

National Shropshire Futurity 2023

For the twenty-second year, The American Shropshire Registry Association will sponsor a Shropshire Ewe Lamb and Yearling Ewe futurity in 2023. The Futurity will not only enhance the junior members ability to purchase extremely high quality breeding stock but will also make it more beneficial for the breeders to consign their very best animals.

The rules of the Futurity are relatively simple and are outlined below. You can buy a top quality ewe at one of the designated sales that has been nominated for the Futurity, exhibit the ewe at the shows you normally attend and then send in your results on the point record form. A junior can add a top quality female to his or her flock, and possibly win back a sizable premium.

The 2023 designated sales will include the following: Indiana Premier Shropshire Sale, Greenfield, Indiana; Shropshire Showcase, Greenville, Ohio; Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, Missouri and Online Sales (if they meet the conditions listed in the sale nomination rules.) To have a new sale designated as a Futurity Sale, notification must be made in writing to the Board of Directors at least 3 months in advance of the sale.

SALE NOMINATION RULES

1. Entries are open to all ewe lambs born September 1, 2022, thru March 31, 2023, and to all yearling ewes born September 1, 2021, thru May 31, 2022.
2. A nomination fee of \$20 is required and payable to The American Shropshire Registry Association. Sale management may deduct nomination fee from sale settlements or consignors will be invoiced from the ASRA office within 30 days after the sale. Any animal not selling but receiving bids will be assessed the nomination fee. Animals that do not receive a bid (no-sale) will not pay the fee. Animals will be nominated for that sale only; nomination will not carry over to another sale.
3. Each ewe must be properly identified, according to the registration certificate. Futurity ewes will be recorded by their scrapie tag number and paint branded with an **F before entering the sale ring**. The flock tag number will also be recorded for identifying purposes
4. Each ewe must conform and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned. All normal entry and commission fees will apply.
5. The American Shropshire Registry Association will not be responsible and shall be held harmless for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.
6. Animals sold privately will not be eligible for nomination.
7. Ewes may be nominated from online sales (if they meet the following conditions)
 - a) The Sale Management Company agrees to all terms of the ASRA show and sale policy.
 - b) The Sale Management Company is bonded.
 - c) Consignor pays direct to ASRA office a \$20 nomination fee for each animal that receives a bid
 - d) The nomination of the animal is indicated for the entire time the sale listing is on the internet and identified by the scrapie tag number.
 - e) The consignor sends to the ASRA office a list of all animals nominated with name of the purchaser. within 14 days.
 - f) Only sales conducted by a management company qualify, if an individual breeder has an online sale.
 - g) Sales that have 5 or more ewes nominated can qualify as Futurity designated.
 - h) All registered Shropshire ewes in an online sale must be nominated if any are nominated.
 - i) Sale management will notify the ASRA office of intent to hold an online sale at least 48 hours before the sale and a list of nominated lambs must be available before the sale starts.
 - j) Online sale photos must include a face shot which shows a legible scrapie tag number.
8. No animals representing a D within the dwarf gene can be nominated.

EXHIBITOR RULES

1. Up to date paid junior membership in the American Shropshire Registry Association.
2. Not more than 21 years of age on January 1 of the current year.
3. Junior member must be at least 5 years of age with no partnerships or joint registrations.

4. Ewes and points earned in the Futurity are not transferable to any other person, nor are the points from one ewe to another.
5. Ewes are to be registered to individuals only, no “and family”, no partnerships, and no joint registrations.
6. No immediate family transfers will be allowed to be exhibited as Futurity animals. Sales to children, grandchildren or siblings will not be eligible.
7. No Futurity entrant can compete with more than two ewe lambs. Total points earned by two ewe lambs may not be combined into one lamb’s total.
8. No Futurity entrant can compete with more than two yearling ewes. Total points earned by two yearling ewes may not be combined into one yearling’s total.
9. Junior members must exhibit their own Futurity ewes within a class. If they have two ewes in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe.
10. If an exhibitor that owns a ewe is not present at the respective show-Futurity points are not eligible and should not be submitted.
11. **If either the scrapie tag or the flock tag is lost** the Shropshire office must be notified about the replacement, immediately.
12. Point reporting forms are available from the ASRA office and also on www.shropshires.org

REGIONS FOR EWELAMB FUTURITY

East 20 states (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee)

Mid-West 4 states (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky)

West 24 states (Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California)

Yearling ewes:

2023 will be the thirteenth year for the Yearling Ewe Futurity. Junior exhibitors may renominate their 2022 Futurity Ewe Lamb as 2023 Futurity Yearling Ewes for a fee of \$20. These ewes may not have been sold or transferred to another owner. This renomination needs to be done by May 1st, 2023. A renomination form can be found on www.shropshires.org. Another option for juniors wanting to participate will be to purchase a futurity nominated yearling ewe at one of the designated Futurity sales. The yearling ewe will need to be consignor- nominated at the sale (\$20).

POINT SCORING

1. A point card must be filled out for each show and forwarded to Becky Peterson, 41 Bell Road, Leyden, MA 01337 **within 21 days of the show. Must have a post mark of 21 days or fewer to count.** The card must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show. The point card can also be scanned and e-mailed to shropsec@hotmail.com
2. At each individual show the ewe lamb or yearling ewe may earn Futurity points from the open division, the junior division, other division as “state”, or from either (when a different judge or day is involved) except at NAILE, where only the junior show placing will be counted. Only 1 point card will be allowed per day/per judge no exceptions.
3. Ewe lambs and yearling ewes can compete at an unlimited number of shows. The exhibitor may submit as many cards as they want for that ewe. Each ewe’s point cards will be kept separately. The five highest point award cards will be recorded as Futurity points.
4. Points will be awarded on a sliding scale based on the number of entries in the class.
5. Only one show will count for double points in 2023. This show is the National Jr. Show (at NAILE in 2023). The higher placing lamb at NAILE in Louisville will break ties. In the event there is still a tie for 1st place, please allow 30 days for awards to be made.

**2023 POINT SCALE FOR
BOTH EWE LAMBS AND YEARLING EWES**

Placing in class																		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
# in class	Points awarded																	
1-6	6	5	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-
7-12	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
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All placings below 18 th will receive 1 point																		

Ewe Lamb Futurity Payout

Premiums - Based on percentages of the total amount of money collected for Futurity ewe lamb entries.

<u>Payout</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Overall</u>
FIRST	8%	12%
SECOND	6%	8%
THIRD	4%	6%
FOURTH	2%	5%
FIFTH:		4%
SIXTH:		3%
SEVENTH		2%

Yearling Ewe Futurity Payout

Premiums-based on percentages of the total amount of money collected for Futurity Yearling Ewe entries.

<u>Payout</u>	
FIRST	25%
SECOND	20%
THIRD	15%
FOURTH	10%
FIFTH - TENTH	5%

In the event that regions or divisions are not full, unused Futurity premium payment will be directed to the Shropshire Starter Flock program.

Premiums and awards will be sent from the ASRA office as soon as possible after the NAILE Junior Shropshire Show. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Shropshire Voice and on the Shropshire Website.