



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Mid-Atlantic's Best Ram Lambs, Meat Goat Bucks to Sell at Livestock Evaluation Center Aug. 3**

Events Include Performance-Tested Sale, Invitational Female Sale, Field Day

**Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.** – Goat and sheep producers can buy some of the best genetics in the Mid-Atlantic during a sale at Pennsylvania's Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre County, Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m.

Producers from Pennsylvania and other states have consigned 41 ram lambs and 31 meat goat bucks through the 35th annual Performance Tested Ram Lamb and 11th annual Performance Tested Meat Goat Buck programs.

Top-performing rams and bucks from the performance test were selected for the 2013 sale. All rams and bucks are sold with growth data, feed efficiency, loin measurements and fat thicknesses and all passed breeding soundness exams. Producers can use this data to make profitable breeding and sales decisions that will bring more value to the consumer.

Additionally, 37 doe and 37 ewe consignments will sell following the males from their species. All animals sold at the sale are considered flock or herd improvers.

Breeds consigned to sale include:

#### **Rams:**

- 11 Dorpers
- 8 Dorsets
- 6 Suffolks
- 6 Texels
- 3 Katahdins
- 2 Hampshires
- 2 Polypays
- 1 Merino
- 1 Shropshire
- 1 Southdown

#### **Bucks:**

- 22 Full-Blood Boers
- 9 Purebred/Percentage Boers

The rams and bucks ranged in age from three to nine months (beginning test) and were tested for growth, muscling and fat deposition over a 77-day period for rams and a 70-day period for goats. The genetic potential of the animals completing the testing program is indicated by the collected data.

Prior to the Aug. 3 sale, the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association will conduct a field day with youth and adult educational programs. The schedule for the field day, including events and speakers, is included in the 2013 sale catalog.

For more information, call 814-238-2527 or visit [www.livestockevaluationcenter.com](http://www.livestockevaluationcenter.com).

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Evaluation Center measures genetic traits for beef, swine, sheep and meat goats for two purposes: to benefit producers in evaluating economically important traits, and to benefit consumers by providing wholesome, high-quality products at an affordable price.