

The naming of Shropshire sheep

There have been inquiries for a little while regarding the naming of Shropshire sheep. After some investigation, the ASRA Board of Directors has voted to begin allowing breeders to officially name their sheep.

People usually want to name special rams but ewes will be allowed to be christened, also. Now, it is true that some breeders name all of their rams and a few breeders name every sheep they register. Breeders will be able to continue to do this as they desire. If they wish to reserve a certain name for an important individual, however, they will be required to pay a fee of \$25 to the ASRA. This will entitle them to be the sole user of that name for a 10-year period. The secretary will keep track of the names purchased and will publish a list of reserved names in each issue of the Voice.

For example, there are now several ewes in the database with the name of "Princess". Any person registering sheep may name any or all of their ewes "Princess" until a breeder pays the \$25 fee and reserves that name for

a specific sheep, either at the time of registration or some time afterward. Once that name is reserved, it may not be used again for 10 years, either as an informal name or a reserved name.

This opportunity for breeders became available on January 1st. Names should be submitted in writing, either on the registration application at the time of registration or by written request submitted with an existing registration certificate in which case a new certificate with the sheep's christened name will be issued. It is still recommended that a farm or flock name be used and a number matching a tag or tattoo in the sheep's ear is required. No sheep will be officially named without payment the \$25 fee.

Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to the registry office.

Names reserved prior to this issue:

- Heat-Seek-Her
- Mojo
- Outrageous
- Tommy