	-0.8	+1.3	-36	-0.031	-0.0	+135	
31	C049	Maple Hollow 21023	T018	Huntrods 5887	1/18/2022	S	QR	+0.0	-0.2	-1.1	-2.1	+2.4	+34	-0.006	+0.6	+131	
32	C054	VA Tech Z041	A156	VA Tech P026	1/23/2022	S	RR	-0.3	+0.7	+2.3	-1.8	+2.4	-50	-0.049	+0.1	+144	
33	C061	VA Tech Z041	A158	VA Tech P026	1/25/2022	TW	QR	-0.1	+2.1	+5.9	-1.6	+0.2	-17	-0.048	+0.1	+134	
34	C062	VA Tech Z041	A158	VA Tech P026	1/25/2022	TW	RR	+0.1	+2.1	+5.6	-1.8	-0.0	-16	-0.048	+0.1	+132	
35	C074	Maple Hollow 15125	W066	Huntrods 5887	1/31/2022	TR	QR	+0.2	+2.5	+4.4	-2.0	+0.8	-8	-0.056	+0.4	+139	
36	C082	Maple Hollow 15125	X025	VA Tech P026	2/11/2022	S	QR	+0.3	+2.6	+5.4	-1.8	-0.5	-11	-0.071	-0.2	+126	
37	C083	Maple Hollow 21023	B027	VA Tech Z041	2/13/2022	S	QQ	+0.2	+2.0	+4.5	-2.5	+0.6	+7	-0.021		+137	
	U.S Dorse	et Breed Avg.						+0.1	+1.9	+4.2	-1.4	+0.6				+125	
	SUFFOL	K EWE LAMBS															
38	C206	Seasons Bountry 0030	A202	MGR 3007	2/3/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.2	+1.5	+2.5	-0.2	+1.5	-61	+0.038		+130	
39	C210	Seasons Bountry 1022	Z230	MGR 8336	2/4/2022	S	RR/QR	-0.1	+0.8	+1.1	-2.1	+2.6	+70			+144	
40	C224	Seasons Bountry 1022	V307	MGR 3007	2/7/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.3	+0.2	+1.8	-1.0	+1.3	-36	+0.002		+126	
41	C225	Seasons Bountry 1022	V307	MGR 3007	2/7/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.2	+1.0	+3.5	-1.0	+0.8	-36	+0.002		+127	
42	C234	Seasons Bountry 1022	A251	MGR 3007	2/11/2022	S	RR/QR	-0.3	+1.1	+3.3	-1.7	+1.9	+3	+0.019		+143	
43	C249	Seasons Bountry 0030	S275	MGR 9094	2/16/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.4	+0.6	-0.8	+1.8	+1.9	+26	+0.013	-0.3	+113	
44	C256	Seasons Bountry 1022	V208	MGR 3007	2/18/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.2	+1.6	+3.8	-0.8	+0.9	+24	+0.011		+131	
45	C262	Seasons Bountry 1022		VA Tech W332	2/20/2022	TW	RR/QR	+0.2	+1.7	+3.3	-0.3	-0.6	+28			+110	
46	C273	Seasons Bountry 1022	T282	Kimm 13073	2/25/2022	S	RR/QR	-0.1	+1.1	+2.9	-1.7	+1.5	-33	-0.020		+137	
47	C277	Seasons Bountry 0030	A266	MGR 3007	2/26/2022	TW	RR/QR	+0.2	+2.0	+3.4	-0.2	-0.4	-55	+0.016		+112	
48	C289	Seasons Bountry 0030	B203	VA Tech W332	3/12/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.6	-1.2	-3.5	+4.2	+0.2	-43			+71	
49	C290	Seasons Bountry 1022	B257	Seasons Bountry 0030	3/13/2022	TW	RR/QR	-0.1	+2.1	+4.4	-1.8	+1.6	-46			+146	
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