

Sheep Update

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2009 Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale Results

The 34th Annual Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale was held at the Virginia Sheep Evaluation Station near Steeles Tavern on Saturday, August 29. A total of 32 rams sold for an average price of \$285. Top-selling ram was a Suffolk consigned by Suffangus Farm of Greenville, VA which sold for \$490. Rams sold to buyers in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and Iowa. Sale results by breed were as follows:

	Sale Average
22 Winter Suffolk	\$289
5 Fall Dorsets	\$314
2 Winter Dorsets	\$225
1 Winter Hampshire	\$220
2 Winter Katahdins	\$260
32 Total Rams	\$285

The Virginia Ram Lamb Performance Test is sponsored by the Virginia Sheep Producer's Association. Information on the 2010 test and sale may be attained from Scott Greiner, Extension Sheep Specialist, Virginia Tech, phone 540-231-9163 or email sgreiner@vt.edu.

Virginia Fall Bred Ewe Sale to be Held December 5

The 2009 Virginia Sheep Producer's Association Fall Bred Ewe Sale will be held Saturday, December 5 at 1:00 PM at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg. Yearling ewes and ewe lambs, along with mature ewes will be sold. All yearling and mature ewes will be sold as guaranteed pregnant. Breeds offered will include Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset, and crossbreds including wether dams. For a sale catalog or more information contact Corey Childs at 540-955-4633.