

# Coalfield Sheep Association Sale a Huge Success

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The Coalfield Sheep Association in Cooperation with the Dickenson County Extension Office recently conducted the second annual Coalfield Sheep sale on Saturday August 19, 2023 at the Coalfield Agricultural Center on Red Onion Mountain. The sale consisted of ninety-six ewes and twelve registered rams. These sheep were consigned to the sale from producers in seven states including Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. A large crowd of enthusiastic sheep buyers and onlookers gathered for the sale and to look at the sheep. The registered ewes average \$504 dollars a head, the commercial ewes averaged \$283 dollars a head and the registered rams averaged \$380 dollars a head for a sale total of \$35,560 worth of sheep sold in Dickenson County. The buyers came from eight states including Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

The high selling registered ewe was consigned by Eagle's View Katahdins, Mark Riley from West Paducah, Kentucky she brought \$1,225 and was purchased by Busic Farms, Justin & Priscilla Busic of Jonesville, Virginia. The second high selling registered ewe was consigned by Hillcrest Katahdins, Dr. David Redwine from Gate City, Virginia. She commanded \$1000. The third high selling registered ewe was consigned by Happy Hills Genetics, Mike & Hilda Jones from West Point, Georgia she sold for \$925. The high selling commercial ewe was consigned by Hancock Katahdins, Randy, Rhett & Gracelyn Hancock from Noble, Illinois. She brought \$600 and was purchased by Busic Farms, Justin & Priscilla Busic of Jonesville, Virginia. The high selling registered ram was consigned by Happy Hills Genetics, Mike & Hilda Jones from West Point, Georgia. He sold for \$575 and was purchased by Kyle Carroll from Maryville, Georgia.

The association is looking forward to making this sale an annual event. So mark your calendar for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to Clintwood, Virginia to the next Coalfield Sheep Sale. The Coalfield Sheep Association would like to extend thanks to our members for all their hard work in conducting this sale, Brad Mullins, Dickenson County Extension Agent and his staff for all the work in organizing the sale, promoting the sale, printing the sale catalogs and preparing the facilities for the sale, Smith Reasor Auctioneer for doing a wonderful job of conducting the sale, Dr. David Redwine for his wisdom and guidance in conducting the sale, KHSI board member Mandy Fletcher for having the KHSI display materials on hand, new KHSI board member Mike Jones for participating in the sale and to Alan Culham, KHSI Board of Directors and everyone at KHSI operations for making the Coalfield Sheep Association a regional group and helping to promote our educational activities and sale.

The Coalfield Sheep Association also conducts sheep take-ups at the Coalfield Agricultural Center. Buyers come to the center and purchase sheep on a set pre-arranged price. The center has certified legal for trade scales in which animals are weighed and purchased. This saves producers the ninety-mile haul to the closest sheep sale barn. This is another example of how our association is working together to help producer members maximize their marketing potential.

The Coalfield Sheep Association has formulated a sheep mineral in cooperation with KNS Inc. The Coalfield Sheep Mineral is a medicated mineral with Zinpro and Deccox to help with the prevention of Coccidiosis and to provide the needed vitamins and minerals important for sheep reproduction and health. The association orders in bulk to provide members access to this mineral at a cost savings.

The next meeting of the Coalfield Sheep Association will be in December at the Coalfield Agricultural Center. We will be focusing on Bio-Security for your flock.