

The 2007 Shropshire Classic Sale Report

The 2007 Shropshire Classic Sale took place in Eaton, Ohio on May 12th. The consignors presented 94 head of high-quality Shropshire sheep for sale. They were well received, as the sale averaged \$455. Rife Shropshires of Yellow Springs, Ohio won the Townsend Best Consignment Award.

As is the custom with the Classic Sale, ewes sold before rams. The yearling ewes lead off and saw 24 lots average \$482. Both the Champion and Reserve Champion ewes came from this group of yearlings. The Champion from Rolling Hills Shropsires brought \$1200 from Tom Sargent, OH. The Reserve Champion from City Limits Sheep Farm brought \$800 from Molly Creamer, OH. Other top prices included Avery Shropshires getting \$700 from SS Shrops, IA, Wayne Brooks and Family receiving \$650 from Jacob Rogers, IN., Creamer Shropshires selling a \$600 ewe to D. C. Rogers and Family and Jacob Rogers, IN, and High Farms getting \$600 from Emily Washburn, NY.

There were 10 fall ewe lambs that averaged \$357. BWB Farms had the class-winner and she brought \$350 from Bryan Miller, MD. Miller also bought the top-selling fall ewe lamb from Rife Shropshires for \$550.

Thirteen January ewe lambs averaged \$471. S Bar S Ranch had the class-winner, which also proved to be the top-selling January ewe lamb. She went to City Limits Sheep Farm, IL for \$1050. McCabe Shropshires sold a ewe lamb to Hallie Walker, MA for \$900, Rife Shropshires sold a lamb for \$750 to Nicholas Cross, TN and Schoolhouse Shropshires got \$700 from Denise Hardisky to highlight other top-sellers.

The top price of the sale was \$1300. Two sheep achieved that price. The first came from the Early Junior Ewe Lamb class. Consigned by High Life Farm, the lamb had been named Reserve Junior Champion. She was purchased by Sean Bryant, OH. High Life Farm also consigned the second high-selling Early Junior Ewe lamb. She sold to Jacob Fowler, OH for \$800 and Ashley Fuss, MD gave \$500 for a Rife Shropshires ewe lamb. The 11 ewe lambs in this class averaged \$484.

The final class of ewes was the Late Junior Ewe Lamb class. The Junior Champion Ewe from Rife Shropshires topped this class, going to Tim Roberts, OK for \$1200. High Life Farm and Washburn Shrops each sold lambs for \$450. The High Life lamb went to Tyler Bruhin, TN and the Washburn lamb to Randy and Julie Rife, OH.

An impressive group of seven yearling rams produced the highest average of any class in the sale, \$635. Both the Champion and Reserve Champion rams of the sale were yearling rams and they both sold for \$1100. The Champion from Rife Shropshires sold to Tom Sargent and Family, OH while the Reserve Champion from Bee Ewe Shropshires sold to the group of Glen High Family, High Life Farms and Wenger Family, all of Ohio. The high-selling yearling ram turned out to be the High Life Farm consignment, which sold to Clarence Moorhead, TN for \$1300.