

Irish Vendéen Sheep Society

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Dear Breeder,

The Irish Vendéen Sheep Society Premier sale is being held on Saturday July 11, 2020 in Roscommon Livestock Mart.

Due to COVID restrictions and Social distancing restrictions there will be no show classes.

Entries

Entries of up to 5 sheep per class are invited from all breeders [maximum of 5 in each of classes 1 (Shearling Rams), 2 (Ram Lambs), 3 (Shearling Ewes), and 4 (Ewe Lambs)]. In the event of the sale being oversubscribed entries will be cut back based on your registration numbers up to May 31, 2020. **Please only enter top class animals into this sale as it is the “Premier Sale” of the Society.** There will be regional sales throughout the country later in the year for selling your other sheep.

All sheep entered must be registered with the IVSS. Entries, pedigree certificates and the appropriate entry fees (cheques should be made payable to the ‘Irish Vendéen Sheep Society’) **should be sent to Mark Crowe** at the above address **before wed June 24th, 2020 - no late entries will be accepted.** **Entries must include registration certificates and entry fees.** The entry fee for the Premier sale is €20 per entry.

Lamb plus recording data

Lambplus data on the most updated results available from Sheep Ireland at the time of collation of the catalogue will be included. For entry into the 5* classes animals must have a 5* rating in this run. Therefore sheep may be moved within sub classes depending on the most up to date information available at the time of catalogue collation.

Inspection

All sheep will be inspected on entry to the sale. Inspection criteria will include correctness on feet, mouth and testes (males) or udder (ewes), weight, breed standard / being true to type, wool, correctly tagged for breeding purposes (Double NSIS with pedigree identifier on reverse) and are fit for the Premier sale. The decision of the inspectors will be final. Final decisions will be made collectively by a panel of inspectors as organised by the sales committee.

Completing the entry form

You must complete all sections of the entry form. Comments on entries must be **relevant, accurate and specific** to the animal entered. The sale committee reserve the right to omit or edit comments that are not relevant or accurate.

Presentation for sale

Vendors should be aware that presentation of sheep is important to both maximise the value of your stock and to enhance the image of the breed nationally. Animals destined for the Premier sale should be fed on a high plane of quality concentrate feed leading up to the sale. To enhance the presentation of your sheep you may trim heads, legs and tails, you should also consider having them recently dipped or sprayed with a suitable dip. If you need advice on presentation please contact any council member.

Arrivals

Sheep entered in the sale **must** arrive before 9.30 am on the day of the sale to allow time for inspection. Show classes will commence at 11.00 am sharp. Late arrivals will be excluded from the sale. Sale of sheep will commence at 1 pm sharp.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Crowe

On behalf of Irish Vendéen Sheep Society