

# 15th Classic Show and Sale

If you like Shropshires, be part of the National Sale in Eaton, Ohio May 9 and 10 where the Shropshire Classic continues the 2014 sale season during the Big Ohio Sale weekend. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Shropshire Sheep Association and is run by Banner Sale Management. All sheep will be shown slick-shorn, of course, and will be guaranteed "spider-free" (genotype NN). All sheep will be either QR or RR. All yearling rams and fall ram lambs will be accompanied by a negative Elisa test for *B. ovis*.

Consignors will each have the option of selling half interest in one yearling ram. This allows some of the best yearling rams around to become available! These rams and the arrangements will be announced on the sale block before they are sold. Auctioneers Gary Saylor, Danny Westlake, both of Ohio, and Billy MacCauley of Pennsylvania will sell the sale.

Show day will begin on Friday May 9 at 8 a.m. Shropshires will show as the first breed in the Expo Building. Dan Shell of Ohio will serve as judge. Ewes will show first, starting with the older classes. Classes are available for yearling ewes and rams, fall ewe and ram lambs, early January ewe lambs, late January ewe, January ram lambs, early February ewe lambs, late February ewe lambs, February ram lambs.

An informal social gathering is being planned for late Friday afternoon. All Shropshire breeders, consignors and prospective buyers are welcome to attend. At this time, the Centerstage auction will take off. This is where any interested Shropshire breeder can purchase a month's advertising on the homepage of the Shropshire website.

The Shropshires will sell at 8 a.m. on Saturday May 10. There will be an excellent selection of rams and ewes offered. Sheep purchased at this sale have had a history of going on and doing well for their new owners. Futurity-nominated lambs and yearlings will be offered and will be marked with an "F" on their back and on the sale order. All of the 2013 Futurity winners were purchased at the Classic Sale. Contact the Shropshire office or visit [www.shropshires.org](http://www.shropshires.org) with any questions regarding either of the 2014 Ewe Futurity Programs.

Several other breeds will be selling at this sale on the same grounds on Saturday. There should be ample transportation available to several areas of the country if you are unable to attend in person. For a catalog, contact The Banner at (309) 785-5058 or see [www.bannersheepmagazine.com](http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com). Contact Jim R.J. Creamer at (740) 262-3972 regarding other Shropshire aspects of the event. See you there!