TO: Potential Ram Test Cooperators

FROM: Bob Stobart, Brent Larson

SUBJECT: The 2008 - 2009 ANNUAL RAM PERFORMANCE TEST

DATE: August 27, 2008

The 47th annual ram performance test will be conducted by the University of Wyoming Animal Science Department at the UW Livestock Center in Laramie. The delivery date for rams in this year’s test will be September 26-27, 2007. FYI There is a home football game on the 27th. The Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

The test is open to all breeds. The performance information collected will be more useful if more than one son per sire is tested. The animals may be registered or non-registered. Only registered rams will be eligible for the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders / Association Registry of Merit Program.

Test fees are due on or before the day of delivery of rams.

Cost: Charges will be $255 per head for registered animals that are eligible to participate in the Registry of Merit Program plus $5.00 per head for the jackpot. Non-registered rams will pay $255 per head. This will cover feed, care and veterinary attention for the 140-day test period, the ten-day warm-up period ahead of the test and the two-week period between the completion of the test and the field day.

We are shortening the total length of the testing period, from the day the rams come in until the field day this year. The “on-test” period will stay the same, 140 days. This is an effort to reduce the overall amount of feed necessary and subsequently reduce the cost of the test. Funds left over at the end of the test will be distributed back to consignors.

Jackpot! $5.00 per head, ½ of the proceeds go toward the scholarship fund to help a junior enter a ram in the ram test. Only rams eligible for Registry of Merit Program must pay the $5.00.

Junior participants will pay $190 for their first ram on test and then $255 for subsequent rams entered.

Wool from both shearing’s will be sold by the University to help pay for shearing costs.

Health: It would be suggested that rams be introduced to feed before delivery. The animals will be vaccinated against enterotoxemia and sore mouth shortly after arrival and will be drenched for internal parasites. However, it would help the animal’s adjustment to ensure that rams are free of parasites and have been vaccinated for enterotoxemia at least two weeks before delivery and that their feet are trimmed. Please indicate on your entry form if rams have been vaccinated for any of the above or if they have been drenched.
NOTE: All rams need to have your scrapie tag in their ear when they are delivered
At the end of the test an ultrasonic evaluation of fat thickness and loin eye will be obtained and reported. All rams will be tested for Brucella Ovis and scrapie genotyped at the end of the test. This year, the scrapie genotyping (if the ram has not been genotyped) will be at the consignor's expense. We will try to get the cost reduced as much as possible. There are no state-federal funds available for genotyping this year.

Field Day: The Wyoming Ram Performance Test Field Day will be held on TUESDAY March 10, 2009, about two weeks after completion of the test. The morning program will include inspection of the test rams and analysis of their records. Lunch will be served. During the three-week period between the completion of the test and the field day the rams will be full fed alfalfa hay. Owners will be able to pick their rams up the day of the field day. There will be a silent auction for any ram that was on test.

SCHEDULE 2008-2009

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REGULATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING RAM TEST 2007-2008

1. Ram lambs will be delivered to the Livestock Center on September 26 & 27, 2008. The Livestock Center is located southwest of Laramie on Highway 230.

2. Rams will be shorn on October 3, and then weighed and started on official test Monday, October 6, 2007.

3. Rams will be on test for 140 days and will be weighed off test on Monday, February 23, 2008.

4. Individual fleeces will be cored for yield and grade. Core samples will be processed by Yocom McColl Testing Labs Inc. Staple length will be determined from side samples at the University Wool Laboratory.

5. Feed. The rams will be self-fed a pelleted ration composed of barley, dehy alfalfa, soy hulls, beet pulp with the balance consisting of salt, ammonium chloride, Vit ADE premix,. The first load will contain a coccidiostat and the second load will contain an antibiotic.
6. Liability. All animals remain the property of the cooperator. The University of Wyoming will make 
every effort to take proper care of the animals and to provide proper veterinary services, but it will not 
be responsible for any losses occurring during the test. In the event of a major health problem, the 
appropriate cooperator will be contacted as soon as possible for direction for disposal. If a ram is 
removed from test for health reasons, or dies on test, a partial refund of the entry fee will be made.

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<td>Day 0-49</td>
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7. Feeding and management of the rams on test will be under the supervision of Bob Stobart and Brent Larson.

8. All rams will have scrapie identification tags in their ears and the number recorded on the 
entry form at the time of delivery to the University farm.

FOR RAMBOUILLET RAM OWNERS

1. For Rambouillet rams consigned - all necessary procedures and rules for establishing Certified Rams 
and Registry of Merit Sire will be followed.

2. All Rambouillet rams must be registered no later than 60 days after the test starts to be eligible as 
Certified rams.

3. If a Rambouillet entered in the Certified Sire program qualifies as a certified ram, he must be 
classified with the American Rambouillet Association as a certified ram. The owner will be billed for 
$15.00 classification fee, as this program has been set up to carry itself without additional cost to the 
Association.

4. Breeders submitting rams for testing would submit a statement containing their INTENTION OF 
ENTERING RAMS IN THE CERTIFIED SIRE PROGRAM before the testing begins and list birth 
dates accompanying the flock or ear tag numbers.

Please send ram test entry forms along with sheep. If you need more forms, just drop us a line. Payment 
should accompany rams. Please make check payable to the University of Wyoming.

The following rams are entered for testing under the program and are covered under the contract: