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Field Day & Sale

**51st Annual
Virginia Performance Tested
Ram Lamb Sale and
Replacement Ewe Lamb Sale**

**Saturday,
August 22, 2026**

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

Or contact:

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Online bidding available at: livestockbuyer.com



10:30 AM:

**Sheep Field Day Educational
Program**

1:00 PM:

Ram & Ewe Sale

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Breeding Season Management

Scott P. Greiner, Extension Animal Scientist—Sheep, Virginia Tech

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.

51st VIRGINIA PERFORMANCE TESTED RAM LAMB SALE & REPLACEMENT EWE LAMB SALE

Saturday, August 22, 2026

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. – Sheep Field Day & Educational Program

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, 2027. 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 four rams (10 Fall Dorset, 13 Winter Dorset, 21 Winter Suffolk, 1 Fall Dorset Advantage, 1 Winter Dorset Advantage, 11 Fall White Dorper, 6 Winter White Dorper, 2 Fall White Dorper Cross, 2 Fall Katahdin, 4 Winter Katahdin, 3 Winter Texel) were delivered to the Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station on April 28, 2026. 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 14), rams have been limit fed the pelleted ration and had access to pasture.

Performance Data

<u>%:</u>	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.
<u>Birth Type:</u>	S = single, TW = twin, TR = triplet, QD = quadruplet
<u>Codon 171:</u>	Genotype associated with genetic resistance to scrapie. The presence of at least one <i>R</i> is associated with scrapie resistance.
<u>Final Wt.:</u>	Ram weight at the conclusion of the 63-day test.
<u>Test ADG:</u>	Average daily gain in pounds per day for the entire 63-day test.
<u>Final WDA:</u>	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.
<u>Scrotal Cir.:</u>	Actual scrotal circumference in cm measured during breeding soundness exam July 16.
<u>Adj. FT:</u>	Ultrasound fat thickness measurement (in.) taken between the 12 th and 13 th ribs. Adjusted to a constant live weight of 125 pounds.
<u>Adj. LMA:</u>	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.
<u>Trait Ratios:</u>	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).
<u>Test Group Averages:</u>	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	Scrotal Cir.	125 lb Adj. FT	Adj. FT Ratio	125 lb. Adj. LMA	Adj. LMA Ratio
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FALL DORSET

Ridgeview Acres; David Shiflett; 368 Patterson Mill Rd., Grottoes, VA 24441; 540-490-8070

1	552		-----scratch-----															
2	542	PB	WD	9/9/2025	S	RR	4	130	176	0.73	92	0.57	80	34.0	0.11	73	2.51	89
DMC Dorsets; Mike Callison; 1218 Denmar Road; Hillsboro, WV 24946; 304-651-6135																		
3	3082	PB	VA Tech D030	8/30/2025	S	QR	4	175	225	0.79	100	0.71	99	38.0	0.20	138	2.74	97
4	3117		-----scratch-----															
5	3119	PB	VA Tech D055	9/8/2025	S	QR	4	185	233	0.76	96	0.75	106	36.0	0.09	62	2.62	92
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988																		
6	25004	PB	VA Tech D062	10/28/2025	TW	QR	4	155	202	0.75	94	0.78	110	31.0	0.12	84	2.70	95
7	25011	PB	VA Tech C072	10/29/2025	TW	RR	4	141	189	0.76	96	0.73	103	35.0	0.11	74	3.63	128
9	25030	PB	VA Tech D062	11/18/2025	S	QR	4	140	180	0.63	80	0.76	106	32.0	0.27	179	3.18	112
10	25031		-----scratch-----															

10 Fall Dorsets Tested Avg.								148	198	0.79	100	0.71	100	33.2	0.15	100	2.83	100
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WINTER DORSET

Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538

34	M305	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/8/2026	TW	QR	3	74	126	0.83	101	0.67	84	30.0	0.13	115	2.46	92
35	M319	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	2/1/2026	S	QR	3	87	147	0.95	117	0.90	112	30.0	0.09	84	3.01	113
36	M317	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/26/2026	TW	QR	3	75	126	0.81	99	0.75	93	32.0	0.13	115	2.56	96
37	M301	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/2/2026	S	QR	3	95	149	0.86	105	0.77	96	37.0	0.10	89	2.73	102
38	M311	PB	DMC Dorsets G0490	1/14/2026	TW	QR	3	97	154	0.90	111	0.85	106	33.0	0.07	62	2.59	97
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988																		
39	26019	PB	VA Tech D062	1/23/2026	TW	RR	3	90	148	0.92	113	0.86	107	32.0	0.12	111	2.78	104
40	26023	PB	VA Tech E021	1/23/2026	TW	QR	3	90	152	0.98	121	0.88	110	35.0	0.08	72	2.84	106

Long's Rockingham Dorsets; Grayson & Gannon Long; 1546 Whitmore Shop Rd.; Rockingham, VA 22802; 540-421-2196

42	2603		-----scratch-----															
43	2609	PB	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112	2/3/2026	TW	RR	3	83	120	0.59	72	0.75	93	33.0	0.12	108	2.44	91
Stewart Springs; Chris Stewart; 17931 Senedo Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824: 540-325-7147																		
45	0351		-----scratch-----															

13 Winter Dorsets Tested Avg.								82	133	0.82	100	0.80	100	30.1	0.11	100	2.68	100
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FALL DORSET ADVANTAGE

Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538

301	L44	1/2 Dorset x 1/2 Suffolk	VA Tech B046	11/26/2025	TW	RR	4	112	171	0.94	100	0.74	100	35.0	0.07	100	2.72	100
1 Winter Dorset Advantage Avg.																		
								112	171	0.94	100	0.74	100	35.0	0.07	100	2.72	100

WINTER DORSET ADVANTAGE

Deer Creek Farm; Mark & Dana Campbell; 3764 Lowesville Road; Roseland, VA 22967; 434-277-9104

302	0182	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Hamp	VA Tech D015	2/4/2026	TW	QR	3	77	138	0.97	100	0.86	100	29.0	0.12	100	3.14	100
1 Winter Dorset Advantage Avg.																		
								77	138	0.97	100	0.86	100	29.0	0.12	100	3.14	100

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WINTER SUFFOLK

Season's Bounty Farm; Radell & Sarah Schrock; 4260 Cromer Rd.; Rockingham, VA 22802; 540-908-5399

201	26068	PB	"Magnitude" Season's Bounty 23216	1/21/2026	TW	RR	2	105	168	1.00	102	0.97	104	36.0	0.14	96	2.83	100
203	26063	PB	"Sledgehammer" Blue Spruce 2422	1/20/2026	TW	RR	2	102	160	0.92	94	0.91	99	36.0	0.18	126	3.22	113
205	26054	PB	"Sledgehammer" Blue Spruce 2422	1/18/2026	S	RR	2	118	181	1.00	102	1.02	111	35.0	0.23	155	2.78	98

Suffangus Farm, LLC; Mac Swortzel, Isaac & Stephanie Swortzel; 399 Indian Ridge Road; Greenville, VA 24440; 540-280-6974, 540-292-9353

206	7353		-----scratch-----															
207	7360	PB	Season's Bounty 25033	1/29/2026	TW	RR	2	104	174	1.11	114	1.05	113	35.0	0.10	72	2.72	96
208	3284		-----scratch-----															
209	4395		-----scratch-----															
210	4371		-----scratch-----															
211	4375	PB	Suffangus 230578	1/30/2026	TW	RR	2	97	162	1.03	105	0.98	106	34.0	0.16	113	3.18	112
212	0567	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	1/30/2026	TW	RR	2	92	159	1.06	109	0.96	104	35.0	0.14	99	2.46	87
213	0568		-----scratch-----															
214	0566	PB	Dry Sandy 210291	1/31/2026	TW	RR	2	95	156	0.97	99	0.95	103	29.0	0.17	117	2.92	103
215	0580		-----scratch-----															

Meadowview Farms; Scott Neil; 281 Mansion House Rd., McDowell, VA 24458: 443-800-2538

216	M203	PB	Suffangus 240579	2/13/2026	S	RR	2	94	179	1.35	138	1.19	128	34.0	0.06	38	3.22	113
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Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988

218	26202	PB	BarZel 23036	1/23/2026	TW	RR	2	74	130	0.89	91	0.76	82	32.0	0.15	103	3.00	106
219	26205	PB	Dry Sandy 23259	1/27/2026	TR	RR	2	70	142	1.14	117	0.85	91	33.5	0.10	68	2.64	93

Stewart Springs; Chris Stewart; 17931 Senedo Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824: 540-325-7147

221	0341	50%	Stewart Springs 0280	1/24/2026	S	RR	2	77	141	1.02	104	0.82	89	32.0	0.15	103	3.14	111
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20 Winter Suffolks Tested Avg.

91	153	0.98	100	0.92	100	31.7	0.15	100	2.84	100
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FALL WHITE DORPER

Double Scott Farm; John Scott, Jr.; 2826 Gardner Road; Princeton, WV 24740; 304-320-3748

601	2424	PB	Scott Mountain 2407	10/16/2025	TW	RR	1	157	210	0.84	133	0.77	122	32.0	0.08	54	3.04	102
602	2425	PB	JM White Dorpers 220224	10/14/2025	TW	RR	1	159	195	0.57	90	0.71	113	38.0	0.17	118	2.82	94
603	2421	PB	Scott Mountain 2407	10/13/2025	TW	RR	1	135	165	0.48	75	0.60	95	30.0	0.16	107	3.70	124

Holly Brook Farm; Mike & Laurel Burner; 1691 Triple J Rd.; Berryville, VA 22611; 540-664-7524

604	25106	FB	Tocayo Farm TF13	11/19/2025	S	QR	1	129	173	0.70	111	0.73	115	32.5	0.08	54	3.14	105
605	25111	FB	Tocayo Farm TF13	12/19/2025	S	QR	1	75	114	0.62	98	0.55	87	31.0	0.22	149	2.83	95

Weaver Sheep; Maynard Weaver; 517 Augusta Farms Rd.; Waynesboro, VA 22980; 540-292-8132

606	5588	FB	East Star Livestock 2210	10/1/2025	S	QQ	1	179	223	0.70	111	0.78	123	34.0	0.14	92	3.45	116
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Rock Solid Ranch; Abigayle Houser, Bill Kuecker; 205 Patton Rd.; Pikeville, TN 37367; 931-267-1802

607	0668	PB	Rocking R 2121	10/10/2025	S	QR	1	130	163	0.52	83	0.59	93	30.0	0.17	116	2.63	88
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Tennessee Tech Univ.; Amanda Houser; PO Box 5034; Cookeville, TN 38505; 931-267-1802

610	2593	PB	Kuecker White Dorper 0404	10/10/2025	TW	QR	1	104	140	0.57	90	0.51	80	31.0	0.13	88	2.86	96
611	2513	PB	Kuecker White Dorper 0404	11/29/2025	S	QR	1	89	123	0.54	85	0.54	85	30.0	0.11	78	2.89	97
612	2608	PB	Kuecker White Dorper 0404	11/6/2025	TW	QQ	1	102	147	0.71	113	0.59	93	34.0	0.23	154	2.75	92
613	2609	PB	Kuecker White Dorper 0404	11/6/2025	TW	QR	1	106	150	0.70	111	0.60	95	34.0	0.13	90	2.72	91

11 Fall White Dorpers Tested Avg.

124	164	0.63	100	0.63	100	32.4	0.15	100	2.98	100
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WINTER WHITE DORPER

Holly Brook Farm; Mike & Laurel Burner; 1691 Triple J Rd.; Berryville, VA 22611; 540-664-7524

615	2663	FB	East Star Livestock 2210	2/9/2026	S	QQ	1	72	122	0.79	213	0.79	132	28.0	0.13	99	2.59	108
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6 Winter White Dorpers Tested Avg.								76	100	0.37	100	0.60	100	27.3	0.13	100	2.40	100
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FALL WHITE DORPER CROSS

Double Scott Farm; John Scott, Jr.; 2826 Gardner Road; Princeton, WV 24740; 304-320-3748

637	2423	1/2 Dorper x 1/2 Katahdin	JM White Dorpers 220224	10/23/2025	TW	QR	1	153	203	0.79	106	0.77	105	35.5	0.17	140	2.93	104
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638	2427	1/2 Dorper x 1/2 Katahdin	Scott Mountain 1899	10/27/2025	TR	QR	1	138	182	0.70	94	0.70	95	37.0	0.07	60	2.73	96
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2 Fall White Dorper Cross Tested Avg.								146	193	0.75	100	0.73	100	36.3	0.12	100	2.83	100
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FALL KATAHDIN

Silver Maple Katahdins; Jay & Irma Greenstone; 3533 Curt Russell Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263; 276-346-7235

701	1337	PB	Buckeye Acres	11/27/2025	S	RR	1	84	133	0.78	102	0.58	97	31.0				
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702	1330	PB	Buckeye Acres	11/29/2025	TW	RR	1	94	141	0.75	98	0.62	103	36.0				
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2 Fall Katahdin Tested Avg.								89	137	0.76	100	0.60	100	33.5				
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WINTER KATAHDIN

Silver Maple Katahdins; Jay & Irma Greenstone; 3533 Curt Russell Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263; 276-346-7235

703	1384		-----scratch-----															
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705	1390	PB	Buckeye Acres	1/23/2026	TW	QR	1	91	122	0.49	68	0.71	92	28.0				
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706	1391	PB	Buckeye Acres	2/2/2026	TW	RR	1	79	135	0.89	123	0.83	108	32.0				
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3 Winter Katahdins Tested Avg.								85	131	0.72	100	0.77	100	28.8				
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WINTER TEXEL

RamR JamR Texels; Bane Eastep, Sandy Eastep; 3296 Skydusky Rd.; Bland, VA 24315; 276-389-6411

802	2616		-----scratch-----															
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803	2603		-----scratch-----															
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2 Winter Texels Tested Avg.								97	136	0.61	100	0.88	100	29.5	0.06	100	3.37	100
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71 Total Rams Tested Avg.								103	152	0.79	100	0.78	100	31.4	0.13	100	2.81	100
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2026 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										
DMC Dorsets; Mike Callison; 1218 Denmar Road; Hillsboro, WV 24946; 304-651-6135										
3	3082	6960432025253082	+2.4	+5.1	+0.7	-0.010	-1.8	-0.6	+124	
4	3117	6960432025253117	+5.0	+9.9	+0.2	-0.044	-2.7	-0.9	+147	
5	3119	6960432025253119	+4.7	+9.4	+0.5	-0.050	-2.2	-1.0	+142	
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988										
6	25004	6960222025025004	+4.7	+9.4	+0.2	-0.058	-2.9	-1.3	+141	+25
7	25011	6960222025025011	+2.8	+6.5	+0.6	-0.005	-3.2	+0.6	+149	-32
9	25030	6960222025025030	+0.9	+2.1	-0.5	-0.540	+1.5	-0.9	+94	+36
10	25031	6960222025025031	+4.2	+9.2	+0.0	-0.048	-2.4	-2.2	+127	+21
WINTER DORSET										
Virginia Tech; Scott Greiner, Erin Poteat; School of Animal Sciences; Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-9159, 540-231-6988										
39	26019	6960222026026019	+2.3	+5.1	-0.3	-0.027	-1.5	+0.0	+129	+26
40	26023	6960222026026023	+2.3	+4.7	+0.4	-0.025	-3.5	+0.7	+144	+22
U.S. Dorset Breed Avg.			+2.4	+5.1	+0.2	+0.030	-1.8	+0.0	+128	

2026 Ewe Lamb Sale

Ewe lambs sell immediately following rams

Consignor: Double Scott Farm, John Scott Jr.; Princeton, WV; 304-320-3748						
1A	2436	11/1/25	TW	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224	
1B	2440	11/1/25	TW	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224	
1C	2437	10/14/25	TW	PB White Dorper (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224	
Consignor: Long's Rockingham Dorsets, Grayson & Gannon Long; Rockingham, VA; 540-421-2196						
2A	2602	12/23/25	S	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2105	
2B	2608	2/1/26	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2105	
2C	2612	2/5/26	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112	
Consignor: Mountain View Farm, David & Zackery Schumaker; Sweet Springs, WV; 304-992-9263						
3A	3662	2/20/26	TW	Dorset X Hamp		
3B	3697	2/20/26	TW	Dorset X Hamp		
Consignor: Kenbar Farm, Rick Kennedy; Tazewell, VA; 276-971-3002						
4A	N-1	2/9/26	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	NB NCC 2520	
4B	N-4	2/11/26	TW	1/2 N. Country Chev. X 1/2 Suffolk	NB NCC 2520	
4C	N-5	2/17/26	TR	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	NB NCC 2520	
Consignor: Meadowview Dorsets, Scott Neil; McDowell, VA; 443-800-2538						
5A	L55	12/3/25	TW	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
5B	L85	12/22/25	TR	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
5C	L86	12/22/25	TR	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
Consignor: Willow Spring Meadows, LLC, Joseph & Katie Wall; Blacksburg, VA; 540-392-2335						
6A	B083	11/26/25	S	3/4 Suffolk X 1/4 N. Country Chev.	VA Tech B236	
6B	B087	11/28/25	TW	3/4 Suffolk X 1/4 N. Country Chev.	VA Tech B236	
Consignor: Silver Maple Katahdins, Jay & Irma Greenstone; Jonesville, VA; 276-346-7235						
7A	1418	2/17/26	TW	Katahdin (Registered)	Bag 4799	
7B	1419	2/17/26	TW	Katahdin (Registered)	Bag 4799	
Consignor: RamR JamR Texels, Bane Eastep; Bland, VA; 276-389-6411						
8A	2627	2/5/26	TW RR	75% Texel (Registered)	Searles 24038	
8B	2628	2/8/26	S QR	75% Texel (Registered)	Searles 24038	
Consignor: Deer Creek Farm, Mark & Dana Campbell; Roseland, VA; 434-277-9104						
9A	174	2/2/26	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	VA Tech D015	
9B	173	2/2/26	TW	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Suffolk (Registered Dorset Adv.)	VA Tech D015	
9C	178	2/6/26	TW	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Suffolk (Registered Dorset Adv.)	VA Tech D015	
Consignor: Bowman Girlz Livestock, Lilly & Charlotte Bowman; Elliston, VA; 276-620-1489						
10A	0351	2/6/26	TW	7/8 Dorset x 1/8 Hamp (Reg. Dorset Adv.)	"Samurai" Greiner Sisters 2121	
10B	0381	3/21/26	TW	1/2 Southdown x 1/2 Dorset (Reg. Dorset Adv.)	"Contagion" Shearer 2031	
10C	0382	3/21/26	TW	1/2 Southdown x 1/2 Dorset (Reg. Dorset Adv.)	"Contagion" Shearer 2031	
Consignor: Long's Rockingham Dorsets, Grayson & Gannon Long; Rockingham, VA; 540-421-2196						
11A	2606	1/6/26	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2112	
11B	2614	2/6/26	TW	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2326	
11C	2624	2/17/26	S	PB Dorset (Registered)	Long's Rockingham Dorsets 2326	
Consignor: Kenbar Farm, Rick Kennedy; Tazewell, VA; 276-971-3002						
12A	N-8	2/19/26	S	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	NB NCC 2520	
12B	N-9	2/27/26	TW	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	NB NCC 2520	
12C	M-116	2/26/26	S	3/4 N. Country Chev. X 1/4 Suffolk	Highland Trooper	
Consignor: Double Scott Farm, John Scott Jr.; Princeton, WV; 304-320-3748						
13A	2438	10/31/25	TW	1/2 White Dorper X 1/2 Katahdin (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224	
13B	2442	8/2/25	TW	1/2 White Dorper X 1/2 Katahdin (Registered)	JM White Dorpers 220224	
Consignor: RamR JamR Texels, Bane Eastep; Bland, VA; 276-389-6411						
14A	2603/2624	2/8/26	TW QR	75% Texel (Registered)	Searles 24038	
14B	2623	2/8/26	TW QR	75% Texel (Registered)	Searles 24038	
Consignor: Mountain View Farm, David & Zackery Schumaker; Sweet Springs, WV; 304-992-9263						
15A	3659	2/20/26	TW	Dorset cross		
15B	3666	2/20/26	TW	Dorset cross		
Consignor: Silver Maple Katahdins, Jay & Irma Greenstone; Jonesville, VA; 276-346-7235						
16A	1422	2/22/26	TW	Katahdin (Registered)	Bag 4799	
16B	1423	2/22/26	TW	Katahdin (Registered)	Bag 4799	
Consignor: Meadowview Dorsets, Scott Neil; McDowell, VA; 443-800-2538						
17A	09M	3/11/26	TW	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
17B	10M	3/11/26	TW	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
17C	17M	3/15/26	TW	N. Country Cheviot cross	Meadowview K106	
Consignor: Willow Spring Meadows, LLC, Joseph & Katie Wall; Blacksburg, VA; 540-392-2335						
18A	C062	12/12/25	TW	3/4 Dorset X 1/4 Suffolk	Diamond R Dorsets 0980	
18B	C065	12/14/25	S	3/4 Dorset X 1/4 Suffolk	Diamond R Dorsets 0980	

2026 Virginia Ram Test and Ewe Lamb Sale
Sale Order

RAMS		EWE LAMBS
<u>Fall Dorset</u>	<u>Winter Dorset</u>	Lot 1
7	39	Lot 2
6	38	Lot 3
	37	Lot 4
<u>Winter Suffolk</u>		Lot 5
216	<u>Fall White Dorper</u>	Lot 6
211	604	Lot 7
	602	Lot 8
<u>Winter Dorset</u>	613	Lot 9
40	612	Lot 10
35		Lot 11
<u>Fall White Dorper</u>	<u>Fall Katahdin</u>	Lot 12
601	701	Lot 13
606	<u>Winter Katahdin</u>	Lot 14
	705	Lot 15
<u>Fall Dorset Advantage</u>	<u>Fall White Dorper Cross</u>	Lot 16
301	638	Lot 17
<u>Winter Dorset Advantage</u>		Lot 18
302	<u>Fall Dorset</u>	
	3	
<u>Fall Katahdin</u>	2	
702	<u>Winter Suffolk</u>	
<u>Winter Katahdin</u>	203	
706	219	
	221	
<u>Fall White Dorper Cross</u>	218	
637	<u>Winter Dorset</u>	
<u>Winter White Dorper</u>	36	
615	34	
	43	
<u>Winter Suffolk</u>	<u>Fall White Dorper</u>	
207	603	
205	605	
201	607	
214	611	
212	610	
<u>Fall Dorset</u>		
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Rams initially cataloged but are not in sale:

Fall Dorset- 1, 4, 10

Winter Dorset- 42, 45

Winter Suffolk- 206, 208, 209, 210, 213, 215

Winter Katahdin- 703

Winter Texel- 802, 803